DALNET Circulation Standards Committee Minutes

Meeting: 6/6//00, Purdy/Kresge Conference Room, WSU, 9:30-12:00.

Present: Bradd Burningham (WS), Carol Sims (WCCCD), Ruth Ewald (MCC), Janice Miller (MCC), Betty Nelson (UDM), Anaclare Evans (DALNET), Joyce Zurel (OCC).

Special Congratulations to Betty Nelson

The meeting commenced with cake and congratulations to Betty Nelson on her 30th (more or less) birthday.

Shared Patron File – update

WSU has received no word yet from legal counsel. Louise Bugg will be asking for an appointment to discuss this with them in person. DPL will **not** be asking for full SSN, as of a decision last Thursday. They will be asking for the last four digits of SSN only. Anaclare said Systems would do a test with Wayne using a SSN match to create a hybrid identifier, probably using partial birthdate with partial SSN. If this works they can do all DALNET partners.

Bimport – Update

WSU is still testing Bimport to see if it works with the patron empowerment features. An initial snag with HR records has been solved. The SIS and HR records both seem to load correctly in test. However, one concern is that incoming records with a blank field will overwrite a field with something already in it. Because of poor communications between SIS, OneCard, and the Libraries the barcode number does not come over in the dump and must be manually input. The header string program to capture SIS/HR records has been sent to Macomb and OCC, and is available to any DALNET site that requests it.

Horizon Version 5.3 and related Systems news – Update

George is working on the new version in the test file now. The client is being distributed. Testing should commence promptly. One enhancement is that the record will display the patron barcode, instead of the SSN, on the initial checkout window. Anaclare is not sure whether we will need any additional training for 5.3 or not. It should arrive by mid-July.

As far as other upgrading goes, the DALNET Steering Committee has established the following priorities:

1) WebPAC 1.4 on the NT platform will come first, which means the ability to do broadcast searching and will mean improved response time.
2) IPAC will follow WebPAC 1.4. This should arrive by September. IPAC uses a Unix platform and should be more robust that WebPAC and offer a number of other improvements.

3) RSS/URSA will follow IPAC for use in ILL. (RRS and URSA are two separate products which are merging into one).

The DALNET Director job has been posted. DALNET hopes to have the position filled by the end of September.

E-Mail Notice – update

Wayne has committed to purchasing the piece of third party software necessary to implement e-mail notices. WSU is working on it, and are aiming for implementation some time after ALA.

Training.

There is a Circulation Module workshop in June. There is also an RBR workshop in July.

The new DALNET homepage offers the ability to self-register for DALNET courses.

After testing is complete DALNET will assess the need for any 5.3 workshops.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 16, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. in the Purdy/Kresge Conference Room, Wayne State University. Joyce Zurel will bring refreshments.

Bradd Burningham
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