

DALNET Circulation Standards Committee Minutes

Meeting: November 5, 1998, University of Detroit Mercy McNichols Campus Library, 9:30 –12:30

Present: Janice Miller (MCC), Joan Emahiser (WBH-RO), Suzanne Taravella (OCC-AH), Betty Nelson (UDM), Terrence Potvin (DPL), Ruth Ewald (MCC), Jerry Bosler (MCC), Becky Riesterer (WC), Bradd Burningham (WS), Anaclare Evans (DALNET).

The primary purpose of the meeting was for Committee members to receive an update on progress UDM had made in bringing Horizon up, and to view a demonstration of the system. Mary Ann Sheble provided an overview of the process and migration; Betty Nelson discussed and demonstrated Circulation; and Russ provided insights into the operation and implementation of Reserves. The Committee and others were able to get a first hand account of some of the difficulties and challenges UDM has faced, and a sense of what the other DALNET partners will have to cope with during their own implementation.

UDM noted that they have implemented Horizon 5.0, which has some limitations 5.1 should overcome. Wayne State, on the other hand, will start with 5.0 (since there is no migration program written for 5.1), but will immediately move to 5.1. UDM noted that the shared patron file is a definite advantage – one that they don't for the moment enjoy at UDM. UDM also noted that although the profiling is done for most of the 120 plus tables, they have not yet had time for much customization of the system, and it is still very bare bones.

At the end of the demonstration Anaclare made a few announcements.

- Patron accounts have been reduced by 25%.
- Wayne has successfully loaded 30,000 patrons.
- Wayne's attorney has said that the Social Insurance Number cannot be used as the unique identifier for patron records.

Next meeting: 10 a.m., Dec. 3, 1998, Purdy/Kresge Conference room. Jerry Bosler will bring the refreshments.