

DALNET Single Database Sub-Committee on Public Interface

January 4, 2005

University of Detroit-Mercy, 9:30 AM

Minutes

✓ Attending: George Libbey (U of M-D), ✓ Steven Bowers (Rochester College/DALNET), ✓ Mary Jo Durivage (VA),
✓ Jackie Wrosch (DALNET), ✓ Melanie Emerson (DIA), ✓ Lois Grogan (MCC), ✓ Jeffrey Zachwieja (Marygrove)

Not attending: Ann Walaskay (OCC), ✓ JoAnn Chalmers (U of D-M), Elizabeth Lindley (OCLL)

Brief Summary

Group agreed on the layout of four basic search pages: basic, browse, keyword, and advanced. Members will obtain feedback from their public service librarians on these.

Future tasks include 1) looking at tabs and ways to standardize terminology and meaning 2) looking at keyword indexes and trying to standardize some of those (Jackie will send group some standard MARC tables) 3) Creating a look for the DALNET HIP 4) Making a recommendation about Syndetics Enriched Content

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at U of D-M, 9:30 AM

Full Minutes

George Libbey convened the meeting at 9:40 AM.

The group looked at the HIP for WCCC District library which has not had a lot of customization and at the comparison chart that Jeff Zachwieja created of the various HIP features. The focus of the meeting was to decide on a common layout which could be used by all the member library HIPs.

Libraries can use color to individualize their catalogs.

Common features, such as MiLE, can be in a few different locations. We can recommend that it be placed in at least one common location.

The search screens are very important to try and standardize because these kinds of changes need to be updated with each HIP upgrade. This may be a good opportunity to "clean up" some of the indexes, especially from the older catalogs like U of D-M.

Most DALNET libraries have a Basic and a Power search page, which many labeled "Advanced".

"Videocassette" needs to be a limiter.

Jackie suggested the following search pages:

Basic – This would have a drop down box with "general keyword" as default. There will be a drop down box of various searching options. The Committee will look at these in the future to try and standardize somewhat. There can be up to four buttons for limits.

Browse – No more than eight boxes and no limits (does not work technically)

Keyword – No more than eight boxes and there can be limits

Advanced – Really a “power” search. Suggestion to allow proximity searching. This is a feature that could be turned “on or off”. If so, default should be to “anywhere”. Let’s have four boxes for searching. Use “click to select” for boxes 2-4. The limits will be a drop-down box format. Examples of categories are “location” and “material type” but there can be more such as “collections”.

The new version of the HIP will allow users to choose more than one limit within each category of limits. The group decided this would be a good function even if it may be a little more confusing. A help note may be useful. Users may also choose date ranges. This feature can be turned “on or off”.

Sorting can be: default – newest copyright first, author A-Z, and title A-Z. We can add availability if we decide to but the problem is that the information is not always accurate.

The group discussed “broadcasting” searching. Jackie suggested that we add that option to each of the searching pages. She will look at that and let us know if she thinks that will work.

George suggested members discuss the proposed searching layouts with their public service librarians for feedback.

What are future tasks?

Let’s look at the tabs and see if we can standardize. The tabs are mostly links to other files so are not real hard to manage. Can we use “generic” terms?

We need to look at the keyword indexes and try and standardize wording and meaning. Do we want any new indexes? Jackie will send members some standard MARC mapping to help with this.

What should the DALNET HIP look like?

We should probably make a recommendation concerning Dynix’s Syndetics Enriched Content. Jackie obtained information from Dynix. The group agreed initially that at least the “cover images” would be desirable.

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Mary Jo Durivage, Recorder