DALNET PROJECT MANAGERS' MEETING

March 4, 1991, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
WSU Libraries, Purdy Library, Dean's Conference Room

Agenda

1. NOTIS GTO Release 3.0 Implementation (Charlene)

2. LCSH Resource File (Charlene)

3. Planning for NOTIS LMS Release 5.0 (Louise)

4. Michigan NUGM Planning (Louise)

5. NOTIS Circ SIG Survey (Louise)

6. Status Reports

    a. Keyword for DALNET implementation (Bill)
    b. LD025 batch linker program (Louise)
    c. USPS Mailing Label Requirements (Bill)
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    e. MDAS installation
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7. Announcements/Questions

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DALNET NOTIS Project Managers' Meeting

March 4, 1991
Minutes

Present: L. Bugg, I. David, J. Flaherty, K. Gauri, J.
          Houghton, W. Kane, H. Ma, S. Martin, J. Murray, J.
          Smith, C. Wecker.

Absent: D. Adams, M. Klein, C. Liner

NOTIS SIG Minutes

L. Bugg circulated three sets of NOTIS SIG minutes from ALA
Midwinter meetings, (for the NOTIS Preservation Interest
Group, the NOTIS-Faxon Users Group, and Circulation SIG).
Project Managers indicated which minutes, if any, they wished
to receive.

NOTIS GTO Release 3.0

C. Wecker reported that the Release 3.0 GTO software for the
OCLC transfer (whose original release date was December 1990)
arrived the last week of February. Testing will begin this
week. Testing and necessary modifications for our DALNET
environment are expected to take about 90 days; training of
DALNET libraries will begin in June. An outline of the broad
steps involved in GTO implementation was distributed, with a
list of the OCLC Passport software parameters for GTO. Project
Managers are asked to keep C. Wecker informed about their
timetables and GTO equipment installations.

LCSH Resource File

C. Wecker announced that the LCSH retrospective tapeload of
subject authority records was done on March 2. 143,150 new
records were created; 42,303 existing DALNET authority records
were overlaid. She distributed a three page document
describing this load and detailing future loads. Project
Managers should alert their staff to question No. 5 which
describes how the newly loaded records should be used by
DALNET staff. Two points were stressed: 1. When DALNET library
staff encounter LC authority records for headings used in
their bibliographic databases, they should "claim" the records
even if they make NO modifications to them; and 2. If
modifications are made to the authority records, staff must
input their library's NUC codes in subfield "d" of the 040
field to prevent the records from being overlaid during
subsequent tapeloads.

Planning for NOTIS LMS Release 5.0

NOTIS is currently citing April as the delivery date for LMS
Release 5.0. Because we are an MDAS site and MDAS 1.1 is not
compatible with LMS 5.0, we also need Release 1.2 MDAS
(NOTIS's current target date is July 1991) to implement 5.0.

Our current projections are that Release 5.0 will be implemented at our site in late 1991/ early 1992.

Plans are to use the "tt" region for testing LMS 5.0. Testing of 5.0, screen design, etc. can begin without MDAS. When MDAS Release 1.2 arrives, it will be installed for testing with 5.0. Work on designing screens can begin anytime. W. Kane distributed diskettes with sample screens at the last Project Managers' meeting. Purdue University was a Beta test site for Release 5.0 and has it in production. Purdue's online catalog is available through the Internet for "examination" by DALNET libraries' staff.

Both the Merged Headings Index and the call number index will be available to the public in LUIS with 5.0. The Database Standards Committee should review the "cleanup" to be done before this occurs. DALNET libraries are expected to use Option A (899 field option) for their MFHD conversions. Testing MFHD conversion can also begin once 5.0 is installed in "tt". The final MFHD conversion can be done after 5.0 has been installed in production; conversion is done separately for each DALNET library. The conversion of order records for the "fiscal year close" will also be done during implementation of Release 5.0.

A major task to be accomplished prior to 5.0 Implementation is conversion of the bulk of our NOTIS tables into the new 5.0 format. Conversion needs to be done for the 102, 104, 105, and 106 tables. Most likely, this will entail rekeying. With 5.0, each staff member will have a separate security record, rather than having entries in several security tables.

Michigan NUGM Meeting

This year's meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6. DALNET will be the host site; the meeting will be held at the WSU McGregor Conference Center. The University of Michigan is coordinator for the program. Attendees will pay for lunch and parking. L. Bugg and C. Wecker met with University of Michigan and Michigan State University staff last week to begin planning the meeting. (Michigan State staff coordinated last year's meeting.) Plans are to have two key speakers this year: Stuart Miller from NOTIS; and Alan Alexander-Manifold from Purdue University Libraries. Alan can present both Release 5.0 implementation and the PAClink Project. The University of Michigan will be sending an announcement of the meeting to Michigan NOTIS sites (and Windsor) for distribution.

NOTIS Circulation SIG Survey

DALNET staff on the Circulation SIG's mailing list recently received a survey. It was agreed that each DALNET site should submit its own survey response. Sites should indicate that they are part of a consortium. The answers for questions 3 and 10 on page 2 should be for the consortium as a whole; a note to this effect should be added to the survey response.

Status Reports

- Keyword for DALNET

  W. Kane distributed copies of the training packets used for the DALNET Keyword training sessions. L. Bugg discussed the problem encountered when keyword searches were qualified by fixed field code, e.g., ".lib." or ".lng." When this type of search is done, the system seems to <u>first</u> pull up <u>all</u> occurrences of the term qualified by the fixed field code, and then combine it with the other terms in the keyword search. If the term being qualified is in thousands of records, e.g., "ws" for WSUL holdings or "eng" for English language books, the number of records retrieved could exceed the temporary storage being allotted keyword searches. These searches are not able to be executed; and "SM02" error messages display.

  To solve this problem, we recently increased the keyword temporary storage to near the maximum allowable. The time necessary to execute these searches is far greater than to do the same searches without qualification.

- LD025 Batch Linker Program

  This software—which will link unlinked item records to bibliographic records by matching on call number—has been received. It is on D. Fox's list of projects.

- USPS Mailing Label Requirements

  W. Kane distributed a WSU memo about these new label requirements. He will also send a copy of this memo to NOTIS. The NOTIS release after 5.1 (5.2?) is slated to include Circulation Module enhancements. Perhaps something could be included in that release to accommodate the new mailing label requirements for circulation.

- "Disclaimer" on Overdues

  The DALNET Circulation Task Force has approved the
  wording for the disclaimer to appear on overdues. Final
  testing revealed that another "fix" was needed. It
  should be in production soon.

- MDAS Installation

  The packet used at WSU during MDAS demonstrations was
  distributed to Project Managers. MDAS is currently
  installed with very small test files in "td." DALNET
  staff may look at it, however, too much activity in "td"
  may interfere with the extensive testing now being
  conducted. Currently, very small files of MEDLINE and
  Wilson records are in "td." Plans call for implementing
  MDAS with Wilson by mid-April. The Wilson file arrives
  on 20 reels with records and indexes for 5 databases.
  All five databases will be searched simultaneously.

  The next step will be to install MDAS with the complete
  Wilson databases in "tr." At that point, authorization
  to use MDAS will be restricted to WSU according to the
  stipulations in our Wilson contract.

  The implementation of both DALNET keyword searching and
  MDAS in the production region will probably degrade
  response time. By the time MDAS is in the production
  region, use of LUIS will be past its peak (use is lower
  from May through the summer months). If response time is
  seriously degraded, the solution is a larger CPU. An
  interim solution until the "new" CPU is in place is to
  reduce simultaneous keyword searches (currently limited
  to 20) and to restrict keyword and MDAS to specified
  terminals.

  Current Contents files will be loaded after Wilson. We
  have not received the loader programs yet from NOTIS;
  they are expected by the end of March.

- Macomb University Center (MUC) Circulation Options

  L. Bugg reviewed the plans for the MUC which, beginning
  in the Fall, will offer degrees from 5 Michigan
  institutions. WSU will offer 8 programs, Walsh College
  will offer 2 programs, and Central Michigan University,

Oakland University, and the University of Detroit Mercy
will each offer 1 program. It is desirable to use NOTIS
for circulating <u>across</u> service units so that materials
from the three DALNET libraries offering programs can be
charged and discharged at Macomb. This is called
inter-institution courtesy charge and discharge. Testing
identified a problem with notices printed for courtesy
discharges with fines owing. A "fix" for this was done
by FCLA and is being obtained by DALNET programmers.

The DALNET Access Committee is currently investigating
van delivery whereby materials would be picked
up/delivered at each DALNET library once a week. E.
Condic (Oakland University) is investigating costs for
this service.

- DALNET Circulation Forum Plans

This Forum will be held on April 8 and will be hosted by
the Detroit Public Library. L. Bugg distributed a draft
of the registration form that will be sent to DALNET
libraries shortly. The target audience for this all-day
meeting is "front-line" circulation staff. Detroit
Public Library will provide free parking and coffee. The
cost to individuals for the Forum is to cover the
optional box lunch.

Announcements

- Library of Congress Network Advisory Committee Meeting
  Invitation

The LC NAC invited L. Bugg to represent a small, shared,
multi-type local system at their April 2 meeting in
Washington, D.C. They are investigating the impact of
local systems on the emerging nationwide bibliographic
and holdings "database." Louise distributed copies of
the questions she is to address and the NAC Vision
statement for a nationwide database. Input from DALNET
libraries to Louise would be most welcome.

- L. Bugg is updating the current DALNET brochure for this
  meeting and asked Project Managers to tell her their
  1991/92 terminal estimates.

- Informa 1991

    The Informa 1991 meeting, sponsored by IBM, is being held in Long Beach on April 7 - 9. Project Managers were not aware of anyone planning to attend from DALNET institutions.

- Indiana University's Linkway System

    I. David received diskettes for Indiana's PC-based system, Linkway. Linkway is used as a front-end to the NOTIS online catalog. It provides a user-friendly interface and accommodates the "point and click" method with a "mouse." It is Indiana's IBM answer to Texas A & M's Macintosh Hypercard front end (MacNOTIS). It includes graphics, pop-up windows, screens, etc. Linkway would need to be customized to accommodate DALNET's online catalog. W. Kane will review this system for potential use by DALNET.

- Detroit Public Library GPO Load

    234,113 MARCIVE GPO records were loaded into DPL's database last weekend. This represents DPL's retrospective holdings from 1976-February 1990; it includes both depository and non-depository titles. All three DALNET libraries receiving GPO records from MARCIVE have decided to switch to OCLC for their current subscriptions to the monthly tapes.

- Terminals and Printers

    H. Ma reported that DPL's 10th branch (Wilder) is now closed and in the process of linking its titles. It is the first branch to use Harris H471C terminals (IBM 3472 clones). Departments in DPL's Main Library have also used these terminals. H. Ma is very pleased with them. The screen format is easy on the eye. Also, the script "l" (frequently in DPL call numbers) is distinguishable as such on the Harris. She finds them easier to configure, with more options and three speeds (rather than one) from which to choose. DPL makes heavy use of the "record" and "playback" function key features to save time during the linking process.

J. Houghton reported that the University of Detroit is finding IBM 3472s (the most recent IBM model of color terminal) to be slower than the IBM 3192s. Their print command is a two-step process. It was suggested that the UD controller diskette needs to be configured differently for the 3472 keyboard. University of Detroit is using the HP Desk Jet printer with the 3472. Printers used with these IBM terminals need to emulate a Proprinter. The Siemens ink jet printer also can emulate a Proprinter. Louise is investigating the Siemens for Wayne's LUIS terminals.

- MLA Local Area Network Meeting

L. Bugg announced the MLA meeting on LANs to be held on April 18 in Lansing.

The next Project Managers' Meeting will be held on **Monday, June 3 at 1:00 p.m. in the WSULS Dean's Conference Room.**

Notes by

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