

DALNET Circulation Standards Committee Minutes

Meeting: Feb. 28, 2001, University of Detroit Mercy Library Conference Room, UDM McNichols Campus, 9:30-12:00.

Present: Bradd Burningham (WS), Ruth Ewald (MCC), Janice Miller (MCC), Betty Nelson (UDM), Robert Marcelain (DPL), B. Faricy (WBH-BO), Joyce Zurel (OCC).

Announcements

Michael Piper, from Texas, will commence his new job as Director of DALNET on Friday, March 1, 2001. The DALNET staff are relocating to Purdy/Kresge Library from their current space in Science and Engineering. This will occur over the summer.

Patron Utility for Reciprocal Borrowing – epix proposal

Bradd said he had heard no further word on the epix proposal. It is possible that Anaclare has additional information, but Bradd thought he probably would have heard if this was the case. The committee reviewed issues addressed by the proposal. They again concluded that the proposal is fine in so far as it goes, but that issues regarding patron authentication need to be addressed either within this proposal or parallel to it. Authentication issues touch on access concerns in many ways.

LSTA Grant

Bradd outlined progress with the LSTA grant process, which DALNET is involved with. 10 DALNET sites will participate. The timetable is very ambitious and work on the RFP is nearly complete. The result will be a huge virtual union catalog of participating sites, and patron initiated ILL among these sites. Bradd noted that this would be a “virtual” union catalog, as opposed to an integrated union catalog of the sort we had with NOTIS.

Training

Staff should consult the DALNET Website for training dates. Training in all modules will occur on an annual cycle. If Anaclare has any further information about details she will let members know by e-mail. There may be training required for 6.0 and IPAC, although it is too soon to say for sure yet.

Horizon 6.0 Upgrade Schedule

The 6.0 Client has arrived, and everything is on schedule to move ahead. The upgrade will follow the upgrade to IPAC, which should be happening any time now.

Problems and concerns

Joyce noted that OCC was having check-in/checkout difficulties with the Course Reserves module. Bradd and Betty thought this might be related to some procedural issues and suggested Joyce contact DALNET staff.

Several sites noted that there seemed to be an unusually high number of books, which were not showing up as, discharged after they had been returned. In addition, an inordinate amount was also not showing up as charged out. Members from DPL, UDM, and MCC noted these problems. Although it is hard to be sure, the problems seem to have followed the last upgrade. The committee discussed the possibility that some of these problems might be traceable to problems with a particular workstation. This is a difficult problem to pin down. Members agreed to try to get more details and we will discuss with Anaclare.

Meeting Site: Betty Nelson offered to have the Committee alternate between WSU and UDM for its meetings. Members agreed that this is a good idea, and we will adopt the alternating site model for the future.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, Mar. 27 at 9:30 a.m., P/K Library Conference Room, WSU.

Bradd Burningham
Mar. 25, 2001