

DALNET Circulation Standards Committee Minutes

Meeting: Sept. 28, 2000, University of Detroit Mercy, McNichols Campus Library, 9:30-12:00.

Present: Bradd Burningham (WS), Carol Sims (WCCCD), Ruth Ewald (MCC), Janice Miller (MCC), Betty Nelson (UDM), Anaclare Evans (DALNET), Robert Marcelain (DPL), Joanie Emahiser (WBH-BO), Bruce Bett (MCC).

Planning for the Shared Patron File Enhancement

The DALNET Board has approved the proposed solution for the Shared Patron Database. It is not ideal but appears to be the best solution we can come up with. We are expecting detailed specifications from epix in mid-October. Given the tight timeline both parties have agreed too, the DALNET Circulation Committee should be prepared to provide a rapid response to this document.

Anaclare distributed copies of the "Solution Proposal to DALNET," which epix had drawn up. The committee spent some time discussing it and familiarizing itself with the proposal and the concepts underlying it. Anaclare also distributed a Patron Database Enhancement Project Plan, which spells out the role of various groups and individuals in the project. In the short term, the Circulation Committee will be asked to review the functionality requirements, suggest changes and additions, and then develop plans for testing this new functionality. The document outlined a number of longer term issues for the committee and others.

Bradd asked what the implementation target was for the new functionality. Anaclare speculated that it would be post-2001.

The committee should be prepared to discuss the specifications at the next meeting, possibly at a special meeting, or also possibly by e-mail or conference call. In part the nature of the discussion will depend on the complexity of the document when it arrives and the time frame we have to work with.

Upgrade Schedule

Anaclare reviewed upcoming software upgrades at the request of the committee. The last library to move to 5.3 was being done on the weekend. Sybase and Solaris are both scheduled for upgrading in the very near future. It will be mid-term before the upgrade to WebPAC occurs (allowing broadcast searching).

Training

Staff should consult the DALNET Website for training dates. Training in all modules will occur on an annual cycle.

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 18, 2000 at 9:30 a.m.,
Purdy/Kresge Conference Room, Wayne State University. Carol (I think)
volunteered to bring refreshments.**

Bradd Burningham
Oct. 13, 2000