

Wayne State University Libraries

Memorandum

TO: Patricia Breivik
FROM: Louise Bugg *Louise*
SUBJECT: Horizon Enhancement Status Report
DATE: May 17, 1999

Here are the outstanding issues with DALNET's Horizon enhancements that we still need Lana Porter's help to get resolved. Harry Masek has begun providing the DALNET Steering Committee with a monthly status report. His first report was on May 10th. Scott Muir met at some length with Ricc Ferrante while he was at Ameritech Library Services in Provo last week. Ricc is our main contact for the enhancements.

1. **Horizon Image Module**
We have not yet received a draft letter and contract amendment for this replacement for Netpublisher.
2. **Shared Authority Database**
We still do not have a delivery date.
3. **Children's OPAC**
We still need a project plan with target dates from the joint DALNET/Ameritech team.

For your information, we have had some movement on WebPAC 1.3. The Detroit Public Library WebPAC server has been sent with WebPAC 1.3 for DPL to test. Assuming the testing goes well, we will be able to migrate UDMercy, Botsford and WSU to WebPAC 1.3 in June. This will enable broadcast searching from these Horizon catalogs.

A copy of Harry's status report is attached for your information.

Thanks for your help pursuing these issues.

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1	Horizon 5.1 Release	Closed	DALNET	5/3/99	Horizon 5.1 release has been delivered. Botsford Hospital and DPL are currently 5.1. Wayne State and UDM need to be upgraded to Horizon 5.1	TBD
2	WebPAC 1.3 porting to Solaris	Open	Hyde	5/3/99	Tim Hyde has loaded WebPAC 1.3 on the DPL WebPAC Server. John Houser is testing Beta 1.3 with Tim Hyde. The server will be shipped with 1.3 and the other libraries migrated to 1.3 by the end of June 1999.	7/1/99
3	Horizon 5.2 Release	Open		5/3/99	Horizon Release 5.1.2 is in limited general release. The printing of "Mailers" is corrected in this version. Horizon 5.2 is Beta Testing with completion planned in May 1999. Release 5.2 will correct the trailing "Blanks" situation. Horizon 5.2 has been modified to pad these fixed fields out to their defined length upon loading them. Our internal testing indicates that this works perfectly.	6/1/99
4	Shared Patron Database	Open	Nielsen	5/3/99	Steve Nielsen is preparing a unique "ID" algorithm for borrowers. The algorithm will use the last for digits of the SSN and the Month/Day of birth to prepare a "unique" borrower number.	5/12/99
5	Authentication System For Users	Open	Ferrante	5/3/99	Remote Patron Authentication specifications have been provided to DALNET staff for review. URL for viewing the prototype version of RPA has been completed. A prototype is in use at the California State consortium. It works with EBSCO, IAC, and Encyclopedia Britannica.	TBD
6	Horizon Image Module (Netpublisher Replacement)	Open	Easton/ Knoerr	5/3/99	Draft letter and contract amendment has been prepared. Discussion scheduled with Tyler Ginglich and Scott Wheelhouse.	5/25/99
7	Ad-Hoc Management and Statistical Reports. (ReportSmith)	Open	DALNET	5/3/99	ReportSmith needs to be tested against the "overall" system. Queries need to be developed for libraries that share a database to ensure that those libraries will get information that is relevant solely to their library.	TBD

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8	Shared Authority File	Open	Boyce	5/3/99	Ameritech is proceeding with the phased in plans outlined by the DALNET Horizon Cataloging/Authority Design Task Force. Those plans called for delivery of broadcast searching in WebPAC as the interim solution for a union online catalog. DALNET has information now to participate in testing the first piece of the Sunrise project, which will include some of DALNET's needed functionality. The full range of what DALNET wants in their shared auth file cannot be accomplished until a second version of Sunrise CAT is released.	TBD
9	ILL/Document Delivery System	Open	Botfish	5/3/99	John Botfish is working with the DALNET contact to identify the nature of DOCLINE connectivity. RSS 3.0 release is due in May 1999	Est. 6/1/99
10	Integrated Booking Module	Open		5/3/99	The Integrated Booking Module is in Alpha testing. It should go to beta in May, and based on "Beta" outcome, may be available for release in June. The Horizon system will be required to have an update to 5.2 (Currently in "Beta") with release planned for end of May.	Est. 7/1/99
11	Children's OPAC	Open	Ferrante	4/28/99	A copy of the information about desired the Children's OPAC functionality was sent to Gail Orange. Ferrante has not heard from Orange to schedule a meeting date and time.	TBD

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