

WSUL/DALNET AUTOMATION PROJECT

Progress Report
January 1988

NOTIS Database Loading

The Wayne County Community College's (WCCC) OCLC database through December 1986 was loaded into the production region in January. Over 30,000 de-duped and barcoded records were loaded, including the holdings of five WCCC campuses throughout Wayne County. The two character processing unit code for these records is WC.

About 5,000 test records from Detroit Public Library's (DPL) Blackwell-processed OCLC monographic database were loaded into the test region for review in January. Customization of this loader is continuing.

Testing of Oakland University's patron database tape load was successfully completed in January.

Planning began to obtain unique LC authority records for the WCCC and DPL bibliographic databases. LC name authority records will be supplied by Blackwell for the next 200,000-plus Wayne State MICROCON records.

Hardware and Software

The IBM 3380 disk drive ordered in December was shipped January 29, for delivery the first week of February.

A purchase requisition for a license for Base SAS software to be installed on the IBM 4381 was processed in January. The software is scheduled for installation by March 15.

The VPS software for distributed printing and the CICS Monitor software are now installed on the IBM 4381.

NOTIS Implementation at Wayne State

Circulation training sessions conducted during January included Hold and Recall training for Law Library and Purdy Reserves staff, and a basic circulation training session for new staff.

Circulation notices mailed to library users are now printed vertically on unlined paper, in a style called "portrait." This change reduces the number of folds required for each sheet mailed. Planning for redesigning the circulation notices to print on carbonized mailers was begun.

All WSUL public LUIS IBM-pc stations are being replaced with color IBM 3192 terminals. The Proprinters attached to the pc's are being transferred to the 3192's. The pc's are being reassigned to library staff.

Keyword/Boolean software was successfully installed in the Wayne State test region on a 4300-record database. Testing of this software will be done by a team including several reference librarians.

The Acquisitions Department began paying invoices via the NOTIS acquisitions module in January. A plan to convert subscriptions from the Nonesuch to the NOTIS system was initiated. The target for conversion from Nonesuch to NOTIS is the end of March.

The entire WSUL Technical Services Department moved from the second floor of the Purdy/Kresge Library to the seventh floor of the Science/Engineering Library in January. All their NOTIS terminals were moved, readdressed, and made operational by the end of the month, except for a few problem terminals.

NOTIS Implementation at Other DALNET Libraries

Oakland University staff attended NOTIS circulation training on January 18-19. They are planning to implement circulation in the spring. Planning got underway in January for their use of the Acquisitions module, which is targeted for implementation at the start of their fiscal year in July.

Wayne County Community College staff attended beginning NOTIS cataloging training on January 21-22. The phone lines and modems were installed for LUIS terminals at all WCCC campuses.

Beaumont Hospital staff attended advanced NOTIS cataloging training on January 12.

Botsford Hospital got one IBM PS/2 micro functioning as a NOTIS terminal.

Children's Hospital staff attended a NOTIS cataloging module orientation session on January 11. The phone line for Children's was ordered, with a February 22 installation date.

WSUL Retrospective Conversion Progress

During January, catalogers were hired for the WSUL Kellogg grant retrospective conversion project. OCLC began work on the first shipment of catalog cards sent for conversion.

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