Valley Library Consortium
Minutes of the Database Committee
Thursday, June 23, 2011

Present: Lee Martin (VLC), Kristin Valyi-Hax (RHMDL), Ann Langlois (Lapeer); Betsy Osborn, Laura Mailaen, Sarah Wohlschlag, and Paula Paschek (BCLS); Anne Wooden (Delta); Betty Gettel (CADL); Cindy Hix (BRI); Colleen Montalbano (BCPS); Paul Lutenske and Ruth Ann Reinert (PLOS); Kay Dunker (VLC); Mary Schultz and Ron Suszek (Midland). **Remote Attendees**: Linda Smith (BCLS); Kelli Lovasz and Pat Lange (North Branch); Jane Himmel (Pigeon); Sandie Snow (Almont); Becky Grai (Northwood) ; Linda Hudecek (Community District).

Chair A. Langlois called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: P. Lutenske added Display message for serial copy records to the agenda
DECISIONS:
K. Valyi-Hax moved to approve the minutes from the Thursday, May 26, 2011 meeting. R. Reinart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LibraryThing Demo
K. Dunker showed a demo of LibraryThing. LibraryThing allows users in HIP to log in and create reviews for items, once they create an account. Along with reviews, users can like or dislike items, along with indicating a rating with one to five stars. The reviews can be moderated by the consortium. LibraryThing contains over 600,000 reviews. Different levels can be set for restrictions, such as prohibiting profanity. A widget can be placed on your library webpage to show the most recent review that has been done at your library. Tags on the left side of the page come from LibraryThing.com, and you can click on the tags to see other books that are also tagged with that same word. The virtual bookshelf shows book covers of books that are in the same call number area like a bookshelf. This feature can be limited by collection. All reviews, etc in LibraryThing are stored on their server, not VLC's, like Chilifresh. Chilifresh has a bookshelf in Connections but it is a user created bookshelf, not a virtual one of the library shelf, so you could build a bookshelf. Below the virtual bookshelf, LibraryThing also shows similar books along with awards and series that you can click on to view these additional items. LibraryThing also has available the LibraryAnywhere mobile app for iPhones and Androids. LibraryThing is different from ChiliFresh. It is better for reviews, but it does not have the social networking aspect that Chilifresh has. If we made the decision to go with Chilifresh, which has bookcovers included, we would not use Syndetics, so therefore we would lose Library Journal and Publishers Weekly reviews, etc. We could look at the cost of replacing them. If we choose LibraryThing, we would keep Syndetics. Either way, the pricing could be worked out to see what everything would cost.
L. Martin stressed that we need to encourage our libraries to evaluate and use Chilifresh and LibraryThing to see which one we would prefer for our patrons. Only a small number of people have used Chilifresh. L. Martin will send the links for both demos out to the listserv so we can pass them on to our co-workers.

DISCUSSIONS:
1. Database Projects Calendar
K. Dunker reviewed the July calendar of database projects, which included the following:

July
- Libraries work RIS for "In Transit" and "Hold expired" items
- Requests on unavailable items
- Adding copy records or items to serial bibs
- Report of address correction block (acr) created by HIP users
- Interlibrary Loan report of Lost Items
- Report of lost blocks for items no longer lost
- Report of items flagged for request
- Weekly duplicate control# report
- Weekly duplicate ISBN report
- Review of bad indicators
- Deletion of bibs with no holdings

2. Horizon 7.5.1 Upgrade
We have had some issues with HIP – it went down Monday night and Wednesday night this past week. At one point it was down for 12 hours (after hours) and no one called the after hours emergency number. Horizon support thinks the bug that was causing HIP to go down has been fixed. But this is a reminder to encourage us to call the after hours number if HIP goes down.

Also, there is an issue on the copy item screen where diacritics are not working correctly. Paul will test a simple update for us, and if it works, it will be available if anyone wants it. Another issue with the upgrade involves using Windows7 to print labels from Horizon due to Windows7 security – user has to have full control access the directory the labels are being saved to. The VLC can step you through the steps to do this so you can print labels. L. Martin does not recommend upgrading to Windows7 at this time based on the VLC's experiences with many problems related to Windows7. One other tip – sometimes if Windows is not painting the screen correctly, you need to disable visual themes in 7.5.1 by right clicking on the short cut you use to access Horizon, clicking on properties, clicking on the Compatibility tab, and marking the "Disable visual themes" box.

3. <u>New Item Status Code</u>
Choices were discussed for a new item status for ebooks and audio-ebooks. The choices shown were:
- Click on your library's link above
- Click on your library in the "links" section above
- Click on your library's link in the display above

Other ideas that were discussed include making the links field the final field in the catalog record, or possibly making the word "links" in bold or another color.
- A motion was made by R. Reinart to create a new item status for Click on your library in the "links" section above. C. Montalbano seconded the motion. Motion carried. The status code will be "click" and will be put in place immediately.

4. <u>Managing 856 tags on bibs for electronic resources</u>
There are links to your library but there are also other links too, such as links to LOC table of contents, biographical information about the author, etc. These links are potentially good information but has always been cataloger's judgment regarding whether to keep these links or not. From a patron-centric perspective, possibly they should be removed. They should be removed if they do not work. If you do decide to cut out 856 tags – make sure not to cut out any tags that others have left in. Note: Bookmine app does not show 856 note field that is displayed in HIP, but instead shows the actually http address, which is not helpful as these would be some of the links someone using a mobile app would need to click on.
We should think about formalizing a guideline on what we should or should not do with these types of links. K. Dunker will do some research on discussion that occurred in the past on this issue, to see if a decision was made. If nothing is found, this will be referred to the cataloging committee.

5. <u>Refund receipts</u>
All that is in the wording of refund receipts is a title "refund receipt," a fee amount, and the amount paid. Contact K. Dunker if you would like to see what other things can be added to the refund receipt as there is the capability to add your library, date, etc.

6. <u>HIP URL structure for webpage usage</u>
K. Dunker passed along this information for people to use with web pages and QR codes. You don't need the entire long URL to get to your library's HIP. Here's a shortened version of a link to HIP:
http://valcat.vlc.lib.mi.us/ipac20/ipac.jsp?&profile=vlc--1&index=ISBNEX&term=9781400075638
Basically, you need the address of the HIP server and application
http://valcat.vlc.lib.mi.us/ipac20/ipac.jsp?
Then the profile information: &profile=vlc--1
Then you need the index: &index=ISBNEX
Then the search term: &term=9781400075638

7. <u>HIP display message for serial records (that are not magazines)</u>
For a book like "Fodor's Spain" there is a note: "see copy status for more information" However, nowhere on the HIP screen does a statement regarding "copy status" appear. The question was raised whether we should change this note to say "see holdings for further information" or "refer to show all items." This could be changed in a batch. It is an individual library choice though, so it is not necessary for all of us to agree - it does not need to be a standard.

Announcements : Peter Schilling, Jr., author of "The End of Baseball" will speak at the Wirt Library on July 6th at 6 pm.
Also, Kate Pohjola, Director of Lapeer District Library, has accepted a position at Ferndale Public Library and her last day is August 1, 2011.
Next meeting: Thursday, August 25, 2011
Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am
Minutes submitted by A. Wooden