

Sha Li announced that she would be gone Thur-Wed. to attend ALA

1. Cataloging on WorkFlows:

Catalogers are working on 050s which are already in SIRSI, downloading records from Connexion local files to SIRSI for gift books cataloged during the down time. Catalogers are finding it is a time of trial and error as we discover what works and what doesn't. For some processes we are finding work arounds as SIRSI WorkFlows does not do everything we need it to do.

Mary Jane found out from Terry that the version of WorkFlows we have does not allow for the updating of OCLC records when using SmartPort. This is a feature that will be included in the next release whenever that is. In the meantime anything downloaded to WorkFlows using SmartPort will also need to have the symbol put on the OCLC record by going into Coneexion.

Mary Jane brought an example of labels done in DRA and labels done in SIRSI. The SureStart person had set up labels and had worked with Terry and Scott. Scott did not feel the labels were of sufficient quality and then put a decimal point in where there was none before. The group decided the quality was good enough given the tediousness of a workaround and that it was okay to keep the period in the call no. Mary Jane will announce this decision to SAC or AAG whichever meets first.

2. End of DRA's life. ERIT indicated to Sha Li that IT did not want to maintain the VMS server DRA resides on any longer than 6 months. It is very old technology and very few people know how to work with it. If the system crashes (which is rather unlikely) it will not be resurrected. Tech Services will reevaluate the need to keep DRA past six months after three months of using SIRSI. Serials staff will be most affected by the demise of DRA as then need receipt history to accurately set up patterns and predictions.

3. Access Database woes. The data has somehow become courted so that tables no longer link. This means that ERIT will not put in the new physical year. Serials staff in addition to the pressure to put in predictions and patterns for all the currently received serials must also learn how to order and invoice immediately rather than after 3-6 months. Fortunately the Access database will be available in a read only mode indefinitely. Suzanne and Anne are concentrating on learning invoicing and ordering and Sue and Mary Jane are helping out with pattern and prediction entry and check in.

4. New computers. Sha Li handed out a graph with what people in Tech Services had now. The group prioritized who would get new PC with monitors and which student stations would get the old but new PCs. Everyone is looking forward to the larger monitors and faster machines. Sha Li reminded us that the supply list needs to be in by July 8th. Mary Jane asked if the Tech Services could get a printer that print's front and back. Sha Li reported that a new printer had been ordered for Audrey's office.

5. Carolyn Bowen's workstation. Her furniture came today, Paul and others are still determining the best set up. Franklin will install a workstation for her soon.
6. Sha Li will renew Cataloger's Desktop. It is best to do by credit card as all mail to LC still is sent to be screened for anthrax.
 7. Fran contacted Yankee to see how to import their records in SIRSI. Yankee reported that at this time they can not do e-invoicing with SIRSI. Mary Jane asked which got higher priority serials pattern and predictions or getting Yankee approval titles into SIRSI. Since Fran will be away until July 8th, Sha Li asked Mary Jane to concentrate on the serial materials first.
 8. Acquisitions has entered allocations for 2005/06 and will soon start ordering against it. Sha Li had a few more funds to tweak.
 9. CMC updates
 10. Acquisitions head position ass's been approved for advertising.
 11. CMC is revising the closed stacks policy, one criteria will be any titles originally published prior to 1800.
 12. Tim indicated a list of potential databases.
 13. Dissertations are now available since 1997, right now it is only dissertations. Mary Jane put a few records in the OPAC to see how it looked. Eventually all will go in OPAC, Reference especially appreciated the ability to search using several different criteria as opposed to a fairly limited