Authority Control Meeting - MINUTES
November 13, 2007: 9:30
MVLS

Present: Ann Moore (SCP), Jennifer Ferriss (SAL), Jill Ryder (SAL), Jason
Thomson (JA), Diane Robinson (JA), Sharon O'Brien (MVL), Michele Largeteau
(JA)

Duplicate Authority Records from LTI load:
- How to process – demo on trainer
  - Diane demonstrated how to go through the record set to determine
    which are legitimate duplicates and which were not. Diane
    recommends using http://authorities.loc.gov to check for valid
    authorized headings. If duplicates are found, they can be overlaid.
  - Polaris has a report called "Problem Authority Headings" that also
    will list these duplicates.
- Who will do?
  - Jill Ryder has agreed to clean these up

Weekly Authorities
- How to process
  - There is a file that needs to be imported weekly using the
    "Authority Update Import" profile that is provided by Polaris.
  - After importing, there is a log file to review and some provisionals
    will be created, requiring investigation and resolution.
  - Similar to the duplicates from about, Diane recommends using the
    Library of Congress website to check for valid authorized headings.
- Who will do?
  - Jill Ryder (Thanks Jill!)
- We are get 913's in the imported records, so JA is going back to Polaris to
  have them re-create them without the 913's
- When we get it straight with them, Diane will show Jill how to process the
  first batch. Michele would like to observe, if possible.

General Discussion re: Authorities
- The new Automated Authorities is very slow for some records. Polaris has
  offered a fix that Diane described in an email. This fix will introduce a
  bug. We will ask Polaris to provide the fix.

- It was brought up that the group is still interested in finding better MARC
  records. We had trialed ZMARC, which Sharon liked, but the others did
  not feel was worth the money. It was agreed that it was good for books,
  but not for AV. Maybe we should be pursuing MidWest, BWI and B&T as
  sources. The group feels that the records that are free from these

sources are not good, but if we paid for them we might get better records. The group would want to be able to bring the records in during import. They do not want an extra step of pulling them in manually, on demand. When we looked at B&T in the past, the problem is that we would pay for the same bib record multiple times, because we would pay for it each time an MVLS or SALS library ordered.

- Ongoing Cleanup – Most of the time, cataloguers are going to click through the warning messages about authority errors, without checking on them. Glaring errors should be corrected.

- We discussed Authority records that have 0 bibs attached – It was agreed that there was no need to keep them, but that it should not be assumed that the one with 0 bibs is the incorrect one. The cataloger should make sure that it is not a duplicate and that it is not the correct authority record, before deleting it.

- Itracs that need to be logged:
    o We would like origins other than LC to be accepted as correct (headings with indicator 7 $2 xxx other than LC)

- Discussions of what to do with other sources:
    o Foreign Language – keep
    o Medical – delete
    o Genre – Change to proper LC headings (655)
    o Other – Bring to this group to discuss before determining

- Children's Headings – we decided to retain valid Children's headings and add the adjusted Adult headings (using the former rules for adding these), instead of removing the Children's headings

- Jen has not had time to load the file of genre headings yet. We are keeping them in the 655 from now on.