NOTIS Database Loading

The load of Oakland University's post-BNA monographic records was completed in mid-September. Over 90% of Oakland's monographic holdings are now in the DALNET database.

Wayne State continued testing the NOTIS generic OCLC serials union list tape loader, with one more set of sample records reviewed in September.

WSU's production file of patron records for students was updated 5 times in September. The update schedule is bi-weekly for student records, and more frequently during class registration periods.

The loader for Wayne County Community College's BNA-processed records was ready for testing by the end of September.

Peripheral Installation/Ordering

Four of the 17 Telex 476L's on order for WSU acquisitions/serials staff arrived in September. They will be installed in central technical services.

Botsford Hospital's modems were installed and being tested by the end of September.

Testing ended for Wayne County Community College's AT&T protocol converter and Wyse 60 terminal in September. Circ receipt printing was a problem area. WCCC proceeded to order the AT&T and Wyse equipment.

NOTIS Implementation

Wayne State University Libraries implemented basic NOTIS circulation in all libraries except Pharmacy and Allied Health in September. The Purdy Circulation Desk was the first to go "live" with charge, renewal, discharge, and "circ-on-the-fly", on September 8, the first day of classes for WSU's fall semester.

To implement circulation at WSUL, training sessions were held for all levels of staff from all seven circulation desks. Training materials were created. ID's and passwords were obtained ahead of time, if possible, and distributed at the training sessions. Regular meetings of circulation desk supervisors were begun, to coordinate NOTIS circ implementation.

The WSUL Database Maintenance Unit made substantial progress on their list of "clean up" tasks for Wayne State's "real" database. English language initial articles now index correctly in title fields. Call number coding errors, duplicate record deletion, and adding copies and volumes are being given high priority. Staff in the Library Units were shown how to edit NOTIS records to include correct locations and loan periods identified as problems during the linked barcoding project.

The decision was made in September to postpone implementation of NOTIS acquisitions components involving fund accounting. Since the fund code report was not working, arrangements were made to have WSU be an MVS test site for the new, improved NOTIS fund code report program. WSU got the vendor listing to sort alphabetically by vendor name.

After testing was completed in the WSU test region, NOTIS MVS Release 4.4.2 was installed in the DALNET test/training region on September 18. All indexing programs were adjusted for multiple processing units in separate files. The 4.4.2 LUIS screens reviewed by the DALNET Screens Committee were also installed. Once testing is complete in this region, the 4.4.2 release will be put into production.

Oakland University went "live" with public access to LUIS on their first day of classes in September. They had an official ribbon-cutting ceremony for LUIS on September 28th.

Botsford Hospital received LUIS training on September 15. Their start up on the cataloging module was postponed, awaiting installation of their token ring equipment.

Beaumont Hospital received beginning cataloging training on September 17. Arrangements were made with LSSI to process for loading the 1983 to date Detroit Cooperative Cataloging Center OCLC archive tapes, which include Beaumont's holdings.

Detroit Public Library delivered their OCLC archive tape loader specifications and a huge listing of their location codes during September.

Wayne County Community College scheduled a NOTIS orientation for key staff to be held in October.

Bright blue LUIS dial access flyers were distributed to all DALNET libraries and are now available for patrons to pick up at WSU and Oakland libraries.

The indexing schedule for the production database was changed to: call number and patron charge daily, Monday through Friday; author/title on Monday and Thursday; standard number and name authority on Tuesday and Friday; and subject on Wednesday.

WSUL Retrospective Conversion Project

During September, 15 student assistants input 19,543 record searches onto MICROCON diskettes. The total number of monographic titles "microconned" in machine readable form by September 30 was 352,271.

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