WSUL/DALNET Automation Project
Progress Report
December 1987

NOTIS Database Loading

The Detroit Cooperative Cataloging Center's (DCCC) monographic OCLC database through August 1987 was loaded into the production region before the holidays. Over 32,000 de-duped records were loaded, including the holdings of 17 Detroit area hospital libraries of which two are DALNET participants -- Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and Children's Hospital of Michigan. The two character processing unit code for these records is HS, for health science libraries.

Testing was completed on the customized loader for Wayne State's MICROCON bibliographic records. They will be loaded after the fourth disk drive is installed.

Authority records supplied by Blackwell North America for the first 150,000 MICROCON bibliographic records were test loaded in December. They will be added to the authority database when the MICROCON records are loaded.

Work began on Detroit Public Library's loader for its monographic OCLC records processed by Blackwell. All the location tables were completed for the loader.

Fixes were made to the Wayne County Community College OCLC archive tape loader for Blackwell processed records in December. It will be ready for use in January.

Hardware

The fourth IBM 3380 single density disk drive was ordered in December, after the vendor proposals were evaluated. January delivery is still anticipated.

NOTIS Implementation

At Wayne State, training sessions were begun for key circulation staff on placing holds and recalls for items that are charged out. Staff in the Science/Engineering and Medical Libraries were trained.

Planning began for cleanup of the outstanding charges from the manual McBee circulation system.

The Acquisitions module was implemented at WSUL in early December. Purchase orders for new books are now printed via NOTIS twice a week. The fund code report is printed once a week.

Procedures for converting WSUL's manual serials check-in
records into NOTIS were tested and will be finalized in
January. Staff who will work on the conversion of the
Purdy/Kresge kardex records will be trained in early
January.

Oakland University continued testing the circulation module.
Changes to their NOTIS circulation tables were made as
problems were diagnosed.

Wayne County Community College staff attended a half-day
cataloging module orientation session on December 11th.

Children's Hospital completed their detailed NOTIS
implementation schedule.

DALNET

The DALNET Database Standards Committee met in December to
continue its work on standards for the bibliographic and
authority files. Members of the committee include:
Anaclare Evans, Chair, Wayne State; Theresa Shen, WCCC; Ann
Pogany, Oakland University; Helen Ma, Detroit Public; and
Kathy Donahue, Botsford Hospital.

The DALNET Board met on December 17, with representatives
from all seven member libraries attending. Issues discussed
included bylaws, new members, and the proposed 1988/89
charging plan.

WSUL Retrospective Conversion Project

During December, 15 WSUL student assistants input 4,581
record searches onto MICROCON diskettes at an hourly rate of
56. The diskettes will be sent to OCLC to select machine
readable records with the January batch.

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