

WSUL/DALNET Automation Project
Progress Report
July - September 1988

DALNET Database Loading

The Center for Research Libraries' (CRL) archive tapes were received and de-duped by Blackwell North America in August. About 118,000 bibliographic records, mostly serials, were test loaded by the end of September. Handouts, LUIS signs, and LUIS screen changes were all written in preparation for making the CRL records available to users.

OCLC tapes containing bibliographic records for several major microform sets owned by Wayne State arrived. The project to tape load bibliographic records for approval books was put on hold, pending further review.

Unique LC name and subject authority records were received in August for headings added to the DALNET database by:

<u>Library</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Total</u>
Detroit Public Library	88,939	29,106	118,045
Oakland University	35,493	10,138	45,631
Wayne County Community College	8,717	1,529	10,246
Wayne State University	<u>16,074</u>	<u>4,757</u>	<u>20,831</u>
Totals	149,223	45,530	194,753

These records will be loaded after the new disk drives are received and installed.

Proposals were received from vendors to supply machine-readable bibliographic records for U.S. government documents obtained on deposit by DPL, Oakland University, and Wayne State. The proposals were evaluated, a vendor was selected, and contract negotiations begun.

A missing tape of Oakland University's bibliographic records was obtained and loaded into their "live" database. Work began on DPL's second monographic record loader program.

Hardware, Software, and Development

Specifications were sent out and proposals received to add a disk controller with one or more disk drives to the DALNET central site. A vendor was selected and the order created to have equipment delivered by the end of October that will provide an additional 10 gigabytes of storage.

Final testing was completed in July on the carbonized circulation mailer forms developed for WSUL's overdue, item needed, and item available notices. The forms have been used successfully in production since then.

Work began on renewing software and hardware maintenance for fiscal year 1988/89. SAS, NOTIS, and Compuware renewal requisitions were completed.

Oakland University is the "beta" test site for distributed printing of NOTIS batch products. A system printer on loan from a vendor was installed at Oakland for initial testing. Final testing will be done when Oakland receives a system printer now on order.

The General Motors' SASI (automobile safety) collection index records were successfully "translated" into the NOTIS MARC bibliographic format and loaded into a test file for use by the WSU Science and Engineering Library.

NOTIS Implementation at Wayne State

Additional NOTIS terminals on order for catalogers were received and delivered to the WSU Technical Services Department in August. Barcode readers for these IBM 3191/92 terminals were tested, evaluated, and ordered in September.

In Acquisitions, special programs were tested and run to carry over the encumbrances left at year end to the next fiscal year's records. Testng of Release 4.4.4's acquisitions enhancements was also completed by the end of September.

Over 7,200 serial check-in records had been created from manual kardex and shelf list records in all WSU Libraries by the end of September. Handouts were designed and distributed to all Library Units explaining the LUIS display of serial hard-bound and current holdings.

The WSUL Keyword/Boolean implementation team, together with six other librarians, participated in KB training conducted by Tom McGinn, of NOTIS, in September. The team's recommendation to implement Keyword/Boolean indexes after installation of the Release 4.5 enhancements was accepted.

In Circulation, the WSU Law Library was the test site for charging Class Reserve materials using NOTIS. All WSU libraries plan to use NOTIS for hourly reserve loans this Fall. Billing letters for non-returned books from the old manual circ system were being sent out in September.

NOTIS Implementation at Other DALNET Libraries

Oakland University completed session one of NOTIS Acquisitions training. They plan to go "live" with this module after Release 4.4.4 is installed.

Beaumont and Children's Hospitals completed circulation training and are testing the module with their own customized tables.

Wayne County Community College finished testing the cataloging module, installed the OCLC M310 to Telex 476L transfer, and began cataloging new titles directly into their NOTIS database by the end of September.

The Detroit Public Library successfully installed an OCLC M300xt to Telex 476L transfer, which required a special cable. DPL began cataloging new titles into their "live" NOTIS database on September 19.

Botsford Hospital began planning for the acquisitions module, targeting January 1989 for implementation.

The Oakland County Law Library completed its detailed NOTIS implementation schedule, ordered its phone line and peripherals, and attended a cataloging orientation session.

The University of Detroit also completed its implementation schedule and had its phone line and modems installed. Specifications for the U of D's OCLC archive tape loader program were completed, and staff attended the cataloging module orientation.

Two new libraries became DALNET members near the end of September--Macomb Community College and Harper Hospital.

Other Activities

Western Michigan University staff visited the WSUL/DALNET site, meeting with their Library and Computing Center counterparts, on August 3.

On August 10, Diane Paldan and Charlene Wecker met in Evanston with representatives from nine other NOTIS installations to discuss enhancements to the serials control module.

Dody Fox attended a technical workshop on SAS at the NOTIS Office in Evanston on August 10-12. She and George Marck then went to a workshop for programmers on installing NOTIS Release 4.5 held on August 15-16.

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