

Library Automation Project

CSC Coordinating Team Meeting
December 18, 1985

Present: L. Bugg; F. Burejsza; T. Faizon; A. Gloster; J. Kasiowniak; R. McCreedy; P. Spyers-Duran; J. Williams

Guest: Randy Menakes, NOTIS systems engineer

1. Applications programmer/analyst --

Dorothy Fox accepted the position and begins work for the Library on January 3. It is critical that she begin then to keep the project on target. Work areas will be set up for her at both the CSC and the Library. She was able to make arrangements to attend the first day of the NOTIS software installation and will be invited to these weekly meetings.

2. NOTIS installation --

Randy Menakes of NOTIS was here from Monday through Wednesday, working with Rick, Louise, and others on the installation. He tested the software Rick had already loaded and helped load Wayne's sample OCLC database into the test file.

The installation was successful, in spite of hardware problems encountered. A severe electrical outage had occurred Sunday, affecting local 3274 controllers and the air conditioning system. IBM was working on repairs. The WSU Physical Plant was called to fix the air conditioning. Bids for an upgrade of the Uninterruptable Power System (UPS) are due soon.

The WSUL sample database of 4313 OCLC bibliographic records was loaded via NOTIS's vanilla loader modified with some key WSUL table values. 4309 of the 4313 records loaded; the other 4 records had too many subfields. Author, title, and standard number indexes were built. The WSUL records are in the same test file as the sample NOTIS records and together number close to 9,000 records.

The WSUL location tables (105 and 130) were input during the installation. Further customization of the remaining tables for cataloging and the OPAC will take place after the loader specs have been sent to NOTIS. JCL for batch jobs needs to be done and schedules created to fit into the master CSC scheduling.

Randy praised Rick, and all the others who helped, for doing such a good job on the installation. The group thanked Randy for his assistance.

3. System software prices --

Kelly and Art are still working on them.

4. Terminal installation --

Telex delivered a 281B printer, which is now operational on our loaner 476L. Bob Posner of Telex is getting a serial port for the 476L so we can test barcode scanners. One scanner is now here to be tested and two more will be obtained. Russ and Mike, of Library Media Services, are reviewing the terminal installation plans to spot cabling problems and to estimate cabling and connectors required.

A thorough evaluation of the Telex 078 terminal needs to be done. Jerry recommends at least one IBM terminal on each 3274 controller to enable better problem diagnosis.

Louise is still working on the initial Telex order for 476L's, printers, and cluster adapters.

5. CSC Newsletter article --

Tony has received suggested revisions and Art will do the final edit. Pictures were taken to be included.

6. DALNET --

Jim showed the estimated DALNET costs that were distributed into a charging schedule for the first three years of operation. The next steps are to review the figures with Ria. The central site hardware depreciation schedule is needed to develop the capital contribution model.

Concern was expressed that the loading of DALNET Libraries' databases should not degrade response time on Wayne's NOTIS online system. This can be handled via separate regions for the loading given medium to low priority while the online is up.

7. University ID cards --

Peter announced that plans for a University-wide ID card have fallen through. The Library will have to issue their own barcoded Library cards. Dody can work soon on building the NOTIS name/address file from tapes supplied via the University's NAF. Cobol programs will need to be written to put the University's NAF records into the NOTIS format for loading. Policy issues regarding this need to be identified and addressed.

8. Service level agreement --

Still needed is the payment plan.

NOTE: The next meeting will be January 8, 1986.

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