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The taskforce had its first meeting on December 21st, at Wayne State's Purdy Kresge Library. It was interesting in that we outlined many of the initial problems involved with establishing a viable serials interface.

We reviewed the charge that Louis Bugg laid out for us in her E-Mail message to me, on November 18th. It is repeated here:

To review and propose the procedures for the preparation of pattern prediction records required for predictive serials check-in and explore the process of sharing such records within DALNET, and the feasibility of acquiring pattern prediction records from an outside source.

To propose and review standards for consistent WebPac display of Serials holdings information in Horizon, including format of data for all types of serials (print, electronic, etc.,) and labels for holding information

To serve as a conduit for the communication of procedures developed by individual DALNET libraries to handle record keeping related to serials processing

To assist the DALNET Systems Office Staff in testing new Horizon releases and enhancements related to Serials, when asked to do so.

Based on the above, we asked the question: what would be involved in entering prediction patterns ourselves? The answer was quite a lot, involving some four screens and number of linkages to other modules.

Ebsco does have a product specifically designed for Horizon. It's free of charge to Ebsco customers and has prediction patterns coded into a bar code. The information code is wanded into Horizon from the bar code. We didn't know for certain if Faxon had a similar product, but it was supposed that it did.

Other areas considered were what holdings would look like in an OPAC

environment. There were several points talked about in this area and the last 30 minutes of the meeting was spent looking at other Horizon libraries that allowed their holdings information to be displayed.

Some useful sites on the Internet are:

<http://www.amlibs.com/support/index.htm>
<<http://www.amlibs.com/support/index.htm>>

<http://www.amlibs.com/product/webpac.htm>
<<http://www.amlibs.com/product/webpac.htm>>
<http://www.catalog.library.jhu.edu>
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Should there be an alternative shelf list

Setting up a binding module—what would we require

The next scheduled meeting will be again at Wayne State, Purdy Kresge Library, on January 14th, between 9 and 11am. Room 238.

Linda Hopkin, of University of Detroit Mercy, has graciously agreed, for part of the meeting, to show and discuss what Serials looks like at her institution.