

Metadata Working Group Meeting
January 26, 2012

Present: Kalaivani Ananthan (chair); Melissa De Fino (recorder); Rhonda Marker; Jane Otto; Li Sun; Carla Zimmerman

Excused: Isaiah Beard; Mary Beth Weber (chair)

1) Announcements/updates (All)

M. De Fino asked if AACR2 punctuation and capitalization rules were standard in the repository, or if another standard, if any, is prescribed. This question arose during work on the railroad digital exhibit. After discussion, the group agreed that AACR2 punctuation and capitalization should only be prescribed for records that will eventually be exported to the library catalog, such as ETD's, etc.

2) Status of R6.1 (KA/RM)

K. Ananthan reported that the upgrade to R6.1 will begin on Sunday at 9:00 p.m. The system will be live by Monday morning. This upgrade includes the new SOLR/Lucene indexing.

R. Marker noted that clicking the version 6.0 button on RUcore will show all the changes and bug fixes completed in the new release.

3) Displaying Provenance Event metadata on the Full Record (RM/MDF)

Discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

4) Describing presentation format for video in the descriptive metadata (JO)

After discussion, it was agreed that the presentation format should reflect what the user can choose on the RUcore interface.

5) Agenda item from Grace – controlled vocabularies (JO)

G. Agnew asked that one thesaurus be used for all genre terms in the repository. The Metadata Working Group recommends that guidelines for controlled vocabularies be implemented for certain groups of records. For example, ETD's, faculty collections, and maps will all have their own controlled vocabularies and term sources. The purpose is to have more consistency and uniformity to strengthen our searching capability.

6) MDWG Issues in software.libraries (KA)

The group reviewed two issues assigned to the Metadata Working Group in software.libraries:

1. Should WMS force term source selection for subject—geographic, etc?

The WMS does not currently require users to select a term source for every element. For some elements, when no term source is selected, the search term defaults to the local index. However, for others, when no term source is selected, the search term does not go into any index at all. After discussion, it was decided that yes, the term source should be required. J. Otto volunteered to work with K. Ananthan on this.

2. Free text input in subject (geographic—hierarchical)

The free text option is currently available in some parts of subject (geographic—hierarchical) but not others. This is because country, state, province, and county (for N.J.) are populated, while the others are not. The group discussed whether this should be made consistent. L. Sun volunteered to work with K. Ananthan on this.

Other Business:

R. Marker announced that she has filed a feature request to create a template from an existing template or record on another collection. MDWG supports this feature request.

K. Ananthan brought the group's attention to the Purge/Reingest button on Fedora Edit. This button makes it possible for users to remove records from Fedora, and repopulate them in the WMS. The group agreed that this is problematic, and recommended the button be removed.