
CAM has had the opportunity to review the final report of the Shared Bib Problems & Issues Task Force report. There is general agreement that the report accurately reflects issues in the Shared Bib Environment.

We feel that all the issues brought forth by the Task Force need to be addressed. As we realize that it is not possible to work on all these issues at once, CAM has taken a poll of all University Libraries (voting privileges were extended to the Law and Medical Libraries as well as the Music Library at FSU) to get a sense of what the Libraries felt were the most important of the suggested solutions. By focusing on the solutions it was hoped that we could point a path forward for TSSC and FLVC.

Some solutions given by the Task Force seemed to be entirely the responsibility of individual libraries, or are already in process. The expectation for these is that the libraries will implement them immediately. These solutions are:

- Prioritize record sets that need to be reloaded.
- Future loads: Going forward all e-resources should have item records attached in order to properly manage batch deletes using item-11.
- Determine common set of best practices and procedures in the shared bib environment (this is already being worked on by a CAM ad-hoc committee and the BCDS subcommittee).
- Provide group training to and user-friendly documentation for daily use by SUL catalogers.tech services staff.
- Future loads: For new vendor record loads (records are not from OCLC) move any 035 with an OCLC number to a 599.

For the nine points that will require assistance of FLVC, CAM took a poll of all University Libraries (voting privileges were extended to the Law and Medical Libraries as well as the Music Library at FSU) to get a sense of what the Libraries felt were the most important of the suggested solutions. Libraries were asked to select five items, numbered 1-5 with 1 being the most desirable and 5 the least.

Eleven libraries voted in the poll.

The results are as follows:

1. Cleanup of existing records: work with FLVC to identify non-OCLC record sets with OCLC numbers in the 035.
2. Create centralized clearinghouse for vendor loads done by the SULs.
3. If possible, identify those holdings incorrectly attached to vendor records based on the presence of the OCLC number and move holdings to an appropriate OCLC record.
4. Work with FLVC to document progress on centralized batch load records (FLVC has begun work on a prototype that still needs additional input from the SULs before it goes live).

5. Explore possibilities for adding constraints to matches (e.g. requiring matches to be made only against records with the same format as the incoming record).

The first two items received higher priority from voting libraries than the following three and therefore it is hoped that these two items could serve as a starting point for action on the Report.

The results of the poll were discussed by CAM members in a meeting on November 13, 2014. At that meeting sending the poll results forward to CSUL and TSSC was approved. Hopefully TSSC will consider this document while moving forward with setting priorities for database improvement.

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