Reclaim Your Reclamation

A DIY Approach to Holdings Synchronization in WorldCat

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Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service (CCRLS)

- consortially-shared ILS
- 18 libraries
- ~ 500k bib records (17 public library members)
- two OCLC symbols
- post-migration & after 1 library left shared catalog

Impetus for (self-directed) reclamation

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- Need to centrally support cataloging for <u>all</u> members, (i.e., sync with WorldCat, use WorldCat updates)

- Substantial additional work following OCLC data sync/reclamation

- Desire to create sustainable cataloging, record enhancement and holdings maintenance model with no additional ongoing cost

Process & Tools

(1) Use query collection (li:[symbol]) in **OCLC Collection Manager** to create record set #1

(2) Export selected records from **ILS** to create record set #2

(3) Use **MarcEdit** (Export Tab Delimited Records utility) to create a set of OCLC #s from each record set

(4) Create a project in **OpenRefine** for each set of OCLC #s and compare the OCLC #s from the two projects

(5) For the set of OCLC #s in the query collection but not in the ILS, import list into **OCLC Connexion Client** to use Batch Holdings (delete holdings) function

(6) For the set of OCLC #s in the ILS but not in the query collection, import list into **OCLC Connexion Client** to use Batch Holdings (update holdings) function

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Outcomes

1) Holdings updated, up-to-date copies of master records loaded, (a reclamation!)

2) Standardization of cataloging practices and minimization of local cataloging decisions

3) Creation of sustainable cataloging, database and holdings maintenance process

Lessons learned

1) Wide-ranging quality of cataloging in local catalog minimized potential value of OCLC's automated ("fingerprint") matching

2) Ease of this process would have led to *not* using the OCLC reclamation process at all, but self-managing

3) Single large-scale project can lead to revisiting and improving upon historical practice, as well as model an efficient workflow to apply to other areas

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- Large Public Library
- 19 locations
- Centralized Technical Services
- ~ 1.3 million bib records
- OCLC Update service
- Currently migrating to a new ILS

Benefits of a (self-directed) reclamation

- Efficient process to sync our OCLC Holdings

- Aligns with the Lean Library Management philosophy

- Desire to create sustainable cataloging, record enhancement and holdings maintenance model with no additional ongoing cost

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Adapting the process to our library

- Selection of records to send

- Timing of sync with our daily work

Thanks!

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OpenRefine process

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Column named the same in each OpenRefine project, (e.g., "oclcnum"), and projects have names of (1) "ILSHoldings" and (2) "OCLCHoldings";

In each project, click "oclcnum" column header, choose Edit Column > Add Column based on this column

Add column name (OCLC Comparison and ILS comparison, respectively?)

In expression box: cell.cross("OCLCHoldings","oclcnum").length()

Results: 0 means no match in the other project, 1 means 1 match and so on; facet on this column to identify 0 lines, then export.

Credit to those working on GOKb for defining the methodology for journal title list comparisons, https://openlibraryenvironment.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/GOKB/pages/655657/Comparing+Two+Sets+of+Data+in+OpenRefine