

HOTS Activities Overview for FY 2007/2008

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Planning for WorldCat Local Pilot:

HOTS representatives have been sharing their experiences in getting all their holdings into OCLC in preparation for the WorldCat Local Pilot. HOTS has also discussed how unique and important local information could be preserved within WorldCat Local.

Cataloging and mass digitization projects:

HOTS held discussions on the technical services implications of the mass digitization projects and has recommended that each campus make its own decision as to whether to add links for mass digitized content into their local OPAC. Some campuses may choose to rely solely on WorldCat Local for access to the mass digitized content.

Shared Cataloging Program budget cuts:

SCP budget cuts of 18% for FY08/09 were imposed by the University Librarians in response to a flat UC Resource Sharing Funds budget. HOTS and the CDL Director Collections have identified some resources for possible elimination from the SCP Program to help achieve this reduction: California documents, Open Access resources and some Tier 2's. Brad Eden (SB) reported on discussion with California State Library staff who are interested in shared collection policies and cataloging for California documents. Some ideas that surfaced in HOTS include sharing in the cataloging across the UCs and the State Library, possibly bringing in CSU Libraries to help contribute. HOTS agreed to ask CDC to ask GILS to advise on priorities for cataloging California documents.

HOTS also discussed future funding models for SCP. A task group is being formed to put together a proposal of new funding models for SCP. The likely prospect is a cost share model, similar to the co-investment model used to acquire CDL resources. HOTS contends that SCP is one of the most successful cooperative programs within UC, and that it has the potential to become a truly "shared" cataloging effort following the recommendations of the BSTF. The SCP Advisory Committee was charged with looking at making efficiencies in the current SCP operations: e.g. brief records/full records, streamlining workflows, and greater use of commercial/vendor records.

Institutional records in OCLC:

HOTS has discussed the practice of creating institutional records (IRs) in OCLC and the impact that could have in WorldCat Local project. HOTS appears to be against using individual IRs for UC Libraries, although CAMCIG is being asked to recommend under what circumstances it might be appropriate to create an institutional record.

Shared Print Collections and Technical Services:

At the April 21 in person meeting, Emily Stambaugh, CDL Shared Print Manager gave a presentation on UC Shared Print Projects in place or under discussion. HOTS discussed how the campuses could help contribute to the technical processes related to those collections and how cataloging expertise might be shared throughout the system.

