TSD Meeting Agenda and Discussion Topics  
Maryland City at Russett Community Library (AACPL)  
September 29th, 2016 -- 10 am - 12:30 pm

Business Meeting Agenda:
Introductions: Steering Committee and Attendees  
Update from Maggie (President)  
This is the first TSD event of 2016.

MLA/DLA Annual Conference 2017 Update (Lynette/Robert)
MLA 2017 Conference will be in Cambridge, Maryland. Conference is scheduled for the first weekend in May. Pricing has increased

TSD had 3 programs planned for the conference:
1. Management issues in the library with Brian Hissong
2. Non-print collections, board games and kits (looking for speakers)
3. Adding primary sources, archives, and manuscripts to the catalog

Nominations for 2017 Election Slate (Vice-President/President Elect and Secretary)
Nominations are due by November 1 for TSD positions

Programming Ideas and Possibilities
- MarcEdit Training  
- RDA training  
- MARC record changes for specific formats  
- Best practices for LCDGT and LCMPT  
- OCLC changes and WorldShare  
- FAST subject headings  
- Next Gen ILS Systems  
- BIBFRAME (PTPL annual meeting in October is entirely on BIBFRAME)

Other Business
- None

Meeting Discussion Topics:
Discussion Prompt:
From BIBFRAME to the Semantic Web to revolutionary next-generation ILS to RDA, catalogers are constantly being told that massive changes are coming to the profession. As busy professionals, we must carefully consider how to most efficiently allocate our limited professional development resources in order to navigate changes as they come. This discussion will focus on the present and future state of technical services librarianship. What, if any, effect has the implementation of RDA had on your day-to-day tasks and/or patron satisfaction?
Similarly, how might implementation of new cataloging standards and technologies change our profession in the future? Please bring your experiences and thoughts to the discussion as we anticipate how our roles and tasks in the library might change in the coming years.

Possible Questions (though please feel free to contribute your own!):

1. **Has your library/system implemented RDA? Why or why not?**
   Show of hands was mixed as to whether libraries are cataloging with RDA. Some libraries still in the process of implementing RDA or thinking about it.

   **Barriers to implementation:**
   - Millennium--RDA doesn’t show up, but anticipating a new ILS
   - Lack of knowledge, fear of unknown
   - Some library schools teaching AACR2, not teaching RDA
   - Fear
   - Information doesn’t live long, so no plans for retrospective

   **Reasons for implementing:**
   - Cataloging for the future
   - RDA makes data more granular, segmented
   - RDA is not as limited as AACR2
   - Faster turnaround time
   - Implementing but retaining the GMD for more user friendly/ILS display purposes

2. **If you implemented RDA, how did it impact your workflows/workload? How did it impact your users?**
   Light discussion, minimal or no impact

3. **If you implemented RDA, what resources did you draw on for training? What worked well? What would you have improved?**
   - ALCTS ([http://www.ala.org/alcts/confevents](http://www.ala.org/alcts/confevents))
   - OLAC, Inc. ([http://olacinc.org/](http://olacinc.org/))

4. **What other new standards and technologies have impacted your workflow and your patrons? For example, the proliferation of ebooks, vendor records, the emergence of standards like BIBFRAME, “next-gen” ILS etc.**
   Questions was asked: What is BIBFRAME and will it fix everything people cannot see? Will BIBFRAME facilitate more discovery?
   Discussion included a brief description of BIBFRAME, URIs and relationships and Maggie made a diagram on the chalkboard of what relationships will look like.

Karen Coyle’s blog has a number of resources, including examples and publications.

- [http://kcoyle.net](http://kcoyle.net)
- FRBR: Before and After / Karen Coyle ([http://www.kcoyle.net/beforeAndAfter/index.html](http://www.kcoyle.net/beforeAndAfter/index.html))
ALA Technology Report: Understanding the Semantic Web
(http://worldcat.worldcat.org/oclc/501056163)

5. **How do you see your current role in technical services evolving in the next five years? The next ten? Beyond? What factors are generating this change?**

   - Online content
   - Outsourcing, less staff, more vendor pre-processing
   - Directives
   - Newer formats: Vox books, Launchpads
   - Jane-a-thon, Hack-a-thon
   - Pressure from an academic library environment to digitize everything, to move away from print
   - Accessibility issues
   - Libraries are focusing on local needs, creating local/exclusive collections

6. **How do you manage change in your own work? In your own department? In your library/system?**

   - Search tips and tricks training, etc. to public services staff, invite job shadowers, awareness
   - Liaison at each branch
   - Catalog Access Team
   - Face time between TS and Public Services
   - Understand needs/wants of users of catalog, population, staff
   - ILS Admin is your friend. ILS admins usually are not catalogers or library backgrounds and this is the trend
   - Programmers versus catalogers: what is the more desirable skill for libraries of the future?

7. **How do you stay on top of changes in cataloging standards and practice? How do you determine which standards to adopt and when?**

   - One library looking at Zepheira as a linked data product related to BIBFRAME.
   - ALCTS webinars
   - ALA training
   - Style guides for RDA, Procedures for theses and dissertations

8. **How can technical services staff more effectively communicate the value of our services to outside parties in an economically unstable environment?**

   - Monthly reports
   - How to get TS be more involved as key player and decision maker?
   - Focus on the *SERVICE* aspect of Technical Services and increase awareness of what TS can do for its customers
   - Digital preservation
   - Special focus on local digitized collections
60 second speech about department or a special project
Assess and evaluate connections between cataloging and patrons, learning, etc.
Usage statistics, number of holds placed on materials

Theoretical discussion about relationship between library resources and ideas.
Questions: Is RDA a step toward BIBFRAME? Will RDA allow people to think in new ways. Will information discovery change or evolve?
One member calls RDA a ‘dichotomous key.’