

International Community Catalog Standards and Policies – Advisory Group

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The Community Catalog has been a much anticipated portion of the Community Zone in Alma. It represents a potential and radical redefinition of the way bibliographic services are performed and done in libraries. In 2011, ExLibris convened a high level group to develop policies, standards and procedures for the stewardship and governance of metadata records in the Community Zone in Ex Libris Alma.

The Community Zone includes the Community Catalog as well as the Central Knowledgebase and Global Authorities Catalog. And in 2013, Ex Libris set up the International Community Catalog Standards and Policy Advisory Group. Members are drawn from North America, Europe and Australasia. There is a core group – the Australian reps being Bill Constantine and David Wells and the full group with additional members.

The group meets by webex and where possible face-to-face meetings are set up at IGeLU and ELUNA.

Meetings May & July 2013

Community Zone (CZ) – key concepts

- Comprises Community Catalog (CC), CKB and Global Authorities Catalog. Group convened to advise ExL on the CC component of the CZ
- Populated with full metadata records for authoritative sources – starting with ebooks, later expanding to print
- ExLibris to sign agreements and load records from key publishers and aggregators and also comprehensive bib databases (LoC, BL, regionals)
- Metadata used by both resource management and discovery – records enriched for optimal discovery
- Flexibility to meet library needs
- Definition of a single record – one per work, one per manifestation
- Merge rules and logic; data clean up routines
- Contributions only or also corrections? Restrictions on contributing?

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This Advisory Group is initially being convened to advise Ex Libris on policies regarding the Community Catalog portion of the Community Zone. The Community Catalog contains bibliographic records describing a wide range of resources. The goal of the Community Catalog is to build a large body of metadata to streamline resource management processes, including ordering, cataloging, discovery, and related functions. The goal of the Advisory Group is to develop guidelines to define a common set of expectations for Alma libraries working in the Community Catalog.

The Community Catalog will be populated with full metadata records for authoritative sources – starting with ebooks, later expanding to print.

To achieve this aim, ExLibris is negotiating agreements to source and load records from key publishers and aggregators and also comprehensive bib databases (LoC, BL, regionals)

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Shared record concept

A shared bib record, with full MD - this part is shared by any institution that links to a CC record

Inventory information is handled locally at the institution level, including: linking information, provider data, public notes, access notes, PDA programs, license information etc.

Enrichment for discovery: via Primo pipes records can be enriched with Book reviews, book covers, Reading lists and more

Alma Community Catalog will be piped into Primo Central

- Leverage PC full text with Alma CC high quality bib records
- Leverage Alma community work with entire ExLibris community
- To be discussed with the advisory group – definition of normalization rules

Alma ↔ Community Catalog ↔ Primo Central

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Shared bib records will be provider neutral – similar concept as CONSER serials records.

So what will libraries gain by maximising sharing?

- reducing the TCO for the library
- Reduced investment in local activities for common content
- Central authority control Community
- Catalog is piped to Primo Central and is available for search to all
- Leverage Community Contribution
- Improved efficiency – streamline vendor data management
- EXL community governance

Means that many more high quality bibs will be available in PCI rather than the current short bibs.

- Roadmap supporting Community Zone processes
- Working with vendors to populate the CZ with MARC records
- How the advisory group can be involved in getting vendor cooperation
- Developing a statement on the current decisions to share with ExL customers

Roadmap supporting CZ processes

Working with vendors to populate the CZ with MARC records – and I think we are already seeing some results with the announcement about Proquest – with MARC records for ebrary titles to go into the community zone

How the advisory group can be involved in getting vendor cooperation

Developing a statement on the current decisions to share with ExL customers

Community Zone Timeline

Mid 2014 – Complete AG recommendations

Mid 2014 – Implement shared record model

End 2014 – Support community contribution

2015 – Add print records

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