

Background: In-House Unbound Periodical Use Statistics

- General use by day (divided into morning, afternoon, evening)
- Monthly use of individual titles (large binder containing alphabetical list of titles, re-printed quarterly at 50+pp)
- Statistics entered manually into Excel spreadsheet



Proposal: Increase efficiency, exploit technology

- Create a special item record for each active title
- Items have unique location code and barcode
- Barcode attached to index card with periodical title
- Barcode scanned in Millennium (Count Use) and increases INTL USE field

Implementation

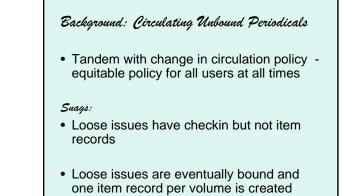
- · Load item records into III system
- Create cards with journal titles
- Add barcodes to cards & records...

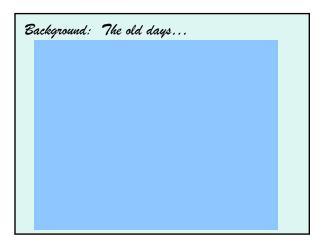
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Proposal: Create standard procedure for Periodicals Staff

- Create "dummy bib" for each active title with easy-to-identify bibliographic nonstandards
- Create item records on-the-fly as checkout is required

Implementation

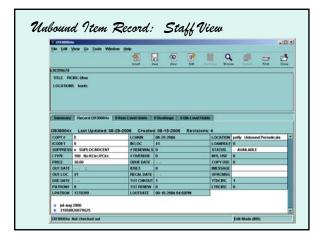
- · Load bib records into catalog
- Create unique location codes for bibs and items, and default item templates
- Train staff

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Challenges ("lessons learned")

- Creating the lists to load not so easy
- Training on a pretty complex procedure
- Communicate with affected departments
- 3000+ index cards are also pretty hard to manage

- Systems Perspective: Nuts & Bolts
- Exporting Serials Data.
- Creating a Load Table.
- Loading Data.
- Creating Branch Codes.

Systems Perspective: Nuts & Bolts

- Circulation Setup for Internal Use and Circulation.
- Creating Bibliographic and Item Record Defaults.
- Implementation and Training.

Systems Perspective: Nuts & Bolts

• What would systems have done different?

Future plans

- Gathering Statistics.
 - Internal Use
 - Total Checkouts
 - Total Renewals
- Using Statistics for Canceling and Weeding Serials Collections.



