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Shared Print Advisory Group: Second Symbol Responses & Discussion

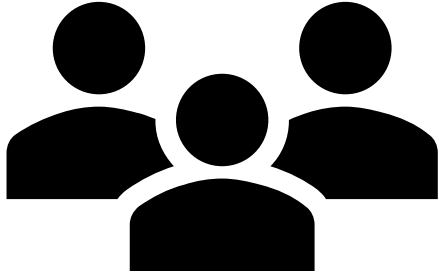
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Survey goals

- Assist in determining an efficient path forward for records originally registered using the second symbol approach
- Understand what it would take to create consistency in registering shared print commitments
- Determine how to optimize discoverability of all shared print records

Survey recipients



57 institutions
(8 groups)
identified with
second symbols
having LHRs in
WorldCat

What did we learn?

- Commitments (mainly serial item holdings) are still actively being registered under the second symbol approach
- Second symbol LHRs contain additional information other than the 583 action note
- A good majority of respondent's reports, processes, and workflows rely on the second symbol data
- An option to make MARC LHR records indexed and discoverable is preferred
- There is ambiguity about the CSV registration and what that may mean for transferring commitments
- Challenges with exporting holding records in MARC format in Alma
- Questions around lending requests if second symbol were to be eliminated

Goal Discussion

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- Transition second symbol users to a place where everyone's commitments are fully indexed and discoverable

Scenarios OCLC can support

I want to...

Index my current second symbol commitments so they are discoverable

Switch my second symbol commitments to my main symbol

Add new commitments using MARC format

Edit and enhance existing Shared Print commitments

Solution Discussion

Potential Solutions

- Support maintenance and indexing under LHR MARC
- Supply OCLC LHRNs via the 001 field
- Support to accept MARC-XML

Benefits

- With MARC, user can make any changes to the records that they want
- Allowing Shared Print holdings maintenance under LHR MARC ingest enables freedom of choice for institution symbol and input format use
- Accepting LHRNs for matching supports:
 - Matching precision
 - The ability to supply partial Titlesets (as opposed to complete Titlesets) for transactions
- Supporting MARC-XML input allows editing flexibility for users that don't have the ability to modify MARC-21 records.

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

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