



## Users Council Meeting

4/22/05

**Project Name and URL:** Melvyl® Catalog

Inside CDL: <http://www.cdlib.org/inside/projects/melvyl/>

Melvyl Catalog: [http://melvyl.cdlib.org/F/?func=file&file\\_name=find-b&local\\_base=cdl90](http://melvyl.cdlib.org/F/?func=file&file_name=find-b&local_base=cdl90)

### What's new?

- Patricia Martin, new Bibliographic Services Manager, with responsibility for Melvyl, Request, and UC-eLinks, began at CDL in January 2005
- Version 16 of the Aleph 500 software projected to be moved into Melvyl some time in 2005
  - Melvyl version of the user interface will then be aligned with the rest of Ex Libris Aleph 500 catalog software
  - Entire database will be reindexed
  - Removal of copyright interim screen in Melvyl (deploys after clicking **Available Online** link in campus holdings)
  - Few dramatic changes for end users
- CDL has submitted specifications for a rewrite of the Update software at Ex Libris—improvements in Version 16 include
  - All display options in search result in print/email interface to be offered for Update search results (including tagged format)
  - Ability to modify email “From” line that currently says [aleph@mercury.ucop.edu](mailto:aleph@mercury.ucop.edu)
  - Ability to modify email default “Subject” line that currently says SDI REQUEST MAIL
- Other Updates improvements in the pipeline (not sure of delivery date) include
  - Location and call number of items with all Updates
  - A link to the Full Record of each record retrieved, allowing the recipient to jump directly into the full bibliographic record in the Melvyl catalog
- Melvyl Operations Team working with campus librarians on a new uniform title sort; modifying Review format to be able to view uniform titles along with titles and other fields
- Fixes brought in to prevent mis-merges of books and serials; to improve retrieval of non-Roman non-CJK records with ligatures and diacritics; to solve Macintosh browser issues with Request
- Fix brought in to enable multi-item requests for PC users (and some Mac users) and for all Mac users with one or two additional steps
- Various record clean ups completed—for records without call numbers in browsing, for government docs
- CDL working with HOTS to address merge issues such as improved merging for maps
- SCP will be using the 793 (title) fields for Shared Print collections, creating a unique annotation so that all constituent titles in a monographic or serial set, e.g., “JSTOR Online Collections” [look at 793 in UCSD MARC records for examples] can be retrieved
- Link name changed from “Full Record” to “Details/Locations” to improve user navigation; guides modified to reflect change
- Link added for RedLightGreen (<http://redlightgreen.com>)
- Completed a survey of library staff satisfaction with the Melvyl Catalog; results reported in *Melvyl Matters*
- A “tip of the month” added to Basic search
- Constantly reviewing and improving Help
- Continuing weekly conference calls with Ex Libris; several visits to CDL by Ex Libris staff; CDL staff to North American Aleph Users Group (NAAUG); representation of Jayne Dickson on OPAC subcommittee of NAAUG
- Last year (2004), Melvyl Catalog was nominated for a Dotties award (<http://www.thedotties.com>) honoring the best web sites in Northern California!

**Who is doing it on the campuses and how?**

- UCI new serials format added to Melvyl
- UCLA reload into Melvyl of all records from their new Endeavor catalog; entire Melvyl database reindexed in September 2004; 450 new locations for Melvyl added to the location tables; “catch-up” loading of all new UCLA records completed in January 2005
- UCLA circulation search extended to UCLA Z39.50 server
- Hastings serials loaded into Melvyl
- Preparing to add UC Merced records (original snapshot to be about 25,000 items) no later than July 2005

**Why should you care?**

- The Melvyl Catalog is *the* place to look for UC systemwide (and beyond) books, journals and more!
- Can use Melvyl to limit to sub-collections: online resources, sound recordings and scores
- Melvyl Catalog is in a perpetual state of improvement
- End users influence the direction of the catalog—feedback messages are answered and reviewed periodically for further action

**Who should I tell when I get home?**