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RE: Status report

The team and its working groups have met numerous times via phone to further our work.

Planning for the Collaborative Technical Services Symposium, scheduled for December 8 and 9 is being done by a committee as a whole, along with the development of a proposal for a shared cataloger position. The team has developed a framework for the symposium program and outlined a number of topics. We would appreciate any input Council members would like to offer regarding program topics. The team is drafting survey to assess cataloging needs within Alliance members. Although maps cataloging has been mentioned, team members would like to gather input from librarians and identify needs that might benefit the Alliance as a whole. The team has also been discussing the development of a framework for collaborative technical services that would define a vision or common understanding of the concepts for Alliance libraries. Work on this statement has just begun.

Ann Miller of the University of Oregon reported on the Foreign Language Cataloging Pilot. She said that on January 25th participants in the pilot met at the University of Washington to determine policies and procedures for the pilot. The University of Washington committed to copy cataloging Arabic monographs. The University of Oregon committed to both copy and original cataloging of monographs in Japanese and Chinese. Both institutions agreed on a method for cataloging on behalf of customer libraries and that materials needed to be physically shipped via the Alliance courier service. The pilot itself started on March 1, 2011. The following table shows the numbers of volumes and languages cataloged to date.

Institution	Language	Number	Cataloging Institution
Washington State University	Arabic	17	University of Washington
Pacific University	Chinese	8	University of Oregon
Western Washington University	Chinese	10	University of Oregon
Reed College	Chinese	9	University of Oregon
Washington State University	Japanese	45	University of Oregon

The Bibliographic Standards and Best Practices Working Group completed drafts of five recommendations based on the work of the previous CTST. They will continue to work over summer to complete the remaining two and then share the drafts with catalogers in member libraries for feedback prior to submitting them to Council as part of the CTST final report.

The DDA Ebook Working Group has selected EBL cataloging records for the DDA pilot and has been working with EBL and OCLC to help provide access to titles in the pilot both in Summit and at the local level. It has been developing the workflows for providing the discovery records for the DDA Pilot

Project and finalizing drafts of several documents outlining the decisions that each library will have to make about how they want the records to display (or not) in their respective catalogs, and the steps they will have to take to make that happen. A procedure is also being developed for removing records once the pilot is over (or sooner if necessary). Group members have also developed a MarcEdit script that Alliance members can modify and use to preprocess the records to meet local requirements. In addition, a test procedure to make sure these workflows will work before the pilot goes live has been set up.

The Automated Cataloging & Acquisitions Working Group is currently working on a survey that will begin to inventory various automated cataloging & acquisition practices at Alliance libraries. The focus of this survey will be one time purchases (firm orders) of print monographs in English language. Subject areas of the survey include selection, ordering, invoicing, Worldcat Cataloging Partners, cataloging & authority, and processing. The list of questions has been put into "Zoomerang" survey. The working group is now tweaking the questions and testing the survey instrument.