'Tis a Far Far Better Thing...Maybe

Electronic Selection in a Multi-Vendor Environment Charleston Conference 2008

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Memorial University Libraries

- Total collection of 1.7 million titles
- Annual monograph expenditure of 1.5 million
- Buy ~20,000 new monographs annually
- Blackwell, YBP, Coutts, Harrassowitz, Casalini, Touzot
- No major approval plans

Before 2006, there was paper.

Paper Workflow: Selection

- Paper slips from multiple vendors (176,985 in 2007)
- Slips sorted manually, duplicate titles from vendors grouped
- Slips routed to faculty through campus mail for input.
- Selectors write fund numbers on paper slips, and send to acquisitions staff.

Paper Workflow: Acquisitions

- Manual catalogue search for duplicates
- Manual OCLC search for cataloguing copy
- Orders and orderlines are manually created in Unicorn
- Orders are placed manually through vendor site.

Paper Workflow: Invoices

- Item in hand checked against cataloguing copy.
- Invoice manually created in Unicorn based on paper invoice.
- Paper invoices are sent to administration office for manual entry into Banner.

Paper Workflow: Inefficiencies

- Manual sorting of \sim 15,000 slips each month.
- Born-digital data shuffled around through snail mail.
- Data re-keyed about nine times during paper workflow.

EDI Steering Committee

- Composed of individuals from Systems, Collections, Acquisitions, Cataloguing, and Administration
- Began pilot project in May 2006

Basic 9xx/EDI Workflow

Vendor electronic selection interface



Orders uploaded from ILS to vendor (X12)



Bibs and Orders imported to ILS (9xx)



Invoices downloaded from vendor to ILS (X12)



Invoices fed from ILS to Banner (data cross-walk)

9xx/EDI Implementation

- ILS profiles must be set up for each vendor & currency
- Training in three interfaces:
 - Gobi (YBP)
 - Collection Manager (Blackwell)
 - Oasis (Coutts)

Implementation: Unicorn Reports

- MARC Order Import Utility Wizard
- Load Bibs with Order Info (biborderload) *
- Load Flat Order Records (orderload) *
- Book X12 Orders (bookx12order) *
- EDI File Transmission
- EDI FILE RETRIEVAL Via FTP (ediretrieveftp)
- EDI File Receiving (edireceive)
- Book X12 Invoices (BOOKX12INVOICE) *
- * report instance for each vendor and currency

Acquisitions Workflow: Keystrokes

Paper Workflow	EDI Workflow
Duplicate titles searched in Unicorn	Duplicate titles identified using resolver link
Copy searched in OCLC or created manually	Skeletal records provided, full MARC copy available
Orders keyed into Unicorn	Orders loaded automatically
Orders searched and placed in vendor system	Orders are placed with vendor automatically
Invoices keyed into Unicorn	Invoices loaded automatically
Invoices keyed into Banner	Invoices can be automatically extracted for Banner feed

Advantages: Selection

- Prompt arrival of new title notifications
- Interdisciplinary subject areas
- More information to aid with selection
- Identifies titles that have already been selected for purchase
- Provides an electronic record of purchases
- Allows 24/7 accessibility on and off campus
- Can quickly and easily be adjusted to meet changing needs and interests

Workflow Analysis: Best of Times

- Flow chart: Paper Processing
- Flow chart: Electronic Processing
- Electronic workflow definitely reduces processing time for selecting and purchasing new monographs.
- God bless us, every one!

Opportunities for Streamlining

- Modify slip profiles
- Selectors check for duplicates/older editions
- Purchase full MARC records from vendors
- Shelf-ready books
- Single currency per vendor
- Parse invoice lines from Unicorn and cross-walk into Banner

Workflow Analysis: Worst of Times

- Flow chart: Optimal Electronic Processing
- Flow chart: Electronic Processing in Three Interfaces
- Bah humbug!

The Three Vendors: Problems

- Training in three interfaces
- Multiple workflows
- Checking three interfaces for orders
- De-duping electronic slips from multiple vendors.
- Communicating with faculty
- Juggling over 40 different ILS reports

Where do we go from here?



Options

- Continue with Paper Slips
- Use One Primary Vendor
- Use Multiple Vendors Strategically
- Review New Title Notices from Multiple Vendor Profiles in One Centralized System

Enter WorldCat Selection

A new OCLC service based on Cornell University's ITSO CUL software, which:

- Allows selectors to view electronic slip notices from multiple vendors in one system
- Allows all selectors using the service at your library to see their colleagues' selection decisions which reduces the risk of accidental duplication of orders
- Provides OCLC MARC records to be loaded into the ILS at the point of order, thereby eliminating the need to rekey and import records from multiple sources
- Includes an option for automatic removal of duplicate slips

Our Slip Situation

In 2006/2007 Memorial University Library system received:

- 176,985 slips from our three main vendors
- 7% resulted in orders
- 93% of the slips received were either not appropriate to our needs or were duplicates
- Intra-vendor duplication is estimated to be between 19-30% (usually between US and UK profiles, different formats, & interdisciplinary subject profiles)
- Inter-vendor duplication is very difficult to determine, but, based on the data available from two of our three main vendors, the best estimate is about a 60% duplication rate between our main vendor profiles

Setting Up WorldCat Selection

- Notify Vendors
- Request User Authorizations
- Set Customized Institution Details
- Enter the Library's Funds & Locations
- Define Collection Areas
- Set Up Record Distribution Mapping
 - LC and DDC call number ranges
 - Keywords and phrases

Collection Area Summary

QE2

Memorial Univ/Newfoundland, Elizabeth li

Collection Area: ANTHROPOLOGY

Selectors : Dianne Keeping

Call Number Ranges	
Start	End
301	307.99999
GF1	GF900
GN1	GN48
GN301 GN674	

Keywords or Phrases			
Keyword or Phrase Marc Field(s) Subfi			
72000-99	960	u	
99 ANTHROPOLOGY	981	a	
ANTHROPOL*	100-899		
ETHNOGRAPH*	100-899		
HERITAGE TOURISM	100-899		
MMAN	910	d	
SOCIAL CONFLICT	100-899		
SOCIAL STRATIFICATION	100-899		

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Language

No data available.

Country of Publication

No data available.

Date or Date Range

No data available.

Government Publication

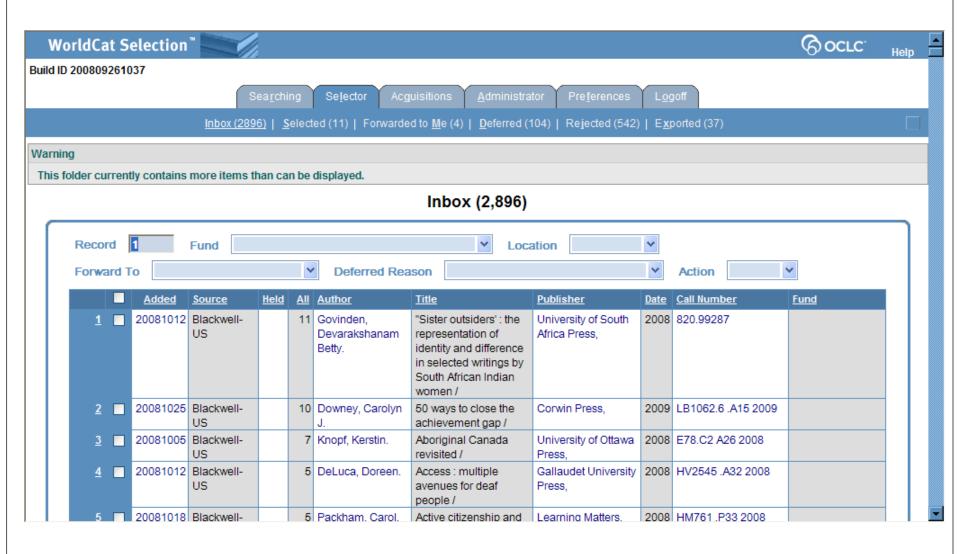
No data available.

Material Type

No data available.

Using WorldCat Selection Selector Functions

Main Inbox



Inbox Tabs

Searching Selector Acquisitions Administrator Preferences Logoff

Selector Preferences

Reject Items on Demand



Inbox Sorting



Deferred Reasons

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1 Social Work Order
2 Social Psych Maybe
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Selector Preferences

Select Your Funds

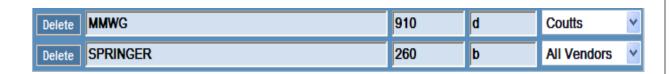
	72000-14	MAIN BOOK ENGLISH
✓	72000-15	MAIN BOOK FOLKLORE
	72000-16	MAIN BOOK GEOGRAPHY

Select Your Location Codes

	Location	Description
	CNS	Centre for Newfoundland Studies
	GREN	Grenfell Bookstacks
	нѕтк	Health Science Library Stacks
~	MAIN	QEII Stacks
	MAPS	Map Library
	MARI	Marine Stacks
	MRC	Music Resource Centre

Selector Preferences

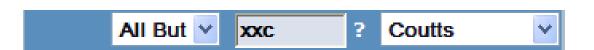
Exclude by Keyword



Exclude by Language



Exclude by Country of Publication



Title Lists

Searching Selector Acquisitions Administrator Preferences Logoff

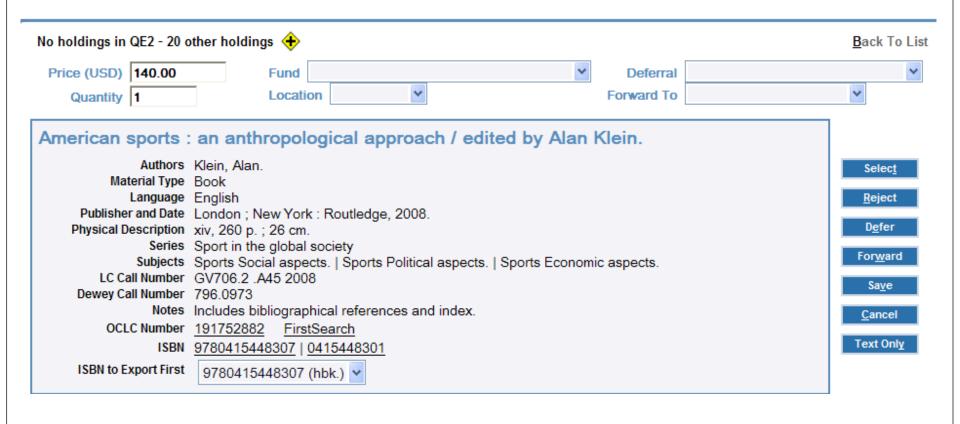
Inbox (2896) | Selected (11) | Forwarded to Me (4) | Deferred (104) | Rejected (542) | Exported (37)

Searching

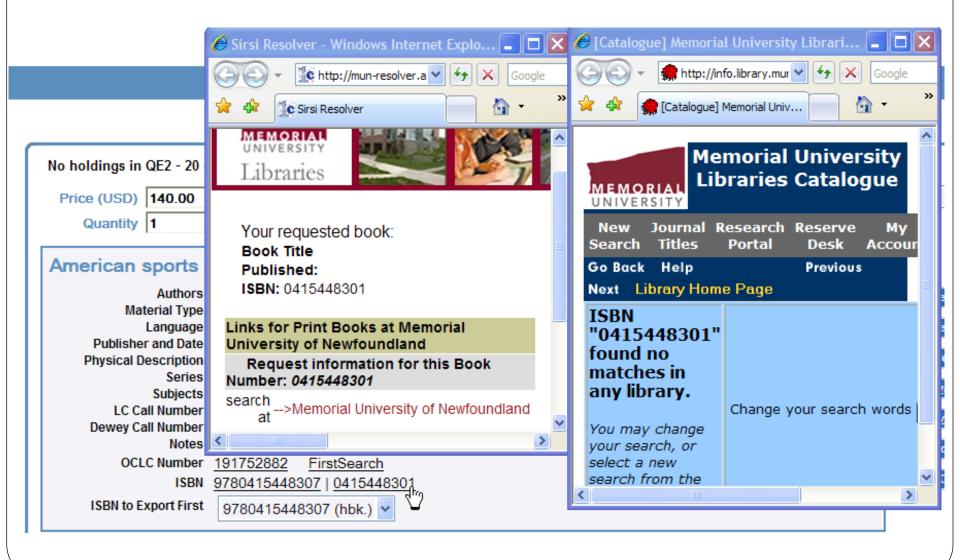
Search Notification Records

Search In Inbox	
For	Title
and	Author
and	Publisher
and	Subject
and	Deferred Reason V
and	Call Number
and	Publication Date V
and	Added Date
and	Source
and	Projected Date
<u>S</u> earch <u>C</u> lea	ar

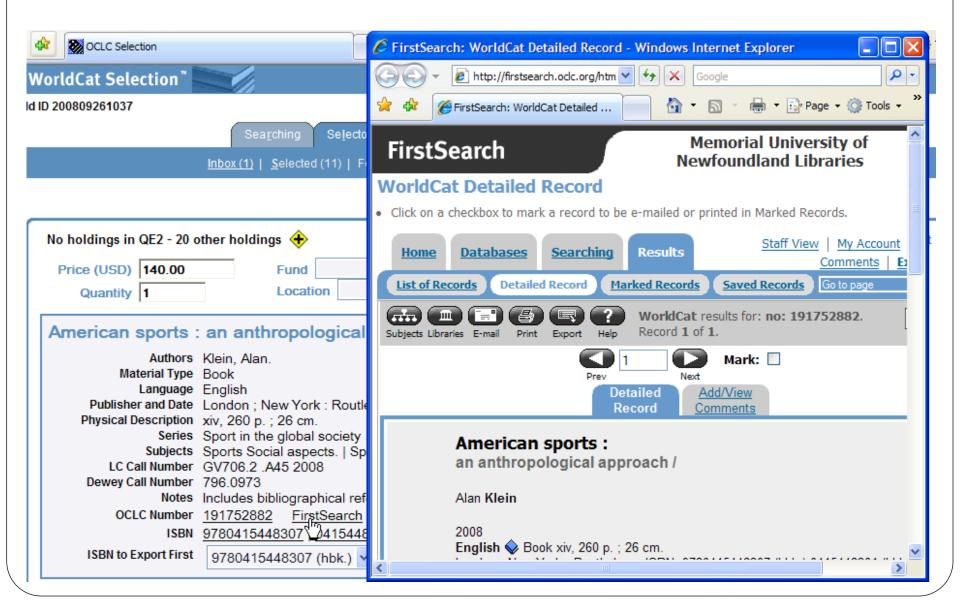
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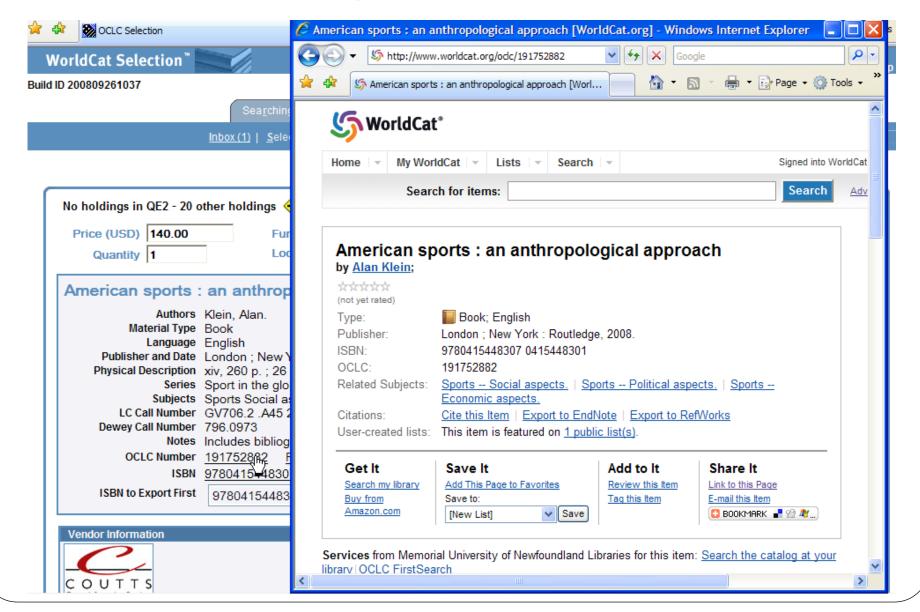
Resolver Link



FirstSearch Link



WorldCat.org Link



Notification Details: Vendor Data

Vendor Information



Vendor Control Number 5903066

Vendor Customer ID 5755A00

Profile MMPE

First Printed United Kingdom

Edition Newly Published Works

Binding Cloth

Sets and Series Unnumbered

Readership Level (1) Graduate - Research

Readership Level (2) Upper Undergraduate

Geographic Characteristics United States

Book Type Collected Articles (prev. publ.)

Interdisciplinary Studies Anthropological

Interdisciplinary Studies Sociological

Interdisciplinary Studies Gender/Sexualities Studies

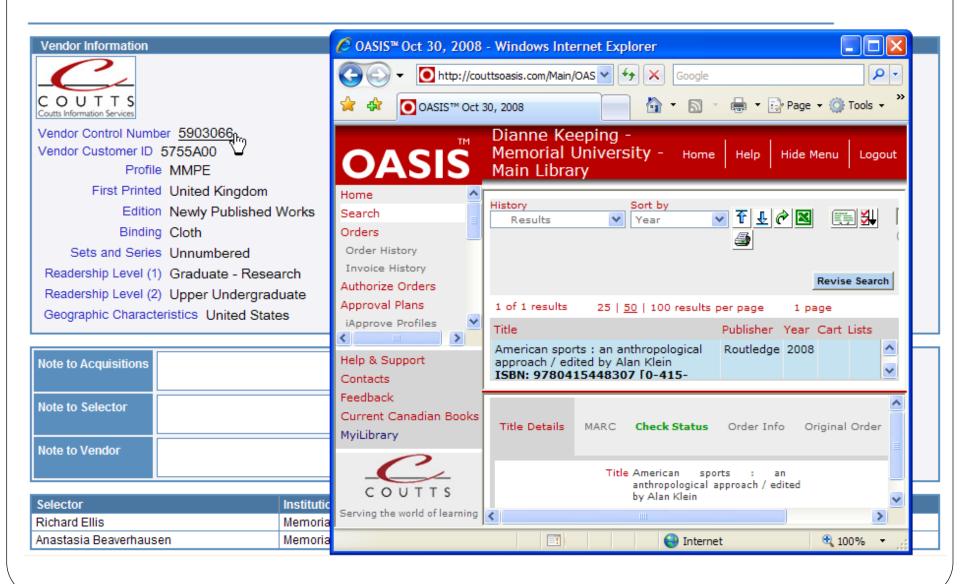
List Currency USD

Price in List Currency 140.00

Invoice Currency USD

Price in Invoice Currency 140.00

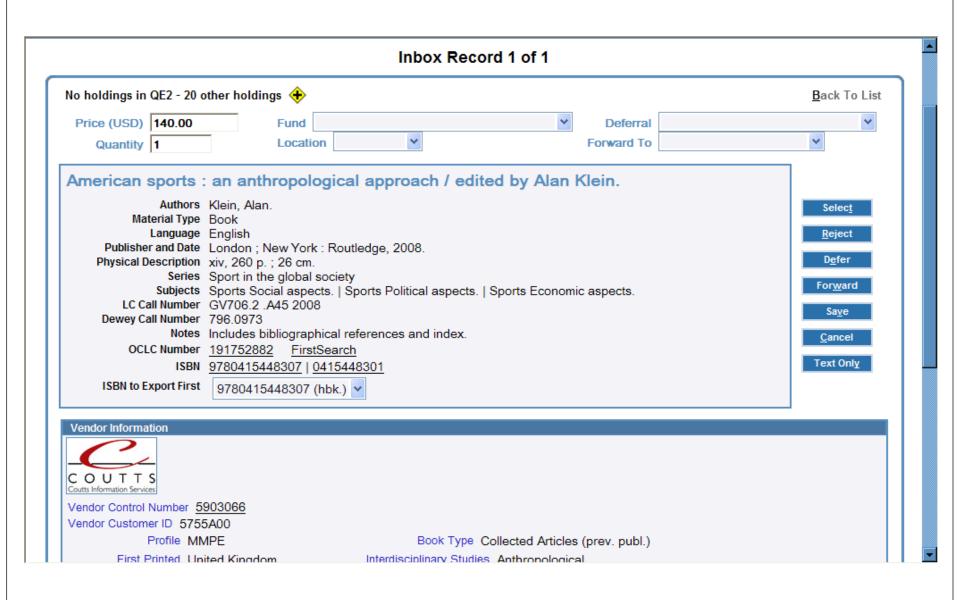
Vendor Link



Notification Details: Notes & Status

Note to Acquisitions	Characters remaining = 500
Note to Selector	Characters remaining = 500
Note to Vendor	Characters remaining = 500

Selector	Institution	Origin	Status	Updated
Richard Ellis	Memorial Univ/Newfoundland, Elizabeth li	Coutts	Inbox	20081004
Anastasia Beaverhausen	Memorial Univ/Newfoundland, Elizabeth li	Coutts	Inbox	20081004



- The system is slow & there are frequent internal server errors
- The automatic slip rejection feature is inconsistent
- More sort options are needed in the Inbox
- The price should be visible in the main Inbox screen
- Selectors should be able to keep a list of items that have been forwarded to colleagues
- The system does not yet have a built in user friendly faculty feedback option

Using WorldCat Selection Acquisitions Functions

Selected Items Summary

Selected Items

The number of currently selected records is 69

Export All Funds and Vendors

Export Selected Records

Distribution of selected records

Select	Count	Fund Code	Fund Description
	26	72000-21	MAIN BOOK MATHEMATICS
	2	72000-15	MAIN BOOK FOLKLORE
	1	72000-38	MAIN BOOK PSYCH-SOC
	7	72000-03	MAIN BOOK BIOCHEMISTRY
	3	72000-05	MAIN BOOK CHEMISTRY
	1	72000-37	MAIN BOOK PSYCH-SCI
	1	72000-25	MAIN BOOK PHYSICS
	2	72000-63	MAIN BOOK GENERAL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
	19	72000-01	MAIN BOOK COMPUTER SCIENCE
	6	72000-70	MAIN BOOK WOMEN'S STUDIES
	1	72000-99	MAIN BOOK ANTHROPOLOGY

Select	Count	Vendor
	4	Blackwell-UK
	54	Blackwell-US
	11	Coutts

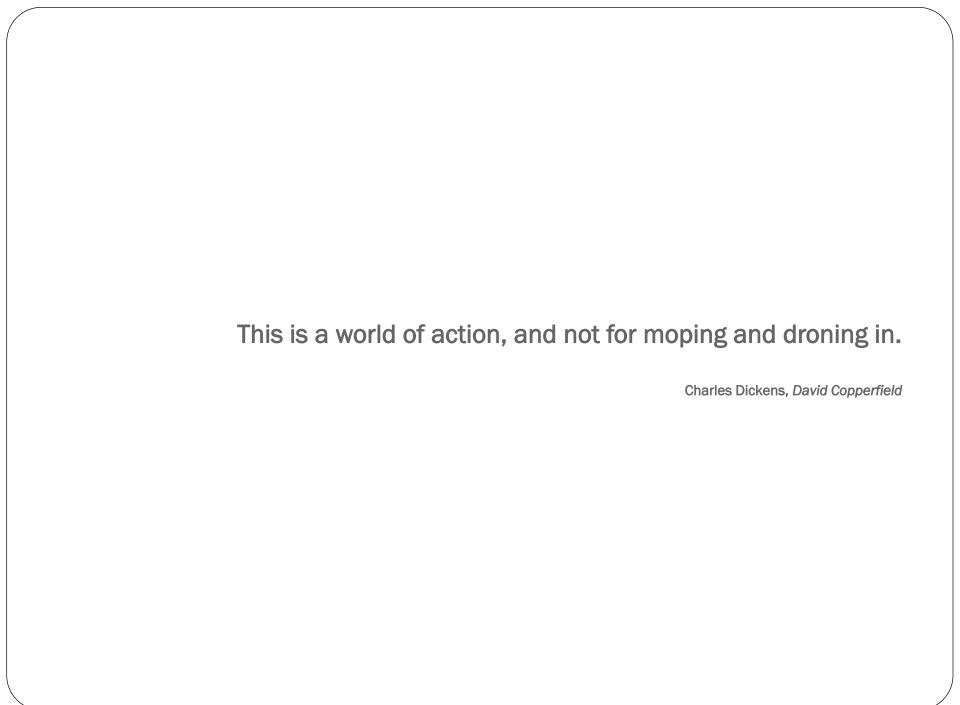
Count	Selector Name
11	Dianne Keeping
13	Erin Alcock
45	lan Gibson

Export Selected Records

- Sirsi Unicorn is not yet completely EDIFACT compliant, so 9xx/x12 orders cannot be processed with the European vendors
 - Possible solutions:
 - Patience! Enhancements to Unicorn's EDIFACT functions are expected within the next year or two
 - Interim measure: records can be exported from WCS by vendor and the order placed in the usual pre-EDI manner

- Acquisitions staff are not able to review and modify selections before exporting the records to the Library's ILS
 - Possible solutions:
 - The addition of a title list feature to the <u>Acquisitions Selected Items</u> screen, so staff could view the list of selections by vendor, fund, selector, *etc*.
 - Proposed enhancements to the WCS Forwarding function would allow Selectors to simply forward their selections to the Acquisitions supervisor, but still retain a record of what they intend to purchase. Acquisitions would then make the selection in WCS and export to the ILS
 - Add Acquisitions authorizations to Selectors' accounts so staff can review and export title selections directly from the Selector's account
 - If all of the Worldcat Selection partners had hotlinks to their databases, then selections could be made directly in the vendor's database
 - Sirsi Unicorn Selection module (maybe?!)

- Vendors sometimes cancel intentional duplicate EDI orders that have been placed for branch libraries
 - If this problem is occurring when placing orders in the vendor's own system, what sort of problems will occur if branch library selectors are using WorldCat Selection?



Conclusion

Is electronic selection a far, far better thing?

Maybe