

Background Information ... Why are we doing this?

InfoTrack, the inventory system originally purchased by the Depository in 1992, was in need of replacement

1. The computer that held the database was very old
2. The software, InfoTrack, has limited technical support
3. The setup ran on a Novell Network
4. Only Depository staff could access information about Depository materials

Some librarians believed that rather than replace the existing inventory control system at the Depository, it would be a good idea to some incorporate Depository holdings into the local INNOPACs.

1. This required moving the shelving location from InfoTrack to the local catalog
2. InfoTrack stored the barcode number assigned to the item by the local library, and the shelf number and box number of its storage location in the Depository

Depository staff worked with the systems staff from Kent State University and NEOUCOM.

1. Depository staff offloaded the files of each participating library site.
2. The offloaded file contained the original barcode on each item and the shelf and box numbers from the Depository shelving location.
3. KSU library computer staff wrote a program to perform the following functions
 - Compare the original barcodes in the Depository with the barcode numbers on items in the local INNOPACs
 - Report duplicate barcode numbers and non-matched numbers
 - Local staff corrected the errors reported by the initial matching program

After all of the problems were cleaned up, item records were unloaded from the local INNOPACs and the new Depository barcode number was inserted into its matching item record, based on the original barcode number.

1. A second new field was added to the item records at this time, also. The shelf number/box id were added in a subfield s (which reads STORBOX)
2. The item records were reloaded into the local INNOPACs.
3. Eventually, all items in the Depository will be assigned a new barcode number that reflects the Storage Shelf, Box ID, and the number of the item in the tray.
4. New barcode number labeling will take many years to complete, but in the meantime, Depository staff will know where to locate an item by looking in item records in the local INNOPAC instead of going to InfoTrack.

This barcode number is quite unique

1. Most item records representing items in the Depository now look something like this in the local INNOPAC (VT100 text display):
 - VOL. v.18 1996
 - BC AJ0122*11C003
 - BC 30000000215187
 - STORBOX AJ0122-11C000
 - Notice the * in the first barcode number. This indicates that the item has not yet been officially labeled with its new barcode. When a depository barcode number is officially placed on an item the * will be changed to a - .
 - Also, notice that the first barcode number ends in 003. The STORBOX number ends in 000.
 - Theoretically, this item is the third item in the storage box
2. Depository staff purchased a barcode software package and a printer to print these barcodes new barcodes
3. Loading of Depository barcode numbers into the local INNOPACs began in 2003 and was completed in 2006.

And then...

1. The NE Regional Depository began to run out of room
2. A request for a second module was denied by the State.
3. It was time to look at eliminating duplicates in the Depository

All five depositories in the State are facing the same dilemma as the NE Regional Depository.

1. The directors responsible for the library depositories across the state began discussing the duplication problem across the five depositories.
2. The members of the NE Regional Depository have become leaders in tackling the duplication problem locally and in leading a statewide discussion including all depository libraries.