

Subject Analysis Committee December 2022 Report

What is the name of your committee?

Subject Analysis Committee

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If your committee is part of a section, please select it (if applicable)

Metadata & Collections

Which report are you submitting?

December

How many times did your group meet during this reporting period?

2-3

Please summarize work accomplished, decisions made, and follow-up actions determined during the past 6 months.**First Activity**

One item of new business was introduced and conducted over SAC's committee list in November through December 2021. The committee approved a collaboration with the ALA Graphic Novels and Cataloging Round Table (GNCRT) Metadata and Cataloging Committee. The purpose of this group is to expand on "special provisions" to LC's Subject Heading Manual instruction H1430 (Comics and Comic Characters). A draft of the proposal was made available during the "midwinter" meeting (January 2022), and voted upon by email in the week following the meeting.

Aligns with these Strategic Areas of Focus (select one or more)

- Advocacy and EDI

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Second Activity

The committee voted to close the charge of the SAC Working Group on Alternatives to LCSH “Illegal aliens,” which was formed in June 2019. There had been some discussion on keeping the working group open for the purposes of creating a clearinghouse of alternative practices for handling controversial subject terms. The consensus was that this avenue may be better pursued under a separate charge. More discussion on the clearinghouse idea will take place on the committee's email list.

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- Membership and Engagement

Third Activity

The SAC Subcommittee on Faceted Vocabularies (SSFV) has drafted a new resource currently titled, “Retrospective Implementation of Library of Congress Faceted Vocabularies: Best Practices for Librarians and Programmers.” More discussion on how to proceed with presenting this resource for broad use will take place by email. Casey Mullin, the current chair, will be rotating off the subcommittee this summer.

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- Continuing Education
- Membership and Engagement

Fourth Activity

SAC's chair and vice-chair are working with Core to enhance opportunities virtual participation, including providing a space for public discussion of issues that are before the committee. That space went live shortly before the January meeting. (Core Subject Analysis Committee Public Space: <https://connect.ala.org/core/communities/community-home?CommunityKey=f0f2a3bc-328d-47ac-a0db-8cc40d7fef1f>)

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Fifth Activity

The committee has continued to engage with monthly review of LCSH tentative lists. Several members also worked on LC's multiple subdivisions project, which is wrapping up.

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What will your group be working on for the next 6 months?

SAC will work on follow-ups as noted in the summaries of activities. Additionally, several requests for consideration by SAC were made, which will be followed up by committee email discussion, including:

- Should SAC join the PCC DEI Advisory Committee in asking LC to provide the rationale behind “Illegal immigration”?
- Would SAC want to make a statement to follow up a suggestion presented at the February 2022 PCC Participants Meeting encouraging LC to install an editorial board with non-LC members, for reviewing LCSH and LCC proposals?

Is there anything Core could have provided during this time that would have helped your group with its work?

Jenny Levine has been very helpful with answering logistical questions from the committee and for setting up the SAC Public Space.

Please provide suggestions for future education topics, initiatives, publications, resources, or other activities that could be developed based on your group's work.

The SAC Subcommittee on Faceted Vocabularies will be exploring formats for presentation of its new resource, summarized in the report of activities. The aim is for it to be a continually evolving digital integrating resource.

Please describe anything you need to bring to the Core Board for discussion or action at their next meeting.

The Dewey Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee is lacking an ALA nominated position. We hope that the Core Board will be able to make an appointment in the near future.

Today's Date

01/30/2022