**American Library Association 2022 Annual Virtual Conference**

**Update for Library of Congress**

**COVID PANDEMIC RESPONSE/RETURN TO FULL OPERATIONS**

The Library of Congress announced its return to full operations effective April 11, 2022, more than two years after the adoption of pandemic-related protocols and restrictions. All Library of Congress reading rooms are open to researchers, Monday through Saturday, with prior appointments recommended but not required. The Library’s many exhibits are open with timed-entry passes, free of charge. The popular “Live! At the Library” series has resumed on Thursday evenings, offering extended exhibit hours and special presentations to honor Pride Month, the Washington Nationals baseball team, and photographer Annie Leibovitz.

In conjunction with its return to full operations, the Library of Congress has instituted a more flexible work schedule and greater options for telework by nearly all employees. During onsite work, ABA ensures that social distancing and other covid-19 pandemic protocols are observed.

**OFFICE OF THE LIBRARIAN**

**Congressional Relations Office**

Fiscal 2022 Appropriations Update

Summary of Fiscal 2022 Appropriations:

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| Library Account | Fiscal 2021  Enacted | Fiscal 2022 Request | Fiscal 2022 House Bill  ([H.R. 4346](https://www.congress.gov/117/crpt/hrpt80/CRPT-117hrpt80.pdf)) | Fiscal 2022 Omnibus  ([H.R. 2471](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2471/text)) |
| LC Salaries & Expenses | $523,654,000 | $557,111,000 | $548,317,000 | $550,620,874 |
| Copyright Office  CO\*,S&E Offsetting Collections, PYUB\*\*  Total Appropriation, COP, S&E | 93,416,000  -44,782,000  48,634,000 | 98,038,000  -44,974,000  53,064,000 | 98,038,000  -44,974,000  53,064,000 | 98,038,000  -44,973,000  53,065,000 |
| CRS | 125,495,000 | 129,606,000 | 131,770,000 | 129,106,000 |
| NLS | 59,563,000 | 61,227,000 | 61,227,000 | 61,227,000 |
| Total Budget Authority  Total Appropriation  Total Offsetting Collections, PYUB | **$802,128,000**  **$757,346,000**  **$44,782,000** | **$845,982,000**  **$801,008,000**  **$44,974,000** | **$839,352,000**  **$794,378,000**  **$44,974,000** | **$838,991,874**  **$794,018,874**  **$44,973,000** |

\* Rounding error in Copyright Office Offsetting Collections - $1,000,000.

\*\* This chart includes appropriations and the effect of offsetting collections authority and unobligated prior year collections that decrease the appropriations in Copyright Office, S&E.

Other significant programmatic increases enacted include:

○ Library Collections Access Platform (L-CAP) [$6.500M/ 9 FTE] – To replace the legacy Integrated Library System (ILS) implemented in 1999 and to modernize and integrate multiple standalone systems that involve collections management and access.

○ Microsoft 365/ Cloud-based office productivity tool [$2.663M/ 2 FTE] – For the implementation of a cloud-based office productivity tool to replace the Microsoft Office suites.

○ Integrated Electronic Security System (IESS) [$4.394M/ 2 FTE] – To modernize the Library’s Integrated Electronic Security System (IESS), which is used by both the Library and the U.S. Capitol Police for physical security monitoring of Library facilities and access from the Library to the broader Capitol campus.

○ Cellular Upgrade / Converged Communications [$4.400M] – For the replacement of legacy 3G cellular communications, which provides 50 percent coverage, with full 5G cellular coverage of 98 percent.

○ CASE Act Implementation [$3.163M/ 8 FTE] – To support implementation of the Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement (CASE) Act, which establishes a Copyright Claims Board (CCB) within the United States Copyright Office to resolve copyright infringement claims below a certain monetary value, which will require dedicated resources to support its startup and operation.

Fiscal 2023 Appropriations Update

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Library Account | Fiscal 2022  Enacted | Fiscal 2023 Request |
| LC Salaries & Expenses | $550,620,874 | $579,876,000 |
| Copyright Office\*  CO,S&E Offsetting Collections, PYUB  Total Appropriation, COP, S&E | 98,038,000  -44,973,000  53,065,000 | 100,674,000  -46,912,000  53,762,000 |
| CRS | 129,106,000 | 132,600,000 |
| NLS | 61,227,000 | 58,657,000 |
| Total Budget Authority  Total Appropriation  Total Offsetting Collections, PYUB | **$838,991,874**  **$794,018,874**  **$44,973,000** | **$871,807,000**  **$824,895,000**  **$46,912,000** |

\* This chart includes appropriations and the effect of offsetting collections authority and unobligated prior year collections that decrease the appropriations in Copyright Office, S&E.

**CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

**Human Capital Directorate (HCD)**

Careers at the Library of Congress

Librarians have opportunities to apply competitively for positions.

Job opportunities at the Library of Congress: <https://www.loc.gov/careers/>.

A new email alert subscription, **Jobs and Internship Opportunities**, shares notices of employment and internship opportunities at the Library of Congress. Subscribe via <https://updates.loc.gov/accounts/USLOC/subscriber/new?topic_id=USLOC_154>.

Librarians-in-Residence at the Library of Congress Program.In June 2021, the Library is welcoming its fourth cohort of Librarians-in-Residence, leading this unique program into another level of maturity. The program gives early-career librarians the opportunity to gain meaningful work experience in the following areas of specialization: Acquisitions and Collection Development, Archives and Special Collections, Cataloging and Metadata, Collection Preservation, Reference and Instruction, and Systems and Standards. The program accepts applications from emerging professionals who have completed their master’s degree in an ALA-accredited library and information science program within the last year-and-a-half prior to starting their residency. The next open application period will be in late autumn 2021.

Library of Congress Internships (LOCI) and Conduit Program.In September 2022, the Library will welcome its fifth cohort of Librarians-in-Residence. This will be the first time since the pandemic that all Residents will report onsite. The program gives early-career librarians the opportunity to gain meaningful work experience in the following areas of specialization: Acquisitions and Collection Development, Archives and Special Collections, Cataloging and Metadata, Collection Preservation, Reference and Instruction, and Systems and Standards. The program accepts applications from emerging professionals who have completed their master’s degree in an ALA-accredited library and information science program within the last 18 months prior to starting their residency. The next open application period will be in the late fall of 2022.

CDS (Cataloging Distribution Service). CDS continues to make available MARC open-access datasets in its service “MDSConnect.” The new datasets include nearly 25 million MARC records, as distributed in the 2016 unabridged Retrospective file sets, in UTF8 and XML formats. They are made available primarily for research and development uses and remain free to the public. Please see URL < <http://www.loc.gov/cds/products/marcDist.php>> for more information.

**LIBRARY COLLECTIONS AND SERVICES GROUP**

The Library Collections and Services Group (LCSG) comprises the Discovery and Preservation Services Directorate (DPS), Researcher and Collections Services Directorate (RCS), the Law Library of Congress, the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, and the Operation Management and Financial Management directorates, which serve all LCSG units. Internships and Fellowships Programs was reassigned to the Human Capital Directorate, effective Oct. 1, 2020. On Oct. 1, 2021, the former Library Services service unit was reorganized to form two new directorates, DPS and RCS.

Discovery and Preservation Services includes the Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access, Digital Services, and Preservation directorates. Katherine L. “Kate” Zwaard was permanently appointed associate librarian for DPS, effective June 20, 2022. She was formerly director for Digital Strategy in the Office of the Chief Information Officer and had been acting associate librarian for DPS since January 2022.

Researcher and Collections Services includes the Special Collections Directorate (including the American Folklife Center), General and International Collections Directorate, Collection Development Office, John W. Kluge Center, and National Audio-Visual Conservation Center. Robin L. Dale, Deputy Librarian of Congress for Collections and Services, is also acting associate librarian for RCS while a national recruitment effort for a permanent associate librarian for RCS is underway.

Other staff changes are reported under each directorate.

**DISCOVERY AND PRESERVATION SERVICES**

**Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access Directorate**

Judith Cannan, Chief of the Policy, Training and Cooperative Programs Division (PTCP), received two of the American Library Association’s highest honors during the 2022 Annual Conference. She received the ALA Medal of Excellence Award at the Awards and President’s Program on Sunday, June 26. This annual award, sponsored by OCLC, recognizes creative leadership of high order, particularly in the fields of library management, library training, cataloging and classification, and the tools and techniques of librarianship. She received the Margaret Mann Citation, sponsored by OCLC and ALA Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures, at the Core President’s Program and Awards, Saturday, June 25, 4:00-5:00 pm. The Margaret Mann Citation is accompanied by a $2,000 scholarship donated in the recipient’s honor by OCLC to the library school of the winner’s choice. Cannan chose the [Department of Library and Information Science](https://lis.catholic.edu/) at The Catholic University of America.

Revised romanization tables. With the American Library Association (ALA), the Library of Congress maintains guidelines on standardized romanization to use in metadata cataloging records for content in non-Latin scripts, such as Arabic, Chinese, Cyrillic, and Hebrew. These guidelines are critical to ensuring wide access to unique resources in the Library and beyond. The Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access (ABA) Directorate and the African and Asian Materials (CC:AAM), and Description and Access (CC:DA) groups within the Metadata and Collections Section of ALA Core have jointly developed the [Revised Procedural Guidelines for Proposed New or Revised Romanization Tables](https://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/romguid_2010.html) in order to provide standardized and consistent romanization used in the metadata cataloging records for non-Latin script materials. Prior to the implementation, the romanization table review was on moratorium for several years. Formation of a Romanization Table Review Board to oversee, review, and approve proposals is key to the revised procedures. The board is made up of representatives from the Library and the two ALA committees. Since adopting the new guidelines, the board has voted to approve proposals for Macedonian and Armenian. The review of proposals for Japanese and Church Slavic has entered the final stage. The board has also begun to develop two new romanization tables for Meitei (modern Manipuri) and ADLaM, a script that is used for certain languages of western Africa.

LC-CEAL Internship.The Library of Congress is the host institution for the LC-Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL) Internship Program. The internship program was disrupted by the pandemic.  To adapt to the ongoing situation, the Northeast Asia Section of ASME collaborated with the CEAL Executive Board and the selected intern to develop a hybrid internship model in the past year. The intern received both onsite and remote training with professional staff throughout various Library divisions. This successful new model has strengthened the collaboration between LC and CEAL and continues to contribute towards the expansion of East Asian librarianship.

Thai and Armenian scripts input testing in Voyager.The Asian and Middle Eastern Division and the ABA Jakarta and Cairo overseas offices have been working with the ILS Program Office since January 2022 to expand Voyager characters beyond MARC-8 repertoire for Thai, Armenian and Mongolian. To prepare for the test, the MARC21 character configuration file has been updated to include the characters of those three languages. The test is conducted in the LC staging database. All Thai characters were input using Microsoft IME functionality and saved successfully in the record, passing the Validator check. The display of the characters in the Arial Unicode font set in both the cataloging module and the OPAC received good results. To prepare for Armenian testing, the LC Transliterator software has also been updated with newly added Armenian characters for input. The testing is scheduled to resume in late June after the scheduled upgrade of the ILS to Voyager 10.3.

BIBFRAME (Bibliographic Framework Initiative)

The Network Development and MARC Standards Office (NDMSO) and the Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division (PTCP) continue work on BIBFRAME development and testing. BIBFRAME is the foundation for the future of bibliographic description that happens on the web and in the networked world. It is designed to integrate with and engage in the wider information community while serving the very specific needs of libraries.

Approximately 100 Library of Congress staff currently produce BIBFRAME descriptions for text, maps, moving images, notated (print) music, rare books, sound recordings, still images, and moving images in 35mm film, BluRay, and DVD formats, providing the library community with a growing testbed of linked open metadata. The ABA Directorate plans to train an additional 350 Library of Congress staff in BIBFRAME by the close of calendar 2022. Meanwhile, the Library’s Network Development and MARC Standards Office continues to refine the BIBFRAME-to-MARC conversion tool and supporting tools. The BIBFRAME Database and the Library of Congress linked open data service, ID.loc.gov, were merged at the beginning of 2022, so that catalogers do not have to switch between the two databases as they work. BIBFRAME has gained a new capability--building subject access points in BIBFRAME using authorized *Library of Congress Subject Headings.* Development work currently focuses on data distribution and on accommodation of data in non-Latin scripts.

The Library of Congress has also focused on publicizing the BIBFRAME initiative throughout the library and information communities in 2022. Kevin Ford of the ABA Network Development and MARC Standards Office (NDMSO) and Yan (Clara) Liao of the ABA Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division (PTCP) were invited by the National Taiwan University Library to speak at the 2022 virtual conference “Break the Wall, Build the Link” on May 26, 2022. Their presentations were on “BIBFRAME at the Library of Congress: The Technological Landscape” (Ford, in English) and “LC’s BIBFRAME Journey: Jumping Out of the Frame” (Liao, mostly in Chinese). Both presentations are available [here](https://www.space.ntu.edu.tw/navigate/s/F30DCBD65AB74D9497E3247D5D7436E7QQY).

Cataloging in Publication (CIP)/DEWEY

From Oct. 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022, the CIP Program cataloged 24,926 CIP records for print and e-books. Of these, institutional members of the CIP Partnership Program contributed 2,283 CIP records. A contract completed 1,538 CIP records.

CIP e-book developments.As of March 31 in fiscal 2022, the CIP Program created 17,044 e-book bibliographic records and received 9,098 e-book files from 126 publisher and aggregator sftp accounts. 25,721 e-book files have been verified and ingested. The CIP Program continued to collaborate with staff in the Digital Content Management (DCM) Section, Digital Collections Management and Services Division, and the Integrated Library Support Program Office (ILSPO), leveraging routinized workflows that were created by DCM and ILSPO to enhance automation of the Library's content management system. The team continued to utilize a batch processing solution to review and sort deliveries, automate record cloning and creation, and shift to scalable and repeatable automated solutions. Thus far, 17,044 titles have moved through the batch process workflow since Oct. 1, 2020.

PrePub Book Link/ISNI.Caroline Saccucci collaborated with Michelle Durocher of Harvard University to incorporate ISNI (International Standard Name Identifiers) in the CIP data application request. The OAQ (Online Author Questionnaire) field was re-purposed to support ISNI field. As of March 31, 2022, a total of 531 contributors with ISNI information have been added to the CIP data application request.

Dewey statistical information.The LC Dewey Program supports libraries worldwide that use the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) to organize their collections. From Oct. 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, the Library of Congress assigned 36,400 Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) numbers to monograph and serial bibliographic records. Dewey classifiers assigned 13,294 DDC to print and CIP records. 23,106 CIP e-book records were assigned DDC. Catalogers assigned 2,165 DDC to monograph records using the AutoDewey software program.  The copy cataloging process resulted in 23,876 copied DDC numbers (i.e., MARC field 082, second indicator 4) in print monograph records. CIP Partnership Program libraries—Northwestern University, Queens Library, the U.S. Government Publishing Office, and New Mexico State Library—assigned 286 Dewey numbers to the bibliographic records they created for the CIP Program. The U.S. ISSN Center and other serials librarians assigned 1,871 DDC to ISSN records. In addition to DDC assignment, Dewey classifiers added Library of Congress Classification to 284 CIPs cataloged by the National Library of Medicine.

Cataloging Policy and Cooperative Cataloging

RDA Metadata Guidance Documentation. The Library of Congress continues its extensive support for the cataloguing instructions *RDA: Resource Description & Access.*  The Library of Congress is an institutional member of the North American RDA Committee (NARDAC), which elects the North American member of the RDA Steering Committee. The Library’s two representatives to NARDAC are Melanie Polutta, a cataloguing policy specialist in PTCP, and Yan (Clara) Liao, head of the Cooperative Training and Policy Section, PTCP, who is also the current NARDAC chair.

The RDA Metadata Guidance Documentation (MGD) was posted to the Library of Congress Cataloging and Acquisitions website in March 2022. The MGD will be used with the Official RDA Toolkit and the accompanying LC-PCC Policy Statements (LC-PCC PSs). It gives detailed instructions and examples, expanding on the instruction in the Toolkit and the LC-PCC PSs. The MGD project was launched in June 2021 and was completed Jan. 31, 2022, through the joint efforts of PCC (Program for Cooperative Cataloging) institutions and the LC RDA project team. The latter consisted of 14 staff from all ABA cataloging divisions and the Music Division in the Special Collections Directorate. The PCC MGD team included staff from five U.S. universities and the British Library. Applying the Official RDA Toolkit instructions in conjunction with the LC-PCC PSs and the MGDs will enable cataloging work to be completed in the new RDA era.

The Official RDA Toolkit and MGD documentation are not to be used in PCC cataloging at this time. After PCC completes its Official RDA Test later this year, PCC will make an implementation decision concerning the Official RDA Toolkit, not before October 2022.

Subject cataloging policy. The Library of Congress began implementing MARC 21 field 688 (Application History Note) in February 2022 in authority records for the following vocabularies: Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH), Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms for Library and Archival Materials (LCGFT), Library of Congress Demographic Group Terms (LCDGT), Library of Congress Medium of Performance Thesaurus for Music (LCMPT), and Library of Congress Children’s Subject Headings (CYAC). The field will be added to new authority records in these vocabularies. It will be added retrospectively to existing authority records only when needed, e.g. when a heading is being changed, and when the information is readily available. Subscribers to the Library’s MARC Distribution Service Subject-Authorities began to see the new field in distributed records in April 2022.

As part of its efforts to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in LCSH, the Library is in the process of changing the subject headings **Slaves** to **Enslaved persons,** **Blacks** to **Black people,** and **Whites** to **White people.** It has also removed the word “primitive” from all LCSH headings on art and architecture. Access for comics has been improved by establishing new pattern “[Topic] in comics” and a new free-floating subdivision “--In comics”. On June 17, 2022, PTCP approved the new LCSH heading **White privilege (Social structure).** These changes in LCSH will lead to updating many bibliographic records, which will be redistributed by the Library’s Cataloging Distribution Service as PTCP completes them.

LCGFT. On Jan. 31, 2022, PTCP announced that the moratorium on proposing Library of Congress Demographic Group Terms had ended. Following standard policy, LC catalogers and members of the Subject Authority Cooperative (SACO) program may now propose additional demographic group terms as well as revisions to existing terms.

The LCDGT Manual has been thoroughly updated and published at URL: https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeLCDGT/freelcdgt.html. Please consult this manual for guidance on how to formulate and propose terms. Note that when an LCDGT proposal is ready to be scheduled to a tentative list, catalogers should send an email to lcdgt@loc.gov. The email should include “Proposal” in the subject line, and provide the LCCN and/or 150 field for each proposal.

Each tentative list will be posted for public comment, and then will be evaluated by the LCDGT Advisory Group. The Advisory Group consists of one LC cataloging policy specialist and nine members from external organizations. Because these external members are volunteering their time, the Advisory Group can only promise to address a maximum of 100 proposals a month. The Advisory Group wishes to consider proposals from a wide variety of sources, so catalogers who have a large number of proposals to submit should put them in priority order and submit batches monthly

New editions of subject cataloging tools. The 2022 PDF editions of LCSH, LCGFT, LCDGT, and LCMPT, as well as the LC Classification schedules and tables, were published in May 2022. They may be found under “Products available for download” on the ABA website, URL <http://www.loc.gov/aba/>.

Children’s Literature and Young Adults Cataloging (CYAC) and Literature Section

The Children’s and Young Adults’ Cataloging Program (CYAC) creates metadata for the wide range of fiction material available in the U.S. for children and young adults. These metadata are used by publishers, researchers, school libraries, and public libraries.

The CYAC team creates and publishes policy and procedure documents (“C memos”) for CYAC cataloging. Ten C memos were created this year and are now available at: <https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeCYAC/freecyac.html>. The CYAC catalogers collaborated with PTCP to revise Subject Cataloging Manual memo H 1430 (Comics and Comic Characters).

The team continues to evaluate CYAC headings that are needed for all communities. For the monthly list, 03 CYAC, the team added the subject heading **LGBTQ+ people** and updated a number of related headings.

The CYAC team is in the process of creating authority records for the 11,500 CYAC subject headings and uploading them to ClassificationWeb and id.loc.gov so they will be available to the larger cataloging community. The team has started to review headings that were automatically loaded. There are currently ten approved subject lists, which are available at [**https://classweb.org/approved-subjects**](https://classweb.org/approved-subjects). The CYAC program is also reviewing and establishing subject hierarchies--specifically a network of broader, narrower, and related terms--when necessary, for many of the subject headings.

The CYAC team is testing CYAC records in BIBFRAME and working with developers to ensure that the appropriate subject headings are displayed and labeled correctly.

ISSN (International Standard Serial Number)

**Intern project on predatory publishing. The U.S. ISSN Center hosted a remote research project for three interns (one from LC’s intern program and two from the University of Michigan’s School of Information) on ISSN and “predatory publishing” of scholarly journals.** Regina Romano Reynolds mentored the interns with the assistance of ISSN Senior Librarian, Karen Ross. **The four-month project culminated on May 9, 2022, with a 35-page report, “**Identifiers, Indexing Services, Publishing Associations, and Visibility.” The interns shadowed two ISSN librarians and interviewed representatives of global A&I organizations in order to investigate the phenomenon of deceptive publishers in the scholarly journals publishing industry. They explored the negative effects of this phenomenon on naive but legitimate journals, and the role of identifiers such as ISSN. A key finding is that the lack of an ISSN can hurt a journal’s visibility and discoverability, and thus its viability, as well as damaging the scholars who publish in the journal. The report also indicated that distinguishing deceptive from inexperienced publishers is difficult even for professionals, and that there are no standardized assessment criteria or processes used within or across the organizations studied.

Two papers focused on MARC field 856 are scheduled for discussion by the MARC Advisory Committee (MAC) in its virtual meeting, June 28, 2022, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Proposal No. 2022-08: Recording Persistent Identifiers and File Formats in Field 856 of the MARC 21 Formats; and Discussion Paper No. 2022-DP06: Defining a New Field to Record Electronic Archive Location and Access in the MARC 21 Formats were both submitted by the ISSN International Centre and the Finnish National Library, with input from Regina Romano Reynolds.

Overseas Operations

The Library’s six overseas offices located in Cairo, Islamabad, Jakarta, Nairobi, New Delhi and Rio de Janeiro acquire, catalog, and preserve materials from parts of the world where the book and information industries are not well developed. The ABA Directorate, which administers the overseas offices, has updated the offices’ supervisory structures. Laila Mulgaokar, formerly field director for the Library of Congress’s office in New Delhi, India, was appointed LOC field director in Jakarta, Indonesia, on Jan. 15, 2022. Her predecessor in Jakarta, Carol Mitchell, remained in Jakarta for the rest of the month to provide consultation and orientation to the office before returning to the U.S. and retiring from the Library at the end of March. Fehl Cannon, field director for Islamabad, Pakistan, was appointed the new field director for New Delhi, succeeding Laila. He will also oversee the Islamabad office as collateral duties for a year while ABA management considers long-term options for that office. Phong Tran continues as deputy field director in New Delhi, ABA’s largest overseas office. In January 2022 an open vacancy announcement was posted for a new field director for the Cairo office; the Library has selected an applicant and hopes to announce the new field director soon. Until the new field director can arrive in Cairo, William Kopycki, field director in Nairobi, Kenya, since November 2021, continues to manage both offices from Nairobi. The field director rotations ensure that the Library will be able to acquire and catalog materials from regions where the book trade is not well developed—for both the Library’s collections and other research collections on a cost-recovery basis—while adhering to U.S. Dept. of State personnel requirements.

The overseas offices faced many challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. They are returning to full operations as local conditions and U.S. Embassy requirements permit. Staff in the New Delhi office have made 15 acquisitions trips in the past six weeks, obtaining materials that the office staff will catalog before shipping them to the U.S. for the Library of Congress and cooperative acquisitions partners. The Nairobi office and the Acquisitions, Fiscal, and Overseas Support Division in ABA consulted with the U.S. Dept. of State's Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO) regarding Library space needs within the new Nairobi annex building, currently under construction. They were able to convince OBO that Library operations required appropriate, independent workspace, separate from other agency spaces in the building. Four overseas offices have hired new budget analysts since the pandemic began. The ABA Directorate is planning a conference on Capitol Hill for budget analysts from all six overseas offices in August 2022 to share their concerns and orient them to Library of Congress fiscal operations. The overseas offices’ locally employed staff play a vital role in ensuring that the Library obtains and catalogs materials from more than 75 countries and jurisdictions with developing economies.

Library of Congress Acquisitions and Cataloging Production

*Acquisitions Work* FY22, FY21 FY20 Oct.-March

Items purchased for LC collections 259,776 516,764 688,174

Items acquired for LC by non-purchase 188,856 153,588 1,168,901

Expenditures for collections purchases $14,039,312.28 $8,996,999.72 $20,447,793

*Bibliographic Records Completed* FY22, FY21 FY20 Oct.-March

Original 65,417 155,753 181,278

Collection-level cataloging 57 269 323

Copy cataloging 21,685 63,839 60,279

Minimal level cataloging 6,310 22,620 11,267 Total records completed 93,469 242,481 253,147

Total volumes cataloged 58,490 214,571 252,824 *Records completed include prepublication CIP records and therefore exceed volumes cataloged.*

*Authority Work* FY22, FY21 FY20 Oct.-March

New name authority records 35,609 252,191 81,994

New LC Subject Headings N/A 11,551 8,667

New LC Classification numbers N/A 8,499 2,320

Total authority records created 35,609 272,241 92,981

Integrated Library System Program Office

LC Integrated Library System. The Library is currently running the Voyager 10.1 software in its production environment. The ILS Program Office is planning to upgrade to the Voyager 10.3 release by the end of the year.

In fiscal 2021, users submitted 32 million searches in the LC Catalog with 70 million page views, and 10.8 million searches in the LC Authorities Service.

As of June 1, 2022 the main LC Voyager database contained:

20,154,533 bibliographic records;

22,798,687 holdings records;

28,352,864 item records; and

11,697,328 authority records.

Planning for the Future Library Collections Access Platform. The Library has issued a Request For Proposal (RFP) for a next generation Library Collections Access Platform (L-CAP). Staff throughout the Library identified high-level business needs for L-CAP. Vendor offers were due June 15, 2022. All queries should be directed to the Library’s Contracts and Grants Directorate: <https://sam.gov/opp/9220bb86b03e486c9107ee5f50443f9b/view>

**RESEARCHER AND COLLECTIONS SERVICES**

**Collection Development Office**

Diverse and Inclusive Collecting Guidance

Earlier this year, staff in the Collection Development Office drafted and received approval of standard diverse and inclusive (D&I) collecting text to be added to the Library’s Collections Policy Statements (CPS). Over several weeks, they added the three paragraphs of text to forty-five policy documents and re-posted them on loc.gov. That work concluded in May 2022. The remainder of the documents not yet updated will be handled as they go through the standard CPS revision process over the coming months.  The standard text states:

*As the nation’s de facto national library, the Library of Congress strives to build an expansive, yet selective, collection that records the creativity of the United States and is reflective of the nation’s diversity and complexity. The Library’s mandate is to have collections that are inclusive and representative of a diversity of creators and ideas. A priority includes acquiring material of underrepresented perspectives and voices in the Library’s collections to ensure diverse authorship, points of view, cultural identities, and other historical or cultural factors. The Library also seeks to build a research collection that comprises a globally representative sample of international materials that are diverse in voice and perspective, relative to their places of origin, further supporting the Library’s mission to sustain and preserve a universal collection of knowledge and creativity for Congress and future generations.*

 Collections Policy Statements Review Program

The Collection Development Office has continued its program to review and update on a cyclical basis all the Library’s Collections Policy Statements and associated Supplementary Guidelines. There are more than 70 such documents that guide the Library’s collecting program and are available [here](https://www.loc.gov/acq/devpol/cpsstate.html). To date in the fiscal year that began Oct. 1, 2021, work on six documents has been completed.  The following documents were reviewed, updated and re-posted to the Library’s public website at URL <https://www.loc.gov/acq/devpol/>:

*○ Literature and Language Collections Policy Statement (CPS),* which now incorporates the former *Fantasy and Science Fiction CPS* and the *Lesser Known Languages CPS.*

*○ Children’s Literature CPS*

*○ Non-Library Materials Supplementary Guidelines*

*○ Social Media Supplementary Guidelines*

Digital Collections Strategy

The Library’s *Digital Collections Strategy: Fiscal Years 2022-2026* was approved in September 2021, and is being implemented now. A publicly available overview of the plan is available [here](https://www.loc.gov/acq/devpol/Digital%20Collections%20Strategy%20Overview_final.pdf). The Strategy has four pillars, mirroring the Library’s strategic plan, as follows: Expand Access, Enhance Services, Optimize Resources and Measure Impact. It encompasses the full lifecycle of the Library’s born digital collections, from acquisition to access and preservation. Digitization of the Library’s physical collections is not within scope for this plan.

General Collections Assessment

CDO has begun a systematic analysis of the entire General Collections, using the Library’s Collections Policy Statements as a framework to segment the materials into subject portions for the assessment work. Thus far, assessments have been completed on Fine and Decorative Arts, U.S. History, Naval Science and Political Science. The segment assessments provide a view of the diversity of holdings in terms of attributes easily identifiable from bibliographic data. Sets of ILS data are analyzed to produce visualizations and tables covering publisher, place of publication and language, in addition to other data.