

Subject Analysis Committee May 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?

May

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

1

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

SAC approved a proposal (from a collaboration with the Graphic Novels and Cataloging Round Table (GNCRT) Metadata and Cataloging Committee) to expand on the “special provisions” to LC’s Subject Heading Manual instruction H1430 (Comics and Comic Characters), which was eventually forwarded to Library of Congress.

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

- Advocacy and EDI

Second Activity

SAC approved the new resource produced by the Subcommittee on Faceted Vocabularies (SSFV) 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 took

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place by email. Casey Mullin, the current chair, will be rotating off the subcommittee this summer.

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

- Continuing Education
- Membership and Engagement

Third Activity

SAC approved the formation of a working group to address a suggestion to encourage Library of Congress to install an editorial board with non-LC members for reviewing LCSH and LC classification proposals, as well as other related vocabularies. It was agreed to open the working group to non-SAC members.

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Fourth Activity

The Services to Refugees, Immigrants, and Displaced Persons (SRIDP) Sub-Committee of the Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services Advisory Committee sent a general call for collaborators to address the “Illegal immigration” subject term that has been used as a partial substitution to the previous controversial term “Illegal aliens”. The chair of SAC responded with a message of support, including links to SAC’s work and reports on the “Illegal aliens”.

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Fifth Activity

The committee has continued to engage with monthly review of LCSH tentative lists.

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- Membership and Engagement

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

SAC will further follow up and support the activities described above in this report. There may be further supportive action or collaboration with GNCRT, which will be determined at SAC’s next meeting in June 2022.

SAC has been asked to follow up on a question about deprofessionalization of classification work and

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cataloging.

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

No.

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

Some SAC members have expressed a wish for ALA/Core to have a technology platform capable of building ALA committee/IG-branded websites for hosting projects and committee/IG-sponsored ongoing, continually integrating content. This came out of SSFV's exploration of how to present its new resource, which is intended to be a continually evolving digital integrating resource (i.e., not a static document). Currently the resource is being handled as a document that is frequently updated.

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

There has been confusion over ALA nominations to the Dewey Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC). The EPC has three ALA-nominated positions, one of which had been vacant for an extended period and another recently coming open. We hope that the Core leadership can codify these appointments, so that they aren't missed again going forward.

Some Core leaders met with committee chairs to discuss the need to have a DEI representative/liaison with the division. We need follow-up with a written position description of (at minimum) the duties, expectations, and length of term of the position.

Please share any additional comments, concerns, or suggestions you have.

Thanks go to Jenny Levine, for keeping up with SAC's roster changes, which have occurred as liaison positions rotated or were added.

Today's Date

05/30/2022