**Core Metadata and Collections Section Subject Analysis Committee**

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**OCLC Report**

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**Introduction**

I am pleased to join this committee as OCLC liaison following the retirement of Robert Bremer. I joined OCLC in October 2021 as a vocabulary specialist working on the continuing development of the OCLC ontology model intended to expand the descriptive breadth of [WorldCat Entities](https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/entity).

**Removal of 655 “Electronic Books” from WorldCat Records**

Starting in September 2022, OCLC began removing the term “Electronic Books” from the 655 field of WorldCat records since “Electronic Books” is an indicator of carrier type not a valid genre/form heading. The clean-up project was then expanded to include other “Electronic” resource terms (Electronic article, Electronic audiobook, Electronic newspaper, etc.). Most recently, terms beginning with “Compact disc,” “Downloadable,” “Online resource,” and “Streaming audio” have been added to the list for deletion from 655.

 The terms are being removed when coded as coming from LCSH, LCGFT, an unspecified controlled vocabulary, or a local controlled vocabulary, and include both the singular and plural form of the terms.

The clean-up project is expected to continue through the 2023 calendar year.

A full announcement of the project and updates have been posted to the Core listservs:

<https://connect.ala.org/discussion/removal-of-field-655-electronic-books-in-worldcat-records>

<https://connect.ala.org/discussion/follow-up-on-removal-of-655-electronic-books-in-worldcat-records>

<https://connect.ala.org/discussion/further-follow-up-to-removal-of-electronic-books-from-655-fields-in-worldcat>

**Replacement of Outdated Term “Brothers and Sisters”**

The outdated LCSH term “Brothers and sisters” was changed to “siblings” in 114,474 WorldCat records in August/September 2022.