ALA/CORE Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access

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Library of Congress Report

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This document covers selected initiatives undertaken at the Library of Congress since ALA June 2023 virtual meeting, with a primary focus on descriptive cataloging activities. A fuller report for the Library of Congress is available at the LC Update for ALA.

Staffing Changes in Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division

- Ava Brillat was hired as a Senior Instructor.
- Paul Frank working 90% on LCAP as Change Management Lead.
    - Tricia Mackenzie is taking over NACO
    - Heidy Berthoud is now in charge of SACO.

General Cataloging

Descriptive Cataloging Manual

- Full DCM Z1: https://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/dcmz1.pdf
- Quarterly DCM update packages: https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeDCM/freedcm.html
- Descriptive Cataloging Manual, Z1 section, Aug. 2023 update:
    - 046 field: Removed restriction on using subfields $q and $r. Added instruction encouraging evaluation of existing subfields $s and $t in corporate body records and recoding them when appropriate.
    - 053 field: Expanded scope to include authors of juvenile literature in English.
    - 667 field: Added instructions to permit deletion of PCC URIs in MARC Pilot notes when updating authority records.
- Descriptive Cataloging Manual, Z1 section, Oct. 2023 update:
    - 371 field: Added instruction not to record email addresses for living persons.

Classification Web Plus

- The new service, called Classification Web Plus, became available starting Aug. 1, 2023. It offers documentation search only for items hosted on the Library of Congress website.
- Regular improvements have been made to the interface as comments have come in.
- Documentation procedures have shifted since PTCP no longer is constrained by the Cataloger's Desktop quarterly schedule. While the DCM continues to follow a quarterly update cycle, other documentation will occur as needed and be recorded in a spreadsheet. A new web page on LC website was created for summaries of Updates to Documentation over time.

Cataloging In Publication (CIP)

- The Cataloging in Publication (CIP) Program received over 143,000 print and e-books. This represents a 31.6% increase from FY22, thanks in large part to the Outstanding Title, a recent development of the claiming process in PrePub Book Link. The CIP Program also created 36,743 ebook records, receiving 64,107 ebooks, and ingesting 30,587 ebooks, with significant support from the Digital Content Management Section and the Collections Discovery Metadata Services Division.

Romanization tables

- The Odia Romanization table revision is out for community input.
- The Sindhi Romanization table revision is out for community input.

BIBFRAME

- The Network Development and MARC Standards Office (NDMSO) announced the release of update 2.3 to the BIBFRAME Vocabulary and 2.5 updates to MARC-to-BIBFRAME (specifications here) and BIBFRAME-to-MARC (specifications here) conversions in January 2024.
- NDMSO is working closely with EBSCO staff to implement BIBFRAME in FOLIO, which is part of LC's upcoming migration to FOLIO. The existing BIBFRAME editor, Marva, has been added to the FOLIO environment and select LC staff have started testing Marva within FOLIO.
- The virtual BIBFRAME Update Forum presentation on January 22, 2024, included guest speakers from ExLibris and OCLC discussing BIBFRAME activities at their institutions with an emphasis on how maintaining standardization in BIBFRAME is a key to our community's integrated environments.

Library Collections Access Platform (LCAP)

- The LCAP project, which includes LC's implementation of the FOLIO library services platform as well as the EBSCO Discovery Service discovery layer and Locate catalog, is on track for an October 2024 implementation of purchased Acquisitions workflows in FOLIO. The remaining functionality will be rolled out in a phased implementation over the spring of 2025.
- Over 250 LC staff across divisions have contributed to identification, refinement, and prioritization of the features that are required to extend FOLIO to support LC's needs during this landmark transition.
- All FOLIO software development will be contributed back to the public as part of the community release. Notable features include significant enhancements to MARC cataloging and authority management as well as the integration of the Marva editor and extension of FOLIO to support BIBFRAME.

Descriptive Cataloging

RDA and related Documentation
- Timeline:
  - LC/PCC implementation: Rolling implementation from May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2027
- New PCC Introductory RDA Training issued (Phase 1)
  - Free training modules with slides and exercises; intended to allow catalogers to identify

key changes introduced during the 3R Project, use the RDA Toolkit, and understand new concepts and terminology; Phase 2 training will focus on RDA in practice.

- LC-PCC RDA Policy Statements (published in Official RDA Toolkit)
    - Reminder: Do not use yet; further revisions expected; may use error report form to report problems with grammar, punctuation, spelling, bad links
        - PCC RDA Communication Committee feedback form (may use to submit questions and propose revisions)
    - Analysis of the policy statements based on the report of the documentation task force is in process. The first changes will show up in the January 2024 RDA Toolkit update. The next update will include major revisions to the PSs for Manifestation and revisions to the policy statements for the relationship elements. Further updates will happen as the MGDs are revised.
- LC-PCC Metadata Guidance Documents
    - Analysis of the MGDs based on the report of the documentation task force is in process.
    - MGDs related to string encoding schemes (i.e. use of punctuation, normalization, etc.) are in development to replace legacy data currently in Community Resources of RDA Toolkit. The majority of these are mostly done and awaiting final processing. Once they are uploaded and added, policy statements will be added to link to them.

Controlled vocabularies and Classification

LCSH

- The monthly Subject Editorial meetings are open to interested visitors; for more information: https://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/subject/LCSH-Editorial-Meetings-2024.pdf.
- LC announced its commitment to evaluate existing subject headings for Indigenous peoples of North America. A staff member will be hired to lead it, which is subject to federal budget timelines.
    - Interim guidelines were developed and published in July 2023 to guide proposals until the hiring of the dedicated staff member to advise on the process.
- Headings containing the word "**Mormon**" have been changed to prefer "**Latter Day Saint**" on a special list for April 2023. The change was processed in July 2023.
- Headings containing the word "**Gays**" have been changed to "**Gay people**," one of the first projects done by the Gender & Sexuality Funnel. This occurred on the special list for August 2023, and was processed in November 2023.
- A special list is in process to change the headings related to **Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder** to **Attention-deficit disorder**. This involved some more significant changes than simply changes in the term, as ADHD was primarily considered a children's disease, but has since been recognized as applying to adults as much as children. The tentative list was published in November 2023.
- A project to remove Used For references that use forms subdivisions for headings related to forms of literature, etc., is in process. The tentative list was published in January 2024.
- Future projects on our list include: **Deaf** and **Hard of hearing people**; **Mughal Empire** headings impacted by change of NAR; **Multiracial** to replace **Racially mixed**; and **Berbers** to **Amazigh**.
- PTCP is working on a project plan for LC catalogers to experiment with this change from form subdivisions to LCGFT implementation in order to learn more about its potential issues and benefits. An important aspect of this work is training for LCGFT, which is in development.

LCC

- The addition of the diacritic for Māori was done programmatically in all locations in the schedules.
- A new classification schedule for Ukraine was published November 2023. DK508 has now been replaced by the span DK5001-DK5995.
- Further developments will continue for all the countries under the "Former Soviet republics" section of DK classification. The next phase of the project will be Kyivan Rus and the Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania).

LCGFT

- The first LCGFT Advisory Group meeting took place in July.
- The list process for LCGFT officially split from the general LCSH/LCC process in July as well, meaning that the Summary of Decisions and tentative/approved list announcements are now issued separately.
- As a consequence of the approval of **Manga** in November 2022, several subgenres of Manga have now been proposed and approved.
- In addition, as of September 2023, **Anime (Motion pictures)** and **Anime (Television programs)** are now available for use.

LCDGT

- No significant changes occurred for the vocabulary.

LCMPT

- No significant changes occurred for the vocabulary.

CYAC

- Chelsea Powell joined LC as a full time LC librarian for CYAC in July 2023.
- The process of reviewing the automatically loaded headings continues. For 2023, CYAC approved 178 new, modified 427, and cancelled 52 subject headings.
- There are now ten C memos available for CYAC cataloging. The newest are C84 on Classification and C94 on Shelflisting.