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Report of the Children's and Young Adults' Cataloging (CYAC) Program to SAC

The Children's and Young Adults' Cataloging Program (CYAC), at the Library of Congress, is responsible for the creation of metadata for the wide range of fiction material available in the United States for children and young adults, which is used by publishers, researchers, school libraries, and public libraries.

Through its activities, it develops and monitors standard policies and practices for providing access to juvenile literature.

Administrative (Staff)
The CYAC team is currently comprised of four librarians. Stacey Devine (Program Manager), Kim Caulder, Kristina Doyle, and Trina Soderquist. We are in the process of training a Literature team member and hiring another CYAC librarian.

Queens Library is a CIP partner to the CYAC program.

Notable activities
The CYAC team has continued creating and distributing 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 LCSH memo H 1430 (Comics and Comic Characters).

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

Cataloging Policy Decisions
CYAC Editorial Meetings are held monthly on Monday to discuss CYAC heading proposals from the tentative lists. CYAC Team meetings are held monthly on Monday and include discussions of C memos, new policies and procedures, and outreach activities.

We have started to review the headings that were automatically loaded, and we currently have ten approved subject lists, which are available at https://classweb.org/approved-subjects. We are also reviewing and establishing subject hierarchies--specifically a network of BTs, NTs, and RTs--when necessary, for many of the subject headings.

Since January we have approved 96 new subject headings, modified 310 subject headings, and cancelled 75 subject headings.

Current Projects

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

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