Library of Congress Report
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This document covers only selected initiatives undertaken at the Library of Congress since the ALA 2019 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, with a focus on descriptive cataloging activities. A full document covering all LC activities (including other cataloging-related topics) is available on the "LC at ALA" Website (https://www.loc.gov/ala).

GENERAL

Library of Congress Exhibit Table

The Library of Congress Exhibit Booth is no. 1607 in the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The Library's Booth manager is Michelle Spezzacatena. Staff will be present to hand out promotional items and documents and respond to questions from ALA attendees. There will be a video about the Library, LOC trivia games, and a selfie screen at the Booth but no theater presentations.

Federal Budget

Just before the December 2019 recess, Congress passed and the President signed into law a fiscal 2020 funding bill (H.R.1865) that included a $23.13 million (3 percent) increase in total budget authority for the Library, across various funding accounts.

Personnel Changes in the wider Library

Library Collections and Services Group

Jane Sánchez was permanently appointed as Deputy Librarian of Congress for Library Collections and Services on June 10, 2019. She also continues as Law Librarian of Congress.

Aslihan Bulut was appointed Deputy Law Librarian of Congress, effective September 16, 2019.

Colleen Shogan, Assistant Deputy Librarian, LCSG, has accepted a position as Senior Vice President and Director of the David Rubenstein Center at the White House Historical Association. Her last day with the Library is January 31, 2020.

Library Services

Alvert Banks was appointed Director for Digital Services, effective December 23, 2019.

GENERAL CATALOGING

Staffing Changes

Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access Directorate

Theron (Ted) Westervelt was appointed chief of the US/Anglo Division, ABA, effective September 30, 2019. Jonathan Miyashiro was appointed supervisory library technician of the CIP Technical Team. CIP/DEWEY Section, US Programs, Law and Literature Division (USPRLL) effective November 10, 2019. Christine Dulaney was appointed chief of the Germanic and Slavic Division, effective January 5, 2020.

James Hafner retired as head of the Science, Medicine, and Agriculture Section, US Arts, Sciences, and Humanities Division (USASH), on December 13 [sic], 2019. Beatrice Ohta retired as head of the China Section, Asian and Middle Eastern Division, on December 31, 2019, after 52 years of service at the Library of Congress.

When the former Policy and Standards Division (PSD) and the Cooperative and Instructional Programs Division (COIN) merged to form the Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division (PTCP) in June 2019, the new organizational structure called for two section heads or first-line supervisors. The vacancy announcement for these positions closed in November 2019. Judith Cannan, chief of PTCP, and a selection panel are tasked with making the selection from among the qualified applicants.

David Lucas Graves, a cooperative cataloging program specialist in PTCP, retired after nearly 32 years of service. *Kate James*, a cataloging policy specialist in the Division, resigned her position after 16 years of service. *Manon Théroux* was appointed to the position of cataloging policy specialist. *Lesley Parilla* joined the Division as an assistant policy specialist.

As a result of these changes, there have been changes in LC representation to various committees. Melanie Polutta is now the LC representative to Committee for Cataloging: Description and Access and to NARDAC. Manon Théroux is now the LC representative to the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of ALA. Veronica Ranieri is now the LC representative to the Board of Geographic Names.

DOCUMENTATION

Descriptive Cataloging Manual

Minor updates were made to the *Descriptive Cataloging Manual*. The 008/33 section of DCM Z1 added instructions on provisional coding for government bodies in Hong Kong and Macau, in order to record a long-standing practice in this area. A minor update was made to the 667 document to allow for recording subtitles in a 670, if they could be recorded as a title proper. Other instructions in Z1 were made to update links or references to the ongoing moratorium regarding use of the 024 in authority records.

All other updates to the DCM were for internal LC documentation.

DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGING

Library of Congress-Program for Cooperative Cataloging Policy Statements

The Library of Congress-Program for Cooperative Cataloging Policy Statements remain frozen as a result of the RDA Toolkit Restructure and Redesign Project (commonly known as the 3R Project); see URL <https://www.rdatoolkit.org/3Rproject>. The stabilized English-language text that resulted from the project has been released on the RDA Toolkit beta site and work on the development of policy statements and application profiles for that revised RDA text has commenced. Four joint LC-PCC task groups have been charged to make recommendations regarding these policy statements: Diachronic Works, Aggregate Works, Element Labels, and Data Provenance.

A designated team of Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division staff members has been working on preparing the policy statements, following a plan submitted to the PCC Policy Committee, and will be consulting regularly with the PCC throughout the development process: <https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/documents/PoCo-2019/BetaRDA-PoCo-Decisions.pdf>.

Name authority changes

Change of Authorized Access Point for Kiev, Ukraine. The authorized access point for the capital city of the Ukraine was Kiev (Ukraine), based on the conventional name "Kiev," as determined by the U.S. Board of Geographic Names. The BGN has now changed the status of the name "Kiev" from conventional to variant, and there is no conventional name.

As a result, the authorized access point for the city has been changed to Kyïv (Ukraine), which is based on the ALA/LC Romanization Table for Ukrainian. All associated LCSH authority records have been updated, and LC is in the process of revising all of the associated name authority records.

Change of ADM1 names in France and Norway. France reorganized its regions, the ADM1 level

territorial designations, in 2016. PTCP's current BGN representative, Veronica Ranieri, has ensured that new NARs exist for all of the new region names, but she continues to resolve questions of relationships with the older names for the regions. Norway has also reorganized its ADM1 level territorial names, but that change only took place officially in January 2020. As a result, BGN has approved the name change, but not yet updated its database. Ms. Ranieri will create those NARs as soon as BGN has made its changes.

National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC)
The Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division (PTCP) oversees the NUCMC program, through which catalogers at the Library of Congress create bibliographic records in OCLC WorldCat, and associated authority records, for the archival collections of repositories that meet the program's eligibility requirements. PTCP has concluded a pilot project using the Social Networks and Archival Context (SNAC) project, hosted by the National Archives and Records Administration and the University of Virginia, for NUCMC collections. A report has been submitted to Library Services and the report's findings presented to the SNAC project leaders.

Pilot project for Commonly Identified Titles for Compilations of Poetry
A proposal to conduct a pilot from the Literature Section was approved. Under the proposal, the Literature Section will follow RDA 6.2.2.10 by using the commonly identified titles for compilations of poetry by one agent. The pilot began on October 1, 2019, and will last six months.

Pilot project for Copy Cataloging following minimal punctuation guidelines
The Library of Congress has decided that it will not follow the minimal punctuation alternatives approved by the PCC in January 2020. However, a pilot project to accept copy cataloging that follows the minimal punctuation guidelines started with their implementation in January. The pilot will study the impact of following the guidelines on cataloging workflows.

Voyager 10 upgrade
Voyager, the ILS used by the Library of Congress, received an upgrade to Voyager 10 in November 2019. This included an update of the MARC tag tables that covered the last three years of changes to the MARC Bibliographic and Authority Formats. The implementation of the new elements impacting authority records is pending a joint implementation by the NACO nodes in the next few months.

MARC 21 formats
A MARC/RDA Working Group (see http://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/MARC-RDA_Working_Group.html) was formed to identify any changes needed in the MARC format for the new version of RDA. Meeting virtually, the group developed two Discussion Papers for consideration at the ALA 2020 Midwinter Meeting. They involve RDA manifestation statements and RDA extension plans.
MARC Format Update 29 was published in November 2019. It included several items for better accessibility support. Two proposals and seven discussion papers were released for public vetting at ALA 2020 Midwinter Meeting.

BIBFRAME
Cooperative Programs Division (PTCP) continue work on BIBFRAME development and testing. The scope of BIBFRAME Pilot Phase Two has expanded to include more than 100 Library of Congress catalogers, including staff members working in four of the six overseas offices--Cairo, Jakarta, Islamabad, and Nairobi. To help train the new pilot participants, a comprehensive Library of Congress BIBFRAME Manual was created. The manual is publicly available on the Catalogers Learning Workshop site, together with all associated training materials, and will be updated throughout the course of the pilot; please see http://www.loc.gov/catworkshop/bibframe/.
Pilot participants create bibliographic descriptions in both the BIBFRAME Editor, expressed in the

BIBFRAME data model, and in the Library of Congress Integrated Library System (ILS), expressed in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format. The Library of Congress ILS is the database of record, necessitating the need for duplicate bibliographic descriptions. BIBFRAME testing includes input of bibliographic data using BIBFRAME 2.0 vocabulary, input of non-Latin scripts, and the ability to incorporate authority data. Data from the BIBFRAME 2.0 database, including MARC-to-BIBFRAME converted data and original descriptions by BIBFRAME pilot project participants, is available via the LC Linked Data Service, https://id.loc.gov/.

Work has also focused on providing a fuller level of interaction with a live BIBFRAME 2.0 database consisting of the complete BIBFRAME conversion of the LC bibliographic file. Features of the database include user search capability and use of linked data queries to highlight relationships between resources. Search results in the BIBFRAME 2.0 database can be refined by subject facet. Merging and matching BIBFRAME 2.0 work descriptions in the database is underway and will continue to be refined throughout 2020. Data from the BIBFRAME 2.0 database is being distributed via the LC Linked Data Service: https://id.loc.gov/.

PTCP and NDMSO staff members continued to exchange ideas about BIBFRAME with partners in the LD4P (Linked Data for Production) project, funded by the Mellon Foundation and led by Stanford University Libraries. Staff in PTCP and NDMSO completed initial BIBFRAME training for the seventeen institutions within the Program for Cooperative Cataloging that are members of the LD4P Cohort for the second phase of LD4P.

A draft of the critical programs for conversion of BIBFRAME descriptions to MARC records was completed, and testing began at LC and two LD4P institutions. Strong international interest was demonstrated at the 3rd annual European BIBFRAME Workshop, which was hosted by the Kungliga biblioteket (National Library of Sweden) in Stockholm in September 2019.

SUBJECT CATALOGING AND CLASSIFICATION

Bibliographic Record Control Numbers in Authority Records.

The citation for the work being cataloged is the first MARC 670 field provided in proposals for Library of Congress Subject Headings, Genre/Form Terms, Medium of Performance Terms, and Demographic Group Terms. According to longstanding policy, field 670 subfield $a contains the LC bibliographic record control number (i.e., the LCCN) if applicable, the main entry, the title, and the publication date of the work.

In order to support linked data, the bibliographic record control number will be contained in subfield $w beginning in spring 2020. The subfield $w will appear as the last element in the field. The control number itself will be preceded by the MARC code for the agency to which the control number applies, enclosed in parentheses. For example:

Citation formatted according to current policy:
670 ## $a Work cat: **2015300502**: Finding Julia, 2014: $b p. 13 (Bollinger family) p. 11 (Bollinger County, Missouri was named after George Frederick Bollinger, b. 1770. His German ancestors migrated from Zurich, Switzerland to Philadelphia in 1738)

Citation formatted according to new policy:
670 ## $a Work cat: Finding Julia, 2014: $b p. 13 (Bollinger family) p. 11 (Bollinger County, Missouri was named after George Frederick Bollinger, b. 1770. His German ancestors migrated from Zurich, Switzerland to Philadelphia in 1738) **$w (DLC)2015300502**

The LCCN will be provided in proposals made by LC catalogers. The LCCN will also be provided in SACO proposals made for CIPs that are cataloged by the CIP Partnership Program. "Work cat" citations in other SACO proposals may contain a single subfield $w that reflects either the local control number of the

SACO institution or a bibliographic utility control number such as the OCLC number. Subfield $w will not be required for SACO proposals, other than for those made to support CIP cataloging.

Citations in existing authority records should not be revised to move to subfield $w an LCCN that appears in subfield $a, nor to add a control number to a citation that does not currently include a control number. When proposals are made to revise existing records, the citation for the work prompting the proposal should be formatted according to the new policy.

Pertinent instruction sheets in the *Subject Headings Manual* and the draft Genre/Form, Medium of Performance, and Demographic Group Terms manuals will be revised to reflect the new policy. The templates in the Proposal System will also be updated accordingly.

Further information, including the date of implementation, will be provided as it becomes available.

"Multiple" Subdivisions.

The better to support linked-data initiatives, "multiple" subdivisions are being cancelled from LCSH. "Multiple" subdivisions are a special type of subdivision that automatically gives free-floating status to analogous subdivisions used under the same heading.

The initial focus of the project is the multiple subdivisions that are used after the topical subdivision **– Religious aspects**. Since June 2019, 294 authority records have been cancelled and 2,471 have been created. In addition, 75 validation records have been redesignated as full authority records.

The continued existence of a multiple subdivision for a particular topic cannot be assumed. It is therefore imperative to search LCSH at all times, in order to determine whether the multiple has been cancelled. Catalogers may remember the multiples **Birth control—Religious aspects—Buddhism, [Christianity, etc.]** and **Birth control—Religious aspects—Baptists, [Catholic Church, etc.]**, for example, but they were cancelled in May 2019 and replaced by 20 individual authority records. Because the multiples were cancelled, all headings of the type **Birth control—Religious aspects—[religion or Christian denomination]** must have an authority record; that is, they must be proposed as needed.

Individual multiple subdivisions should continue to be used according to the instructions in *Subject Headings Manual* H 1090 until they are cancelled.

The community may keep abreast of progress on this project by consulting the Multiples Cancellation Project website at URL <http://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/subject/multiplescancellationproject.html>. The project will not proceed alphabetically, so those wishing to update their local catalogs are encouraged to download the spreadsheet periodically and sort it by the date of cancellation.

Additional information about the project can be found on the project website.

Classification Web 4

An updated interface for *Classification Web,* the Library's subscription Web-enabled database that is the authoritative source for the Library of Congress Classification, was successfully released during the weekend of August 24-25, 2019. This significant upgrade to the user interface includes all of the functionality of *Classification Web 3,* but incorporates modern web navigation techniques and a responsive design that runs on a wide range of hardware from desktop computers to tablets and smart phones. *Classification Web 4* runs on Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, and Safari, but the navigation features do not function properly on Internet Explorer.

OTHER LC VOCABULARIES

Moratorium on LCDGT Proposals

Library of Congress Demographic Group Terms (LCDGT) is intended to describe the creators of, and contributors to, resources, and also the intended audience of resources. Terms may be assigned in bibliographic records and in authority records for works and expressions.

The moratorium on proposals for new and revised terms that was enacted in February 2018 is still in place while PSD thoroughly evaluates LCDGT's structure and principles.