

**Library of Congress Report**  
**ALA/ALCTS/CaMMS Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access**  
**American Library Association 2014 Midwinter Meeting**

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This document covers only selected initiatives undertaken at the Library of Congress since the ALA 2013 Annual Meeting in Chicago, with a focus on descriptive cataloging activities. A full document covering all LC activities (including cataloging topics related to subject analysis and classification) is available on the "LC at ALA" Website, URL <http://www.loc.gov/ala/>.

**LIBRARY OF CONGRESS EXHIBIT BOOTH**

The Library of Congress Exhibit booth is no. 925 in the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

**Personnel Changes**

Policy & Standards Division (PSD): Tom Yee, acting chief of both PSD and the Asian and Middle Eastern Division (ASME), retired on Jan. 3, 2014. Beacher Wiggins, director for ABA, will serve as acting chief of PSD, and Angela Kinney, chief of the African, Latin American, and Western European Division, is serving as acting chief of ASME until the chief's position can be permanently filled. Ron Goudreau, PSD Data Integrity Section head, retired Sept. 30, 2013. Judith Cannan, chief of the Cooperative and Instructional Programs Division (COIN), is also acting section head of the Data Integrity Section, and Paul Frank (COIN) will be managing the LCSH Monthly List process in Ron's absence.

Other cataloging-related retirements: Allene Hayes, chief of the US/Anglo Division; Elvira Gildea, head of the Southeast Asia/South Asia section; Sook Hee Weidman, head of the Northeast Asia Section; John Levy, automated operations coordinator in the US Arts, Sciences, and Humanities Division; Joe Bartl, head of the Bibliographic Access Section in the Music Division.

**Federal Budget Situation**

After a bumpy start to the 2014 federal fiscal year in October of 2013, two short-term continuing resolutions were passed to temporarily fund the government through Jan. 18. An omnibus appropriation bill funding the final 8 months of the fiscal year was signed into law on Jan. 17. The bill represents a significant improvement over the sequestration-impacted FY 2013 budget for the Library of Congress, and staff furlough days will not be necessary this year. Notably, funds were also provided to the Architect of the Capitol to build the next module at the Library's remote storage facility at Ft. Mead, Maryland.

***Library of Congress-Program for Cooperative Cataloging Policy Statements***

The *RDA Toolkit* release in July of 2013 contained 83 updates (new, deleted, and revised) to the *LC-PCC PSs*. Due to the closure of the federal government for 16 days in October, the planned November update of the policy statements had to be postponed—those updates will be published in the first 2014 release of the *RDA Toolkit* (February 11).

**RDA Development**

The Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA (JSC) met in Washington, DC in November 2013. Of the 48 proposals and discussion papers, 5 were submitted by the Library of Congress.

## Channel Islands

Over 100 name authority records for places and corporate bodies in the Channel Islands have been updated based on changes to RDA policy. Because the Channel Islands is not a jurisdiction, the name authority record for **Channel Islands** was canceled and a subject heading was established. In name authority records, the name of the bailiwick is now used as the larger place in the preferred name of local places and as a qualifier for corporate bodies (e.g., **Saint Helier (Jersey); Elizabeth College (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey)**). Several subject authority records were also updated to reflect this change (e.g., **Fantastic Tropical Gardens (Jersey); Hauteville House (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey)**).

## ALA-LC Romanization Tables

The pace of romanization table development during 2013 was much slower than in 2012. During the year, four revision proposals and four new tables were approved, and two new tables and three revision proposals are in varying stages of development. Staff in PSD and elsewhere in the Library of Congress worked closely with ALA's Committee on Cataloging: African and Asian Materials (CC:AAM) and Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA).

Highlights of the year included:

- Revisions to the Urdu, Pushto, and Sindhi tables, along with a new Tamashek table, were approved by CC:AAM.
- A proposed Coptic table is currently being reviewed by CC:AAM.
- New Macedonian, Rusyn, and Serbian tables are approved by CC:DA. The Macedonian and Serbian tables were developed from the former combined Serbian – Macedonian table.
- Revisions to the Bulgarian table were also approved by CC:DA.

Other tables in various stages of development include Tibetan (revision proposal based on Wylie transliteration scheme being developed by Luran Hartley, Columbia University; no target date has been identified); revision proposals for Mongolian and Uighur, initially submitted by Wayne Richter, Western Washington University, in 1998 and 1999 respectively, need additional editorial work and are awaiting automation support. A new table for Romanian (Cyrillic) is in the early review stages.

All current *ALA-LC romanization tables* are available on the Web at URL [www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsd/roman.html](http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsd/roman.html), as well as in *Cataloger's Desktop*. Any questions about romanization table development should be directed to Bruce Johnson (Policy & Standards Division) at [bjoh@loc.gov](mailto:bjoh@loc.gov).

## Cataloger's Desktop

Several RDA-related resources were added to *Cataloger's Desktop* to assist with RDA cataloging implementation. The latest addition is *RDA training resources*, maintained by the CILIP-BL Committee on RDA. It provides links to RDA training from Cambridge University Library, CILIP Cataloguing & Indexing Group, the Australian Committee on Cataloguing, rdacake (RDA CANadian Knowledge Exchange), Die Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, National Library of New Zealand, and several U.S. contributors.

The current list of RDA-Related resources in Cataloger's Desktop is:

- RDA: Information and Resources in Preparation for RDA (LC)
- RDA: LC Documentation for the RDA Test (LC)
- RDA: Resource Description and Access (subscription resource that requires a separate subscription to RDA Toolkit)
- RDA-L (JSC)
- RDA Training Resources (CILIP-BL)
- RDA Vocabularies (Open Metadata Registry)

The Library of Congress and OCLC have just signed an agreement to facilitate navigation between *Cataloger's Desktop* and *WebDewey*. Development is underway in both organizations. When

it is completed, subscribers who classify materials using the Dewey Decimal Classification system will find it much easier to navigate among their cataloging documentation resources. Additional details will be available when development is completed.

Library of Congress staff are currently working with our *Cataloger's Desktop* contractor to overhaul and simplify Desktop's user interface. Later this year the interface will migrate to a "search first" approach that should align much more closely with how catalogers and metadata librarians do their work. All current functionality will be retained, but the user interface should be easier and more intuitive to use.

The Library is always eager to hear from subscribers to know how we can improve *Cataloger's Desktop*. Suggestions for new content or improved features should be sent to Bruce Johnson at LC at <[bjoh@loc.gov](mailto:bjoh@loc.gov)>. Subscribe to the free *Cataloger's Desktop* discussion list at URL <[www.loc.gov/cds/desktop/ugroup.html](http://www.loc.gov/cds/desktop/ugroup.html)>.

### **Integrated Library System**

The Library will upgrade its Integrated Library System (ILS) to Voyager 8.2.0 beginning Friday, Feb. 7, 2014. The upgrade will be completed by Monday, Feb. 17. During the upgrade all databases and catalogs will be available to staff and public users for search and retrieval, except for very brief outages as servers and systems are re-started.

The Library has tested fixes to the re-designed LC Online Catalog and found that performance problems have been resolved. That new interface is available to staff and patrons at: <http://catalog2.loc.gov>. The Library plans to implement the new interface in March 2014, after the ILS upgrade. The old catalog interface will continue to be available for a short time.

The entire catalog interface has been re-designed to reflect the Library's latest web standards and provide Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility for most adaptive devices and applications. All functionality is available and the same keyword, guided keyword, browse, and quick search options remain, with search results available with the same sort options as the "classic" OPAC. In addition, these new features and functions will be available: more context-sensitive help; similar types of searches/indexes grouped together logically, e.g., browse searches; ADA compliance; standard "share" tools available on all pages.

### **Bibliographic Framework Initiative**

The Library of Congress published a high level model for the New Bibliographic Framework, *Bibliographic Framework as a Web of Data: Linked Data Model and Supporting Services*. <<http://www.loc.gov/marc/transition/news/bibframe-112312.html>> in November 2012. A major focus of BFI is an effective migration plan for the community to make a transition from MARC to a new framework based on a Linked Data (LD) model, while retaining as much as possible the robust and beneficial aspects of our library environment.

After an active year of experimentation with the high level model published by the Library in November 2012 and working with a group of "Early Experimenters" (George Washington University, National Library of Medicine, Princeton University, OCLC, British Library, and Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, in addition to LC), a new phase of the project has begun. This phase, scheduled to last a year, is for test implementation by organizations in the community. The testers will use the vocabulary that is published on the BIBFRAME site and experiment with the model against various environments, exchanging issues and information. This group will be open to all who show that they are actually engaging in test implementations.

The Library continues to maintain the BIBFRAME electronic discussion list; subscribe from the web site at URL <<http://www.loc.gov/marc/transition>>.

The Library of Congress New Bibliographic Framework Update Forum will take place in Philadelphia on **Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014 (10:30am-12:00pm, in the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Room 114 Auditorium-Lecture Hall)**. A listing of other meetings related to BIBFRAME at Midwinter will be available at <<http://www.loc.gov/ala>>.