

Library of Congress Report
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This document covers only selected initiatives undertaken at the Library of Congress since the ALA 2014 Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, 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. **1709** in the Las Vegas Convention Center.

Personnel Changes in ABA

Retirements: **Linda Stubbs**, chief of the Germanic and Slavic Division, Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access Directorate, retired March 31. **Julianne Beall**, consulting Dewey editor, retired on March 31, 2014, after 36 years of federal service at the Library of Congress. She plans to volunteer as a consulting editor on a part-time basis but do some extensive travelling as well. **William P. Tuchrello**, the Library's field director for Southeast Asia based in Jakarta, Indonesia, retired at the end of February 2014. Carol Mitchell has been named Field Director for the Jakarta Office. Pamela Howard-Regundin, currently director of the Library's office in Nairobi, Kenya, will succeed Mitchell as director of the Library's office in Islamabad, Pakistan. The Library hopes to fill the resulting vacancy in the Nairobi Office this year.

Appointments: **Linda Geisler**, formerly Literature Program Manager, was appointed chief of the US/Anglo Division, effective April 14. **Randall Barry** was appointed chief of the Asian and Middle Eastern Division, effective June 1.

Appointments in progress: chief, Germanic and Slavic Division; chief, US/Arts, Sciences, and Humanities; section heads: one position for both Africana Section and Middle East Section; one for US History and Military Science.

LC Staff Honors

Les Hawkins, Cooperative and Instructional Programs Division, has received the Ulrich's Serials Librarianship Award from the Continuing Resources Section of ALCTS, and his chief, **Judith Cannan** will receive the FAFLRT Achievement Award from the ALA Federal and Armed Forces Round Table.

Federal Budget

The adoption of the Bipartisan Budget Act ending the government shutdown in late 2013 meant that the planned sequestration for FY 2014 for nondefense discretionary spending was avoided, as were further agency furloughs for the rest of this fiscal year. The FY 2015 budget for the Congressional Branch has been passed by the House, but the Senate has not yet acted.

Cataloger's Desktop

Library of Congress staff are currently working with our *Cataloger's Desktop* contractor to overhaul and simplify Desktop's user interface. The interface will be migrating 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. It is anticipated that the new user interface will be implemented in mid-September. LC staff will be giving presentations about the new interface at the LC booth (1709) at 10 AM each day in the convention center exhibits.

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>. Subscribe to the free *Cataloger's Desktop* discussion list at URL <www.loc.gov/cds/desktop/ugroup.html>.

ALA-LC Romanization Tables

During the year, two revision proposals and two new tables were approved, 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) to develop and review these tables.

Highlights of 2014 include:

- Typographic corrections of the Malayalam and Non-Slavic Language tables.
- A new Coptic table was reviewed and approved by CC:AAM.
- A new Romanian (Cyrillic script) table was reviewed and approved by CC:DA.

Three table revisions are in various stages of development:

- A Tibetan revision proposal based on the Wylie transliteration scheme is being developed by Luran Hartley (Columbia University). The draft proposal is expected to be submitted to LC by August 1st.
- A revision of the Uighur table is being developed by Wayne Richter (Western Washington University). This proposal was initially submitted in 1999, but additional work was needed to complete it. A finished draft is expected in early July.
- A revision of the Mongolian table is also being developed by Wayne Richter. This proposal was initially submitted in 1998 and needs considerable additional editorial work. No completion target date has been set.

All current *ALA-LC romanization tables* are available on the Web at URL <www.loc.gov/catdir/cps/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>.

Library of Congress-Program for Cooperative Cataloging Policy Statements

The *RDA Toolkit* release in February of 2014 contained 28 new, deleted, or revised policy statements. The April 2014 release, which incorporated the annual update to RDA from the Joint Steering Committee, had a much larger impact on the *LC-PCC PSs*—62 statements were created, revised or cancelled. The largest category was to keep in sync with renumbered section of RDA (28 changes), other revisions to RDA (15 changes), and cancelled statements that were no longer needed due to changes to RDA (14 statements). The next update of the PSs will be in October of 2014 (the August release will not incorporate changes from the PSs).

LC Summary of RDA Updates for April 2014 Update of *RDA Toolkit*

The Policy & Standards Division provided a table that highlights for catalogers some of the changes to RDA for the April 2014 update that are due to constituent proposals approved by the JSC. The table, available at: http://www.loc.gov/aba/rda/pdf/summary_rda_changes_2014.pdf, is intended to supplement the information in *RDA Toolkit* (e.g., the “revision history” icon in RDA Toolkit, and a full list of the changes is available in RDA Toolkit at the bottom of the left-side navigation panel (RDA update history)). In the LC-provided summary, the most important changes for LC catalogers are shaded in yellow. Minor changes (e.g., edits to an instruction simply to change a reference that has been renumbered) are not noted in this listing.

Headings for Malaysian Jurisdictions, Features, Etc.

LC is currently working on a project to update the name and subject authority records associated with place names in Malaysia to reflect changes to RDA 16.2.2.9, that removed Malaysia from the list of federations that includes the United States, Canada, and others. The University of California, San Diego is helping with the name authority updates.

After consultation with the National Library of Malaysia, LC and PCC decided to apply 16.2.2.12, Alternative to all local place names within Malaysia even in cases of non-conflict. This means that both the state and country name will be used for the larger place as part of the preferred names of local places. For example, the authorized access point **Bentong Town (Pahang)** was changed to **Bentong Town (Pahang, Malaysia)** NOT *Bentong Town (Malaysia)*. Authorized access points for corporate bodies, conferences, and titles that have Malaysian place names in the qualifiers are also being changed accordingly (e.g., **Analisis (Jitra, Kedah, Malaysia); World Express Marketing Services (Johor, Malaysia)**). LC is also updating the related subject authority records (e.g., **Bujang Valley (Kedah, Malaysia)**).

LC and UCSD are working on the authority records state by state so it may be months before changes are made to a particular place name. Until the changes are made, catalogers should continue to use the existing headings in their established form. Earlier forms of name for the states without (Malaysia) and associated authority records will remain in the LC/NACO authority file. These will be valid for descriptive use for the time period before September 16, 1963, when the current Malaysian federation was formed. For example, the creator of a 1934 compilation of states laws is **Kedah**, and the creator of a 2010 compilation of state laws is **Kedah (Malaysia)**.

RDA Training Materials

In collaboration with a faculty member from the Catholic University of America, senior instructor Tim Carlton piloted a nine-module curriculum, “Descriptive Cataloging Using RDA,” targeted at novice catalogers and students in library and information sciences graduate programs. After revision, the curriculum will be made available to audiences outside the Library of Congress through the Catalogers Learning Workshop website. Currently an instructor-led classroom curriculum, plans are being developed to offer the course in an eLearning format.

Revision of the *ISSN Manual*

The ISSN Review Group, in which LC takes part, is updating the *ISSN Manual*. The table of ISSN data elements is being updated to show which elements are derived

from the issue used to assign the ISSN and which elements are updated as they change. A statement is being added that recommends inclusion of the key title, title proper, issuing body and publishing information in both transliterated and original script forms. Further clarification concerning ISSN assignments to continuing resources published in different media will be provided. RDA's content type, media type, and carrier type elements are recommended as options in ISSN records. Other optional elements to be added are systems details notes and source of description notes.

Free Access to Cataloging Documentation

In early 2013, the Library of Congress announced that it is transitioning to online-only publication of its cataloging documentation that was formerly available in print. On July 1, 2014, the sale of all remaining inventory of CDS print publications will end. The printing of new editions of subject heading and classification documentation has now ceased, and all new editions and updates will be freely available on LC's Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access website (<http://www.loc.gov/aba>). Documentation will continue to be available through *Cataloger's Desktop*, LC's subscription-based online documentation service. *Cataloger's Desktop* provides browsing and keyword searching of over 300 cataloging and metadata resources. It is updated quarterly.

LC's Integrated Library System

The Library upgraded the LC Integrated Library System (ILS) to Voyager 8.2.0 in February 2014, and in May of 2014 the Library implemented a new user interface to the Library of Congress Online Catalog at this address: <<http://catalog.loc.gov>>. The old user interface will eventually be taken down, but in the interim it is available at <<http://catalog2.loc.gov>>. There were several factors behind the decision to migrate the LC Catalog to a new, modern user interface: better access to assistive technology (e.g., screen readers such as Window-Eyes and Jaws) to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; flexibility that enables new functionality, such as integration with the Library's openURL resolver and a "Cite Record" function which provides easy copy and paste of citations into bibliographies, and the ability to view and save bibliographic records in MARCXML and MODS.

Bibliographic Framework Initiative

The Library of Congress published on the web in November 2012 a high level model for BFI: "Bibliographic Framework as a Web of Data: Linked Data Model and Supporting Services" at URL <<http://www.loc.gov/bibframe/docs/model.html>> 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 work by 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 began in 2014. This phase, scheduled for at least a year or two, is for test implementation by organizations in the community using the RDF-based vocabulary that will be kept relatively stable for the testing period. The testers use

the vocabulary that is published on the BIBFRAME site and experiment with the model against various environments, exchanging issues and information. This group is open to all who show that they are actually engaging in test implementations. The focus of the Network Development/MARC Standards Office turned to coding a basic BIBFRAME Editor (BFE) that enables creation of BIBFRAME descriptions. It was made available for download in April. It is emphasized that it is intended not as a fully functional system but a very basic module from which developers could more easily experiment with aspects of the BIBFRAME model and vocabulary. A new testbed activity was organized. This testbed "group" is open to all, but participants must be engaged in an actual project to join.

Director for Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access Beacher J. Wiggins has announced plans for the ABA Directorate, and perhaps other cataloging/processing units at LC, to engage in a pilot to test the creation of cataloging data in BIBFRAME using the BIBFRAME Editor interface. He would like to include materials in English, a Western European language, and a non-roman script (or non-print format). He would like these data/records "distributed," comparable to MARC data distribution. Wiggins will be sharing this expectation with colleagues and in various meetings during the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Discussions among the various LC units to be involved will begin in July 2014. Library Services and the ABA Directorate have gone on record as part of the Library's fiscal 2014-2016 Management & Annual Planning process to have a pilot plan by the end of fiscal 2014 and to have tested BIBFRAME for monographs and integrating resources in three languages by the end of fiscal 2015.

NDMSO also sponsored a study of models used for Moving Image and Recorded Sound material that was carried out by AudioVisual Preservation Solutions (AVPreserve), with the report examining that material against common community description models and BIBFRAME. The study and its recommendations are being published on the BIBFRAME web site.

Other projects begun recently, with consultant assistance, include making BIBFRAME descriptions an option for result sets from Z39.50 and SRU searches of the LC Voyager database, joining the MARCXML, MODS, and Dublin Core (DC) result set formats already available. Another study will investigate use of the SRU protocol for retrieving from a triple store backend. The AV study described above will be followed by an investigation of the overlap of PREMIS and BIBFRAME vocabularies and how the two might work together. In addition two RFPs are planned for small contracts. One is for development of a search and display "stub" system that could be used by experimenters in the same way as the BFE, to give experimenters a start. The second is for a profile editor that would enable experimenters to easily adjust the templates used by the BFE.