Library of Congress Report
ALA/ALCTS/CaMMS Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access
American Library Association 2018 Midwinter Meeting
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Note: Due to issues with the federal budget related to the continuing resolution expiring at midnight on Feb. 8, I will be unable to attend the ALA Midwinter Meeting. Questions about the report may be sent to me via email.

This document covers only selected initiatives undertaken at the Library of Congress since the ALA 2017 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. 1522 at the Colorado Convention Center. Due to the reduced LC staffing at Midwinter this year, the offerings at the booth will include promotional items, a video about the library, LOC trivia games, and a selfie screen, but there will be no theater presentations.

Federal Budget
Although Fiscal year 2018 began on October 1, 2017, most of the federal government, including the Library of Congress, has been operating under a succession of continuing resolutions (CRs) until a final appropriations bill is passed into law. The current CR, passed on Jan. 22, 2018 following a three-day government shutdown, will fund government operations through February 8, 2018.

Significant Library-wide Personnel Changes

Robert Newlen, deputy librarian of Congress, retired from the Library effective Sept. 30, 2017.
Mark Sweeney, associate librarian for Library Services, is also serving as acting deputy librarian of Congress, effective Sept. 30, 2017.

Library Services/Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access Staffing and Personnel Changes
Joseph Puccio, head of the Collection Development Office, assumed collateral duties as acting association librarian for Library Services, effective Sept. 20, 2017.
Alvert (Al) Banks has been named as the director of the Office of the Chief Operating Officer (COO) in Library Services (a new organization that combines the former Technology Policy Directorate and the former Administrative Services Office).
Steven P. Morris was appointed chief of the Digital Collections Management and Services Division (DCMS), effective Nov. 27, 2017. *Beth Dulabahn,* former chief of DCMS and later senior advisor, retired from the Library Dec. 31, 2017
Elmer Klebs, head of the US Serials-Social Sciences Sciences Section, US Arts, Sciences, and Humanities Division, passed away August 16, 2017.
Pamela Howard-Reguindín was appointed field director for the Rio de Janeiro overseas office, effective Sept. 3, 2017.
Fehl Cannon was appointed acting field director for the Islamabad overseas office, effective Sept. 17, 2017.
Phong Tran was appointed deputy field director for the New Delhi overseas office, effective Nov. 12, 2017.

Bruce Johnson, Cataloger's Desktop product manager, retired from the Policy and Standards Division in December 2017 after 33 years of service at LC.
Ethel Tillman, an assistant editor in the Data Integrity Section of the Policy and Standards Division, retired in January 2018 after 41 years of service at LC.

Merger of PSD and the Cooperative and Instructional Programs Division
          The work begun in July 2016 to merge the Policy & Standards Division and the Cooperative and Instructional Programs Division continues. These divisions are prime candidates for merging because of the overlap, intersection, and related tasks carried out by the staff of both divisions. These include the focus on standards; sharing cataloging policy decisions; responding to queries from the cataloging community; interacting with internal and external constituents as LC experts; providing training and briefings; and producing/maintaining documentation. A new organizational structure is under consideration.

ALA-LC Romanization Tables
          The ALA-LC Romanization tables are developed jointly by the Library of Congress (LC) and the American Library Association (ALA). Since the ALA Annual Conference in 2018, the ALCTS Committee on Cataloging: Asian and African Materials (CC:AAM) has approved a new Uzbek romanization table and a revised Azerbaijani table. In addition, the Uzbek section of the Non-Slavic Languages (in Cyrillic Script) table has been removed.
          The new and revised tables may be downloaded from the ALA-LC Romanization Tables webpage, http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/roman.html.

Library of Congress-Program for Cooperative Cataloging Policy Statements
     The *RDA Toolkit* release in August 2017 contained 25 revised LC-PCC PSs developed by PSD staff in conjunction with the PCC Standing Committee on Standards.   The summary for the release is available at http://www.loc.gov/aba/rda/pdf/LCPCCPS_changes_2017_August.pdf. Since the text of the *RDA Toolkit* is currently "frozen" while the preparations for the 3R Project continue (see http://www.rdatoolkit.org/3Rproject), the LC-PCC Policy Statements are frozen as well. Should it become necessary to issue new or revised policy statements prior to the release of the 3R Project, they will be posted at: http://www.loc.gov/aba/rda/lcps_access.html.

Cataloging Distribution Service
          The Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS) has released approximately 25 million MARC records which are available for bulk download at no charge. These MARC (Machine Readable Cataloging Records) are the international standard for the representation and communication of bibliographic and related information. The records can be downloaded in UTF8, MARC8 and XML formats. Access the free service at URL <www.loc.gov/cds/products/marcDist.php or at URL <https://www.data.gov/>.

Bibliographic Framework Initiative
          Sally McCallum, chief of the Network Development and MARC Standards Office in ABA, will moderate the BIBFRAME Update Forum on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018, beginning at 10:30 am in Rooms 601-603 of the Colorado Convention Center. The Forum will also feature speakers from IndexData, ExLibris, the LD4P project, and OCLC.
The Network Development & MARC Standards Office (NDMSO) in the ABA Directorate is the focal point for technical standards, linked data exploration, and related planning in Library Services. In fiscal 2017, NDMSO continued development of the Bibliographic Framework (BIBFRAME) model and vocabulary to replace MARC 21 as a cataloging metadata standard in order to reap the benefits of newer

technology, particularly data linking. The Library built on the work and tools developed in the BIBFRAME pilot in fiscal 2016 to begin a new BIBFRAME 2.0 Pilot that enabled input of native BIBFRAME descriptions by 65 catalogers starting in June 2017. Training was completed in July 2017 and all training materials were made publicly available at URL <http://www.loc.gov/catworkshop/bibframe>. The second phase of the pilot offered a much better simulation of an actual cataloging workflow than the first pilot did. Pilot participants create bibliographic descriptions in both BIBFRAME and MARC 21 for each resource being cataloged. Testing includes input of bibliographic data using BIBFRAME 2.0 vocabulary, input of non-Latin scripts, ability to incorporate authority data, and a fuller level of interaction with a live BIBFRAME 2.0 database consisting of the complete BIBFRAME conversion of the Library of Congress bibliographic file. Participants catalog using both the existing MARC-based LC ILS and the BIBFRAME Editor, creating their BIBFRAME descriptions first. Use of the BIBFRAME Editor will provide the designers with valuable feedback on the new approach to creating bibliographic metadata. The second pilot will continue at least until June 2018.

A BIBFRAME Profile Editor, which was needed to make the BIBFRAME Editor flexible for use with different formats of material, was used with the BFE to support the BIBFRAME 2.0 Pilot. In BIBFRAME 2.0, nine separate profiles are in use: monographs, serials, rare materials, notated music, cartographic resources, BluRay DVD audio visual resources, 35 mm audio visual resources, sound recording resources, and print and photographic resources.

This year NDMSO continued upgrading servers and systems to handle new traffic loads anticipated for linked data resolution, label lookup, and other services related to the BIBFRAME project and the Library's Linked Data Service, LDS/ID. An upgrade to the MarkLogic datastore server software to Version 8 with a semantic module was installed and moved to production. This upgrade included native handling of Resource Description Framework (RDF) triples in the database as well as security updates. This effort will continue in fiscal 2018 as load-balancing front end servers are added and the systems are tuned. The staging server for LDS/ID was also upgraded and expanded to support the BIBFRAME 2.0 Pilot, and 16 vocabularies were added that allowed pilot participants to choose authority terms from dropdown lists in the BIBFRAME Editor.

Outreach to the community about BIBFRAME continues via listservs and conference presentations. The BIBFRAME model, vocabulary, and other tools are made available for download on the software sharing site, GitHub, to encourage experimentation with BIBFRAME by the library community. At the 2017 conference of the Committee on Research Materials on Southeast Asia (CORMOSEA), the chief of the ABA Asian and Middle Eastern Division (ASME) gave a presentation on BIBFRAME and the Library's efforts to address the need for bibliographic data in the original script for the languages of interest to CORMOSEA members.

In cooperative standards development, two ABA Cooperative and Instructional Programs Division (COIN) staff members participated on both the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) URI Task Group and the PCC BIBFRAME Task Group, which mapped the CONSER Standard Record and BIBCO Standard Record to BIBFRAME 2.0.