

**Library of Congress Report**  
**ALA/ALCTS/CaMMS Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access**  
**American Library Association 2019 Annual Conference**  
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This document covers only selected initiatives undertaken at the Library of Congress since the ALA 2019 Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, with a focus on 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 Pavilion**

The Library’s Pavilion is no. **2705** in the Washington Convention Center. Librarian of Congress Dr. Carla Hayden will be at the Pavilion on two occasions. On Friday evening, the Pavilion features “Happy Hour with the Librarian of Congress” from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. On Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 am, the Pavilion will offer “Coffee with Carla.” Some 30-minute pavilion presentations of particular interest to catalogers include:

- PrePub Book Link: Moving CIP into the Future for Publishers, Caroline Saccucci, Saturday, 1:30 pm; Cat Eiche, Sunday, 3:00 pm
- Acquiring and Cataloging Foreign Materials for the Library of Congress, Erin Freas-Smith, Saturday, 12:30 pm and Sunday, 2:00 pm.

A new feature at the Pavilion is “office hours” when LC ambassadors will be on hand to discuss their areas of specialization with visitors. Topics with office hours of interest to catalogers include:

- BIBFRAME, Saturday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm and Monday, 12:00-2:00 pm
- Program for Cooperative Cataloging, Saturday, 1:00 am-12:00 pm; Monday, 11:00 am-12:00 pm
- Cataloging in Publication, Saturday, 1:00-5:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00-5:00 pm; Monday, 9:00-11:00 am.

**Special Events and Tours at the Library of Congress**

The Library is hosting a number of special events and tours during the conference. Many are free and do not require pre-registration. A full list of events, with a description of each, is provided on LC’s website at <https://www.loc.gov/librarians/american-library-association/annual/events-at-the-library>. Those that may be of particular interest are

- Tours of the Jefferson Building, Thursday, 2:30 p.m.; Friday and Monday, 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
- “Be a Book” Tour, Friday 1-4 p.m.
- Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access special demonstrations, Monday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
  - Shelf-Ready Services at the Library of Congress
  - Foreign Acquisitions and Cataloging at the Library of Congress
  - Cataloging Policy Lab
  - The Library of Congress “eDeposit” Program, copyright deposit of born-digital resources
  - Acquisitions workflows for major acquisitions and for e-books
  - The Library of Congress CIP, CYAC, Dewey, and ISSN programs

## **Federal Budget**

The Library of Congress's total budget authority for fiscal 2019 is \$751.93 million. The Library's fiscal 2020 budget requests seeks a 6.8 percent increase over fiscal 2019 for a total budget authority of \$802.78 million. Of the increase, \$26.42M would fund mandatory pay and price-level increases. The request seeks to support continuous modernization in all areas, including IT, infrastructure, business process and targeted workforce skills, with a particular focus on increasing access and focusing on "user centered" customer service to Congress and the American people. Some key Library funding initiatives for Fiscal 2020 include:

- Enriching the Thomas Jefferson Building Visitor Experience (\$10.0M no-year authority/NTE 3)
- Data Center Transformation and Network Modernization Phase II (\$7.0M/FTE 0)
- Congress.gov Enhancements and Legislative Information System (LIS) Retirement (\$3.617M/FTE 4)
- NLS Braille eReaders and Talking Book Machines (\$2.375M/FTE 0)
- NLS Braille and Audio Reading by Download (BARD) Infrastructure Modernization (\$5M/NTE 2)
- Financial Services Directorate (FSD) Optimization and Modernization (\$3.862M/FTE 10)
- Supporting a Robust Library Data Strategy (\$1.088M/FTE 2).

In May, the House Appropriations Committee reported an appropriations measure providing the committee's recommendations for funding the Legislative Branch, including the Library of Congress. H.R. 2779 provides \$720.3M in appropriations for the Library, an increase of \$24.2M above the fiscal 2019 enacted level. The bill also authorizes the Library to use \$55.7M in offsetting receipts and prior year unobligated balances for a total budget authority of \$776M in fiscal 2020. While the bill was expected to go to the floor in mid-June, that vote has been postponed because of an unrelated matter involving raising salaries for Members of Congress. The House may soon reschedule bringing this bill to the floor for consideration. The Senate has yet to mark up an FY2020 appropriations bill for the Legislative Branch.

## **Significant Library-wide Personnel Changes**

*Karyn A. Temple* was appointed as the thirteenth Register of Copyrights, United States Copyright Office, effective March 27, 2019.

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

*Robin L. Dale* was appointed Associate Librarian for Library Services, effective April 1, 2019.

*Michelle Light* was appointed Director for Special Collections, effective May 28, 2019.

## **GENERAL CATALOGING**

### **Policy and Standards Division and Cooperative and Instructional Programs Division Merger**

The Policy and Standards Division (PSD) and the Cooperative and Instructional Programs Division (COIN) have merged to form a new division called the Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division (PTCP). Judith Cannan is the chief of the new division. The merger was prompted by the overlap of tasks carried out by the staff of the two former divisions, including developing and communicating cataloging policy decisions, responding to queries from the cataloging community, interacting with internal and external constituents as Library of Congress experts, providing training and briefings, producing and maintaining cataloging documentation, and involvement with the Program for Cooperative Cataloging. The merged division will allow for more efficiency in these areas of overlap. It consists of two sections, with some staff members reporting directly to the chief.

## **Staffing Changes**

*Alysia Peich* joined COIN as a senior instructor on March 18, 2019. Alysia previously worked at the State Library of Iowa.

*Daniel Griffin* joined COIN as a senior instructor on April 1, 2019. Daniel previously worked in the Santa Clara County Library System.

*Hong Ta-Moore* became head of the Middle East & South Asia Section, Asian and Middle Eastern Division of ABA, on February 17, 2019. Hong previously served as a reference librarian in the Asian Division.

*Jessalyn Zoom* became the chief of the Asian and Middle Eastern Division of ABA on May 13, 2019. Jessalyn previously served as the head of the History & Military Section in the U.S. Arts, Sciences & Humanities Division (USASH) of ABA. Prior to becoming a section head, Jessalyn was a cooperative cataloging program specialist in COIN.

*Phong Tran* became the deputy field director of the New Delhi overseas office of ABA on May 26, 2019. Phong had been a cataloger of South Asian materials at the Library of Congress since 2003.

*Vickie Crawley*, head of the Geography, Political Science, and Education Section of USASH, resigned effective April 17, 2019.

## **BIBFRAME**

The Network Development and MARC Standards Office (NDMSO) and the Cooperative and Instructional Programs Division (COIN) continue to work together on BIBFRAME development and testing. Approximately 50 Library of Congress catalogers are currently participating in BIBFRAME Pilot Phase Two. Approximately 60 additional LC staff members, including several from LC's Overseas Offices, will begin training this summer to join the Pilot by the end of the fiscal year. Pilot participants have been creating bibliographic descriptions in both BIBFRAME and MARC 21 for each resource they catalog. Testing includes input of bibliographic data using BIBFRAME 2.0 vocabulary, input of non-Latin scripts, and the ability to incorporate authority data. Development of a policy decision on inputting non-Latin script with limited romanization is a goal for the 2019 fiscal year. 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 2019. Plans for 2019 include distribution of data from the BIBFRAME 2.0 database via the LC Linked Data Service: <https://id.loc.gov/>.

With feedback from PTCP, NDMSO has developed, refined, and tested code for a number of improvements to the tools that are used in the BIBFRAME Pilot. This included improved validation and posting of new descriptions to the BIBFRAME database from the BIBFRAME Editor, enhancements of the editor interface such as "mouse over" previews of fuller data in authority lookups, and streamlining of the user display. NDMSO has developed a new editor feature that enables catalogers to define and name subsets (a "template") of a profile. The template feature allows catalogers to customize the display of profile elements so that elements that are not needed for a particular type of resource can be "turned off" and those that are needed are "turned on." Plans for the rest of 2019 include continuing to improve user interaction with these BIBFRAME Editor profiles and continuing to improve access to name/subject authority data. The bibliographic data in the BIBFRAME 2.0 database is used in combination with authority data from 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 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 the project.

### **Acquisitions Fiscal and Overseas Support Division (AFOS)**

The former Overseas Operations Division and the former Acquisitions Fiscal and Support Office were merged to form AFOS, effective April 28, 2019. The new division manages the Surplus Books and Duplicate Materials Exchange programs and provides policy for acquisitions operations. It also performs fiscal, accounting, and mail handling duties for ABA. The six field directors of the Library of Congress offices in Cairo, Islamabad, Jakarta, Nairobi, New Delhi, and Rio de Janeiro continue to report to the Director for ABA.

### **Cataloging in Publication (CIP)**

PrePub Book Link (PPBL), the software that replaces ECIP Traffic Manager, launched on May 21, 2019, for publishers and authors to request CIP data. Library of Congress staff and CIP Partnership libraries began using the new system to distribute CIP applications, input data, and return cataloging data to publishers on May 30, 2019. PPBL conforms to current Library of Congress information security requirements and offers improved searching and routing functions in addition to the capability to generate an initial MARC format bibliographic record from the data submitted by the requesting publisher. The system was developed by Library of Congress staff and external contractors and will be maintained by the Library of Congress information technology staff.

### **CATALOGING POLICY AND STANDARDS**

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

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](http://www.loc.gov/aba/rda/lcps_access.html).

#### **New Editions of LC Vocabularies and LC Classification**

The 2019 PDF editions of Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH), Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms for Library and Archival Materials (LCGFT), Library of Congress Demographic Group Terms (LCDGT), and Library of Congress Medium of Performance Thesaurus for Music (LCMPT), as well as the LC classification schedules and tables, were published in May 2019. They may be found under “Products available for download” at: <http://www.loc.gov/aba/>.

#### **New SHM and CSM Instruction Sheets**

Two new instruction sheets were published in June 2019. SHM instruction sheet H 1629.5, Forenames and Surnames, which provides guidelines on establishing subject headings for forenames and surnames that are assigned to works about the etymology of those names. For example, the subject heading **Murphy (Name)** would be assigned to the work *History of the name Murphy*. CSM instruction sheet F 177, Translations, provides guidelines on the classification of translations. Some of the information in this instruction sheet was formerly provided in F 175, Editions.

#### **Classification Web 4**

An updated interface for Classification Web will be released in late summer or early fall of 2019. The interface will have all of the same functionality as the current one, and also include some additional features. Janis Young will demonstrate the new interface at the PCC At Large meeting, which is on Sunday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Renaissance Hotel, Congressional A.

#### **Linear Name Changes for Macedonia (Republic) and Swaziland**

The national governments of the Republic of Macedonia and Swaziland recently changed the names of their countries to North Macedonia and Eswatini, respectively. The Policy, Training, and

Cooperative Programs Division (PTCP) undertook projects to update the LC/NAF, LCSH, and LCC to reflect the new country names.

The revisions to name authority records affected by the name changes, including local places and corporate bodies qualified by place, have been completed. For example, the local place heading **Bitola (Macedonia)** was changed to **Bitola (North Macedonia)** to reflect the current name of the larger place. Local place names that existed only during the time of the earlier name of the country have not been changed. For example, **Titov Veles (Macedonia)** is unchanged, but the later heading is now **Veles (North Macedonia)** because the name Titov Veles changed to Veles in 1996. See LC-PCC PS for 16.2.2.4, Choice of Larger Place, for more information.

All of the affected LCSH authority records have also been updated, for both countries. LCC has been updated when the revision affected the classification number (e.g., a proposal to cancel QH178.M23 in favor of QH178.N64 appeared on Tentative List 1905). Changes to LCC that do not affect classification numbers – typically, when only a change in caption is necessary – will be completed offlist in the coming months.

The *Subject Headings Manual* (SHM) and the *Classification and Shelflisting Manual* (CSM) have been revised to reflect the changes, too. In particular, G 300, the Regions and Countries Table, was updated to include new cutters for the two countries (E77 for Eswatini and N74 for North Macedonia).

Following standard policy, the earlier and later name headings of both countries are each valid for use as descriptive access points, as appropriate. However, since each country underwent a linear name change, the descriptive access points **Macedonia (Republic)** and **Swaziland** are no longer valid for subject use. Instead, **North Macedonia** and **Eswatini**, respectively, should be assigned as subject headings and geographic subdivisions. See SHM H 708 for more information.

### “Multiple” Subdivisions

In order to better support linked-data initiatives, PTCP has begun a project to cancel “multiple” subdivisions from LCSH. “Multiple” subdivisions are a special type of subdivision that automatically gives free-floating status to analogous subdivisions used under the same heading. For example, in the established string **English language—Dictionaries—French [Italian, etc.]**, the multiple subdivision is — **French [Italian, etc.]**.

The initial focus of the project is the multiple subdivisions that are used after the topical subdivision —**Religious aspects**. As of the end of May, 470 authority records have been cancelled and 3,691 have been created. In addition, 93 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 that LCSH be searched 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 and replaced by 20 individual authority records. Because the multiple was 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 SHM H 1090 until they are cancelled.

PTCP will inform the community of its progress on the project by updating the spreadsheet on the Multiples Cancellation Project website:

<http://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/subject/multiplescancellationproject.html>. The spreadsheet lists all of the authority records that will be cancelled. 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 may be found on the project website at the URL provided above.

## **Art Terms in LCGFT**

An instruction sheet for the draft genre/form manual will be published this summer; PTCF will begin to accept proposals for new and revised art genre/form terms after the draft instruction sheet is published.

## **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.

## **U.S. ISSN Center**

### **ISO 8**

A significant revision of the international standard ISO 8:1977, Presentation and Identification of Periodicals, was published by the International Standards Organization April 1, 2019. Regina Reynolds, Director of the U.S. ISSN Center in USPRLL, was a member of the ISO working group that prepared this first revision of the standard since it was first published in 1977. The standard's focus is on "elements of periodicals — printed, born-digital or retrospectively digitized — that relate to the presentation of title and supporting descriptive information, as well as practices related to title identification and content access over time." In 1977, the ISSN standard was very new and online periodicals did not exist. This revision incorporates extensive information and guidance about ISSN. Guidance about e-Journals is based on the recommended practice from the National Information Standards Organization (NISO) entitled, PIE-J: Presentation and Identification of E-Journals.

### **Revision of ISO 3297, the ISSN Standard**

A ballot on the first draft of the revised ISSN Standard closed March 14, 2019. Regina Reynolds, director of the U.S. ISSN Center at the Library of Congress and member of the ISO working group, participated in the 46th meeting of ISO Technical Committee 46, Information and Documentation, in Ottawa, Ont., May 6-8, 2019. During this meeting, the ISSN working group met to review and answer the numerous comments received on the first draft. The draft will next be updated to take comments into account. The final draft standard will then be put to a vote of eligible ISO members.