Library of Congress Report

ALA/CORE Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access

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This document covers only selected initiatives undertaken at the Library of Congress since ALA 2021 Annual Virtual Meeting, June 2021, with a primary focus on descriptive cataloging activities.
A fuller report for the Library of Congress is available at the LC Update for ALA.

Staffing Changes
Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access Directorate
- Camilla Williams was appointed head of the CIP/DEWEY Section, US Programs, Law & Literature Division, effective July 18, 2021.
- Ann Sullivan, children's and young adult literature cataloger, died on August 23, 2021, after a brief illness. She had served the literature and children's cataloging communities for 40 years at the Library of Congress.

Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division
- PTCP was able to hire three new cataloging policy specialists.
   - Veronica Ranieri, already a member of PTCP, moved from her position as a cooperative cataloging specialist to cataloging policy specialist on Dec. 6, 2021.
   - Nancy Cooey joined the library as a cataloging policy specialist on Jan. 3, 2022.
   - Amy Phillips joined the library as a cataloging policy specialist on Jan. 18, 2022.
- Janis Young left PTCP to join US Anglo Division, United Kingdom and Ireland Section, on Jan. 18, 2022, after 13 years as a cataloging policy specialist.
- Libby Dechman retired on June 17, 2022, after 13 years as a cataloging policy specialist.
- Daniel Griffin, a senior instructor, left on Jan. 20, 2022 to join the training operation for the U.S. Senate Sergeant at Arms.

General Cataloging
Cataloger's Desktop
Cataloger's Desktop provides users full-text, searchable access to frequently used policy manuals, resources for describing digital content, and resources for connecting users to tools for the metadata management lifecycle. Quarterly updates are issued for changes made to resources contained within the service. A product development roadmap is planned for release to users in Fall 2022.

Program for Cooperative Cataloging
- Meetings:
   - ALA Annual PCC Participants' Meeting (July 2021): recording
   - PCC Policy Committee Meeting (Nov. 2021): agenda and outcomes

- - - PCC Participants' Meeting (Feb. 4, 2022) on topic of PCC Wikidata Pilot (online and open to all) agenda and recording
  - New groups formed:
    - RDA Communications Committee: charge and website
    - Task Group on Developing a PCC Entities Vocabulary: charge and progress report
      - Developing vocabulary for entity types not recognized as "agents" by Official RDA (named animals, etc.) for use in MARC Authority field 075 (Type of Entity)
    - Working Group on Metadata Application Profiles: charge and progress report
      - Current focus: developing PCC templates for textual monographs and serials in Sinopia (linked data editor)
    - Task Group on MARC Simplification for BIBFRAME Conversion : charge and interim report
    - Task Group to Test the Official RDA Toolkit: charge
    - Task Group on Required Contribution to the PCC: charge
    - Task Group on Developing Guidelines for Using ISO 639-3 Language Codes for Library Cataloging: charge
  - Revised BIBCO Participants' Manual issued (Nov. 2021); brought content up-to-date and added new policy (section F3) permitting a BIBCO record to be created for a resource not in hand provided the cataloger has access to a reliable surrogate
    - "The use of surrogates is not generally recommended for descriptions of rare materials if those descriptions will include bibliographic details that require examination of the physical object for verification. Such details may include signature statements, bibliographic format, illustrative techniques, and binding materials."
  - Veronica Ranieri is now the SACO Coordinator-in-training.

Documentation
- Published Changes: (August/October 2021):
  - 046 (Special Coded Dates): Added sections on repeatability, conflicting dates, and uncertain dates resulting from date calculations
  - 385 (Audience Characteristics): Added best practice guidelines.
  - 386 (Creator/Contributor Characteristics): Added best practice guidelines.
  - 670 (Source Data Found): Added guidance on $u formatting
- Full DCM Z1: https://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/dcmz1.pdf
- Quarterly DCM update packages: https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeDCM/freedcm.html
- The PDFs of the updated LCSH, LCC, CYAC, LCDGT, LCGFT, and LCMPT were added to the LC ABA website.

Romanization
- One revised table approved by Romanization Table Review Board: Macedonian (Nov. 2021)
- Public feedback invited on two revised tables (still under review): Armenian, Japanese
- Current versions of all tables: https://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/roman.html

Descriptive Cataloging
RDA Documentation
- Timeline:

- LC/PCC implementation: TBD ("no earlier than" date changed from July to Oct. 2022)
- LC/PCC training: TBD

- Documentation:
  - LC-PCC RDA Policy Statements (published in Official RDA Toolkit)
    - Reminder: Do not use yet; further revisions expected; may use error report form to report problems with grammar, punctuation, spelling, bad links
    - New: PCC RDA Communication Committee feedback form (may use to submit questions and propose revisions)
  - LC-PCC Metadata Guidance Documents (publication on LC website expected Jan. 2022)
    - Written by group of LC/PCC members (from all LC ABA cataloging divisions, the LC Music Division, five U.S. universities, and the British Library)
    - Provide more detail than LC-PCC PS, including MARC/BIBFRAME examples

Cataloging in Publication program

- In FY2021 (the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2021), the CIP Program cataloged 50,817 CIP records for print and e-books. Members of the CIP Partnership Program contributed 4,561 CIP records. The contract catalogers completed 2,942 CIP records.
- In FY2021, the CIP Program created 26,286 e-book bibliographic records and received 39,204 e-book files from 126 publisher and aggregator sftp accounts.
- PrePub Book Link now includes an option to record an ISNI in the CIP data application request.

Dewey

- In FY2021 (the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2021), the LC Dewey Program assigned Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) to 102,564 bibliographic records, surpassing the target of 90,000 DDC assigned.
- Several catalogers in the U.S. Programs, Law, and Literature Division and the U.S. Arts, Sciences, and Humanities Division have been trained and declared independent to assign DDC to the works they catalog.
- Kelly West recently joined OCLC as the first visiting editor-in-residence for the DDC system. In this inaugural six-month role, Ms. West will collaborate closely with DDC editor Alex Kyrios, and will contribute her expertise to reduce systematic bias embedded in the DDC.

ISSN

- ISSN Uplink, the first web-based ISSN application system for the U.S. ISSN Center, went into production Nov. 23, 2020. The system provides ISSN applicants with the ability to apply online, track the progress of their applications, and communicate with ISSN staff. ISSN Uplink also provides staff with draft MARC records derived from the data supplied by applicants and sends automated reminders to applicants who have not provided published issues after prepublication ISSN are assigned. In its first full year of operations, ISSN Uplink processed more than 2,700 requests for ISSN assignments from 1,670 publishing organizations.
- The scholarly research project, "Assessing Scholarly Journals: Predatory or Just "Born" in the Wrong Country?", will commence on Jan. 24, 2022. Led by Regina Reynolds, director of the

U.S. ISSN Center in USPRLL, with an LC intern and two students from the University of Michigan's School of Information, the project will explore forces that might result in a journal from, for example, the Global South being mischaracterized as predatory and perhaps being denied an ISSN. The resulting report may help prevent incorrect characterizations and promote a more global distribution of quality scholarly journals and publishing opportunities for scholars worldwide.

BIBFRAME

- The Network Development and MARC Standards Office (NDMSO) and the Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division (PTCP) continue work on BIBFRAME development and testing.
- About 100 Library of Congress catalogers, including staff members in most of the overseas offices, copy catalogers, and catalogers of text, maps, moving images, notated (print) music, rare books, sound recordings, still images, and moving images in 35mm film, BluRay, and DVD formats, are producing BIBFRAME descriptions at present. All eligible cataloging staff will be trained for BIBFRAME production by the end of fiscal 2022, Sept. 30, 2022.
- The Library has increased its BIBFRAME production through ongoing improvements to the input/update interface ("BIBFRAME Editor") and the BIBFRAME Database of descriptions.
- The Library of Congress BIBFRAME manual was further revised to reflect the improvements and enable other libraries to access the publicly available version of the BIBFRAME Editor for use in their own cataloging. It is internally available via the LibGuides platform, which enables ongoing updates as the editor improves.
- The Network Development and MARC Standards Office continues to refine the BIBFRAME-to-MARC conversion tool and supporting tools. After further refinement, the conversion tool will permit BIBFRAME descriptions to be distributed to OCLC and other Library of Congress Cataloging Distribution Service customers in the MARC formats. These advances improved productivity and moved BIBFRAME much closer to becoming the Library's primary production environment for bibliographic metadata.
- In October 2021, the Library announced that it had adopted the name "MARVA" for its BIBFRAME Editor. It honors the achievement of Henriette Avram, the Library of Congress manager who led the development of MARC in the 1960s and 1970s. "MARVA" is the mirror image of "AVRAM," indicating the lasting influence of Henriette Avram in the cataloging world.
- The ABA Directorate continues to work closely with about 20 libraries in the related LD4All (Linked Data for All) project led by Stanford University Libraries. The Library of Congress has joined SHARE-VDE, the BIBFRAME-based service of the Italian book and metadata vendor Casalini.
- The Library of Congress BIBFRAME Update Forum was held virtually in conjunction with LibLearnX, on Monday, Jan. 24. See the recording here: https://www.loc.gov/bibframe/news/bibframe-update-mw2022.html

Overseas Offices

- All the overseas offices, in Cairo, Islamabad, Jakarta, Nairobi, New Delhi, and Rio de Janeiro, were impacted by the pandemic restrictions of 2020 and 2021. They have coped admirably with quarantine requirements, bans on travel, and shipping problems. Most adopted a "Team A/Team B" approach to onsite staffing as conditions improved, but outbreaks of covid-19 affected staff in several offices. With the assistance of the LCSG Financial Management

Directorate, the offices purchased secure laptop computers for most staff to use on telework, enabling the offices to continue their work in the pandemic.

- There are several management changes in the overseas offices. William Kopycki was appointed field director for the Library's Nairobi Office, effective Nov. 7, 2021. He continues to oversee the Cairo Office while a national search is conducted for a new field director there. Carol Mitchell, who had been field director of the Jakarta Office, became field director in residence on Jan. 16, 2022, until her planned retirement in late March 2022. Laila Mulgaokar became field director of the Jakarta Office on Jan. 16, 2022. Fehl Cannon, field director for the Islamabad Office, was appointed field director of the New Delhi Office, effective Jan. 16, and will continue to oversee the Islamabad Office as collateral duties.
- In fiscal 2021, the offices completed 18,115 MARC bibliographic records, an increase of five percent over the previous year's production of 17,217. The Jakarta Office prepared to test input of Thai script into the Library's MARC-based ILS. All but one overseas office also produced BIBFRAME descriptions.

Subject Cataloging and Classification

- PTCP experienced some recent changes in staffing, due to the departure of Janis Young and the retirement of Libby Dechman. As a result, three policy specialists are undergoing training to replace them.
- Veronica Ranieri, Dorie Kurtz, Nancy Cooey, Manon Théroux, Amy Phillips, and Melanie Polutta have taken on specific areas of responsibility. Veronica, Dorie, and Melanie and will be handling the subject and classification list meetings through the course of 2022, but the others will be added in soon.
- Veronica Ranieri now handles: Philosophy, Aesthetics, Philosophy, Psychology, Religion (B); Geography, Anthropology, Recreation (G); Political science (J); Education (L); Medicine (R); Military science, Naval science (U, V).
- Dorie Kurtz is handling: Social sciences, Business & Economics, Sociology (H); Music (M); Language & Literature (P)
- Melanie Polutta now handles: Civilization, Archaeology, Genealogy, Archives (C); History (D, E, F); Art & Architecture (N); Technology (T).
- Nancy Cooey is handling: Law (K)
- Amy Phillips now handles: General works (A)
- Manon Théroux now handles: Science (Q); Agriculture (S); Library science & Bibliography (Z).
- A new email address was created for submitting comments on Tentative Monthly Lists of proposed subject headings: listcomments@loc.gov
- The monthly Subject Editorial meetings are open to interested visitors; for more information: https://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/subject/LCSH-Editorial-Meetings-2022.pdf

Multiples project

- **FY2021 Statistics**
  - 8264 new headings
  - 217 cancelled headings
  - 101 updated validation records
  - 175 revised records

- All multiples related to religion have been cancelled. The most recent multiples tackled by the project are --Study and teaching ([level]), --Influence on [Topic], and --Translating into [language].
- Currently, the multiples project is on hold as we incorporate the new policy specialists. However, the intent is to resume the project soon, if at a slightly slower pace.

Literary author project

In April 2020, PTCP initiated a project to add literary author numbers to the classification schedules when the numbers were established in the LC catalog but not printed in the schedules. Project participants included catalogers from ABA's Literature Section and from SAC. They evaluated each assigned number based on guidelines developed by PTCP, made proposals for the numbers that fit specific criteria, and updated name authority records to add 053 fields if necessary. Over 3,500 literary author numbers were added to the schedules since the 2021 Annual Conference. The project concluded in January 2022; in total, over 9,000 literary author numbers were added to the schedules in the ranges PS3501-3549 (American authors writing in English, 1900-1960) and PR6001-6049 (English authors, 1900-1960).

Law cataloging

Jolande Goldberg continued the work of developing the Law schedules.
- She finalized the drafts of schedules for the indigenous law and government structures of peoples in the Andean country group in South America: Bolivia (KIQ), Brazil (KIR), Colombia (KIS), Ecuador (KIT,) and Peru (KIV). She has concentrated on reconstruction of indigenous communities, land claims and land distribution (creation of protected areas such as resguardos, reservas for the people), and the current big issue of data security/data protection. The terminology follows as close as possible the existing documentation in the hope of creating the schedules as a useful access tool to electronic/web information.
- At the same time, she continues to investigate LCSH for appropriateness or new subject headings. In the case of data protection, personality rights, and privacy, she reviews older law classes for necessary updates. She just presented at the Legal Cataloging Discussion Forum on this topic: "Information & Data: Information Society and Personal Rights & Interests. A Review of Indigenous, Common & Civil Law Classification Patterns."

History Notes
- In an attempt to align the controlled vocabularies more closely with the ANSI/NISO standard Z39.19-2005, LC decided to implement the concept of the history note. The first history notes appeared in April 2022. An announcement recently went out about this implementation of the 688 field for this purpose.

Significant changes

The process of continuing to improve LCSH and LCC is a slow and incremental one, which benefits from the cooperative work of the library world. Several changes occurred since June 2021 that demonstrate that ongoing work. PTCP thanks the members of SACO who pushed some of these changes forward and assisted in making the proposals needed.
- On Nov. 12, 2021, the heading **Illegal aliens** was changed to **Noncitizens**, post-coodinated with **Illegal immigration**. **Aliens** was changed to **Noncitizens**.
- The headings **Blacks** was changed to **Black people**; and the parallel heading **Whites** to **White people**.

- The heading for **Law, Primitive** has now been cancelled in favor of **Customary law**. A similar project addressing the use of the term "primitive" in art and architecture headings was on the March 2022 list, and another project to clean out the rest of the uses of the term primitive is on the June 2022 list.
- The term **Marranos**, which is considered a pejorative term for crypto-Jews that developed after the Jews were expelled from Spain in 1492, has now been cancelled in favor of **Crypto-Jews—Iberian Peninsula**. Similar terms for crypto-Jews in specific locations were also cancelled in favor of using the more consistent practice of **Crypto-Jews—[Place]**.
- **Non-insulin dependent diabetes** was changed to **Type 2 diabetes** and **Hypochondria** was changed to **Illness anxiety disorder** to align them with current terminology.
- **Assyrian Genocide, 1915-1925** was established in June 2021.
- **Capitol Riot, Washington, D.C., 2021** was established in September 2021.
- A proposal to change **Slaves** to **Enslaved persons** was approved in principle, and a project is in process to handle all the related changes.
- A request came in from the Graphic Novels and Comics Roundtable joint with a the Subject Access Committee to request the addition of expanded subject access for comics and graphic novels, following the model for literature. LC put together a team to work on the suggested revisions, and agreed to the general approach for expanded access. At approximately the same time, a proposal came in to establish **Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945), in comics**. LC discussed the proposal and decided to accept the concept of **[Term] in comics** headings, in the same way that literature and art are established, recognizing that comics are a distinct genre. As a part of that decision, LC also decided to establish the free-floating subdivision **–In comics**, also as a parallel to the –**In literature** instructions. This was incorporated into the H 1430 instruction sheet. These changes were implemented in April 2022.
- For LCC, the N cutters for the term Negros have been changed, and those captions and Cutter numbers have now been updated to Black people or African-Americans, as appropriate to the context.
- LCSH added 10,488 records in FY2021.
- LCC added 6,281 records in FY2021.

LCGFT

- LCGFT added 30 records in FY2021.
- The authorized heading for **Board books** was established in January 2022.

LCDGT

- During the second half of fiscal 2021, cataloging policy specialists in PTCP analyzed the structure and principles of LCDGT and rewrote the LCDGT Manual extensively.
- The Manual now consists of sections devoted to the LCDGT categories, proposing headings, evaluating proposals, and using approved headings in cataloging. Separate categories for gender and sexual orientation were deleted from the vocabulary, and the terms in those categories were all moved into the social category, to improve inclusivity.
- The most notable change for the next phase of LCDGT was the formation of an Advisory Group

to guide the development of the LCDGT vocabulary. This group consists of a PTCP staff member and subject matter experts from nine institutions: the American Psychological Association, American Theological Library Association, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the U.S. Census Bureau, Council of American Overseas Research Centers, Kinsey Institute, the U.S. National Library of Medicine, the Pew Research Center, and SIL International.

- The Advisory Group received training in October 2021 and began processing new LCDGT proposals on January 31, 2022. PTCP made a public announcement at that time.

LCMPT

- LCMPT added 11 records in FY2021.
- The terms for vocal ranges were re-defined to be gender neutral in April 2021.

Children's Literature and Young Adult Cataloging (CYAC) and Literature Section

- On July 2021, over 11,500 CYAC subject headings were added to the online Children's Subject Authority file, in cooperation with the Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division. These headings were previously located in a card file onsite at the Library of Congress, but are now available to the entire library community through Classification Web and id.loc.gov. The new headings were automatically generated and currently contain a MARC 667 field: Machine-derived authority record.
- The CYAC team is currently evaluating each heading and adding relevant scope notes, when necessary. When an evaluated heading is approved, the Machine-derived authority record note is deleted. All proposals are placed on the CYAC Subject Headings Tentative Lists and the CYAC Subject Headings Approved Lists, which are available at https://lcconline.info/.
- The CYAC team has started creating and distributing policy and procedure documents (C memos) for CYAC cataloging. Ten C memos are now available at: https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeCYAC/freecyac.html. The current policies provide guidance on how to write summaries and how to catalog toy and movables.
- The CYAC team holds monthly meetings to evaluate policies, new and revised CYAC headings, and new and revised LCSH headings that related to CYAC work, as well as other matters. Currently seven monthly lists have been published and we have started to review the headings that were automatically loaded. The monthly lists are available at: https://classweb.org/approved-subjects
- We are also reviewing and establishing subject hierarchies—specifically a network of BTs, NTs, and RTs—when necessary, for many of the subject headings. The CYAC's subject headings previously relied on referring to LCSH for such relationships.
- Since July 2021 we have approved 49 new subject headings, modified 108 subject headings, and cancelled 5 subject headings.