OCLC cataloging community meeting

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Welcome
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• OCLC Data Quality update
• Closing

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**Post-event**

- OCLC will make available:
  - Recordings of each session
  - Slides
  - Notes taken by OCLC staff
- Notifications:
  - Registrants will receive an email via Webex
  - OCLC will post links to content: Cataloging & Metadata, Record Manager and Collection Manager communities, AskQC help site

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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

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  – Maya Espersen, Aurora Public Library Colorado

Rapid Harm Reduction Through Locally-Defined Subjects in WorldCat Discovery
  – Grace McGann, OCLC

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USDA Forest Service

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U.S. Board on Geographic Names

An Overview of the Processes for Approving Geographic Names for Federal Use

Presentation to OCLC Global Library Cooperative
June 9, 2023

Betsy Kanalley
USDA Forest Service
Geospatial Program Manager
USDA Member to US Board on Geographic Names
Topics

• Overview of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN)
• Review BGN Principles and Policies & for Domestic Geographic Names
• BGN Domestic Names – new names and name changes – Process
• Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)
• Other Federal Initiatives addressing derogatory geographic names
  • U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Secretaries Orders
  • FS involvement and implementation
U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN)

HISTORY and MISSION

• 1890: Established by Executive Order of President Benjamin Harrison
  • Era of federal mapping and charting

• 1947: Re-established by Public Law 80-242
  • Directs Secretary of the Interior, jointly with the Board on Geographic names shall provide for uniformity in geographic nomenclature and orthography throughout the Federal Government

• Serves as the Federal authority regarding all name discrepancies, inquiries, and new name and name change proposals
U.S. Board on Geographic Names

- Comprised of two standing committees: **Domestic Names** and Foreign Names, and two advisory committees:
  - Antarctic Names
  - Undersea Features
- Additional subcommittees and special committees:
  - Executive Committee
  - Communications
  - **Native American Names and Tribal Communication**
- Membership consists of representatives from 11 departments, 21 agencies
The BGN Then and Now

1922?

2022
DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
• Forest Service
• Natural Conservation Resources Service

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
• U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
• Census Bureau
• Office of Coast Survey

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
• U.S Geological Survey
• National Park Service
• Bureau of Indian Affairs
• Fish and Wildlife Service
• Bureau of Land Management
• Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE
BGN DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

• Considers proposals for new names, and name, spelling or location changes
  • Proposals received from the general public; organizations;
    local, State, Federal, Tribal governments, and others
  • Downloadable PDF proposal-application form
• BGN staff prepares a case brief, added to Quarterly Review List
• BGN staff conducts outreach/solicits opinions from local
government(s), State Names Authority, State or Federal
  land management agencies, Tribal authorities, other
  interested parties
• When outreach is complete, the proposal moves to the docket for the next BGN
  Domestic Names Committee Meeting to be voted on
• Monthly, Virtual Meetings – Open to the public
BGN Domestic Names Decision Process

**BGN Principles, Policies, and Procedures for Domestic Geographic Names (PPP)**

**PRINCIPLES**

- Use of the Roman Alphabet
- **Names in Local Usage**
- Names Established by Act of Congress or Executive order
- Names Established by Other Authorities
- **One Name for One Geographic Entity**
- Preservation of Names and Features

**POLICIES**

- Names Considered or Established by Congress or the President
- Name Changes
- **Commemorative Names**
- Wilderness Area Geographic Names
- **Derogatory and Offensive Names**
- Diacritics
- Duplicate and Similar Names
- Variant Names
- Long Names
- **Tribal Geographic Names**
- Commercial Name
- Animal Names

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BGN Domestic Names Committee Meetings

Monthly meetings – Virtual, Open to the Public

Example Docket Item

Change **Mocala Lake** (FID 1620221) (BGN 1958) to **Waagaagamaa Lake**, Michigan

[Ottawa National Forest proclaimed boundary]

[Review Lists 446, 448]


**Waagaagamaa Lake:**

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The Traditional Ecological Knowledge Specialist with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission submitted this name change on behalf of the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Chippewa Indians. It was initiated in response to a request for comments on a previous proposal, to change
BGN PROCESS

BGN Staff Receives Proposal
Seeks Stakeholder input

BGN Votes on Proposal

Y/N

TRIBES
State
Local Government
Land Management Agency

YES

Name can be used on Federal Products

Geographic Names Information System
Derogatory Place Names Initiative

- Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland signed two Secretary’s Orders (SO) on Nov. 19, 2021
  - SO 3404 - Declaring "Sq___" a Derogatory Term and Implementing Procedures to Remove the Term
  - SO 3405 - Addressing Derogatory Geographic Names
- Nov. 20 -- Chief Moore Call to Action Letter

“Racist terms have no place in our vernacular or on our federal lands. Our nation’s lands and waters should be places to celebrate the outdoors and our shared cultural heritage, not to perpetuate the legacies of oppression”

Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland
Ongoing Work on Derogatory Place Names

• 2021 DOI - Secretary Deb Haaland signed Secretary's Orders to Address Derogatory Place Names

• **SO 3404** - Declaring "Sq___" a Derogatory Term and Implementing Procedures to Remove the Term
  • 2022 – Derogatory Names Task Force – changed over 650 place names containing the term sq___
  • [LIST OF REPLACEMENT NAMES](#)

• **SO 3405** - Addressing Derogatory Geographic Names

• DOI-led [Federal Advisory Committee on Reconciliation in Place Names](#) – tasked with identifying other derogatory terms and recommending to the Secretary
  • 75 nominees -- 17 selected members

• 3405 – Establishes a Federal Advisory Committee tasked to identify other derogatory/problematic Names
  • Derogatory Geographic Names
  • National Parks, National Forest and Grassland Names, National Recreation Areas, Wilderness Names

• First in-person meeting of the advisory committee -- June 14-15, 2023
  • [Federal Register: Notice of Public Meeting for the Advisory Committee on Reconciliation in Place Names](#)
Forest Service Efforts to Remove the Derogatory Term

• Errata sheets for-sale visitor maps and other products
• Content Advisories at Websites where derogatory names may appear
  • National Archives Catalog https://catalog.archives.gov/
• Metadata tags where data cannot be changed (legal, historic, contract)
• Data Stewards are at field units responsible for these updates – in some cases it is a big lift (roads, trails, etc.)
  • Maps should be revised within 3 – 7 years
• Global change to “Sq_____” as a placeholder to give the field more time to make final changes
Current Work and Future Goals

• Continue to increase awareness of the BGN and to seek participation, especially from Tribes

• Continue to record names of Native American origin; work with tribal communities to share knowledge

• Continue to represent U.S. at the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographic Names (UNGEGN)
  • UNGEGN is focused on Indigenous and minority language place names
    • “Creating an Equal Society through Geographical Names” exploring the potential for geographic names to contribute to the inclusiveness of society

• Explore ways to streamline our process and improve transparency
THANK YOU!
Reparative Geographic Name Changes: Case Studies in Cataloging

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CATALOGING POLICY

REMINDERS

SOURCES OF INFORMATION


*For names in Australia, base the preferred name on the form found in the Geoscience Australia, place name search: [http://www.ga.gov.au/map/names](http://www.ga.gov.au/map/names)*

*For names in Canada, base the preferred name on the form found in Natural Resources Canada’s Canadian Geographical Names Data Base: [http://www4.nrcan.gc.ca/search-place-names/name.php](http://www4.nrcan.gc.ca/search-place-names/name.php)*

*For names in Great Britain, base the preferred name on the form found in a recent edition of The Ordnance Survey gazetteer of Great Britain, if available, or the GEnet Names Server (GNS): [http://geonames.nga.mil/gns/html](http://geonames.nga.mil/gns/html)*

*For names in New Zealand, base the preferred name on the form found in Land Information New Zealand’s New Zealand Gazetteer of Official Geographic Names: [http://www.linz.govt.nz/placenames/find-names/nz-gazetteer-official-names](http://www.linz.govt.nz/placenames/find-names/nz-gazetteer-official-names), and Official Names with Macrons: [http://www.linz.govt.nz/placenames/find-names/macrons](http://www.linz.govt.nz/placenames/find-names/macrons) (If the name is a Macron name, if a name does not appear in either of the above sources, consult the New Zealand Place Names Database (Archived): [http://www.linz.govt.nz/placenames/find-names/geographical-names-db](http://www.linz.govt.nz/placenames/find-names/geographical-names-db) (Although this database is no longer being maintained, it is a valid source for names not yet added to the other lists).*

*For other names, base the preferred name on the form found in the resource being cataloged together with a consideration of the form found on the GEnet Names Server (GNS): [http://geonames.nga.mil/gns/html](http://geonames.nga.mil/gns/html)*

[2015-03]
Geographic Names Reflect BGN Decisions

• For U.S. place names, use the approved name in the Geographic Name Information System (GNIS)
  – LC-PCC PS for 16.2.2.2 and SHM 690, sec. 1

• GNIS is cited in a 670 field in the authority record
  – **Example:** GNIS, Oct. 28, 2004 ±b (Rawah Wilderness; reserve; variant name: Rawah Wilderness Area; 40°46'10"N 105°59'20"W)

• When a BGN decision changes, what happens to the authority record depends on which file the authority record belongs to
Place Name (Field 151) Changes

- Places are split between name and subject authority files
- Jurisdictional places are in the name authority file
  - Example: Columbus (Ohio)
  - Treated very similarly to corporate bodies (MARC field 110)
  - Instructions in RDA and LC-PCC PS
- Natural places are in the subject authority file
  - Example: Scioto River (Ohio)
  - Instructions in SHM
- Consult SHM H 405 for ambiguous types of places
  - Name Authority File Examples: Clark County Sanitation District (Nev.) and Andrews Air Force Base (Md.)
  - Subject Authority File Examples: Disneyland (Calif.) and Fresh Kills Landfill (New York, N.Y.)
Name Authority

• Authority records for each name linked with 5XXs
• Any variant language form found can be added
• To break conflict, smaller place is added as part of preferred name, then apply RDA 11.13 if needed

Subject Authority

• One authority record with former name recorded as a variant
• Variant language forms restricted to “pertinent language forms”
• To break conflict, use generic term for feature or smaller place
MOUNT DENALI CASE STUDY
One Mountain, Many Names

- Nine Native Alaskan groups have names for the mountain
  - “Denali” by Koyukon
  - “Dghelay Ka’a” by Dena’ina
- Russians called it “Bulshaia Gora”
- In 1897, a gold prospector used the name “Mount McKinley” in a New York newspaper article because he was a fan of William McKinley
- Mountain and surrounding national park both named after President McKinley in 1917
- Park name changed in 1980 to “Denali National Park and Preserve”
- Mountain name changed in 2015 to “Mount Denali”
Mount Denali Authority Record

010    sh 85082617
151    Denali, Mount (Alaska)
451    Bulshaia Gora (Alaska)  Russian Name
451    Deenaalee Mountain (Alaska)
451    Dghelay Ka'a (Alaska)    Dena’ina Name
451    ᖃwę nne ᖠa McKinley, Mount (Alaska) Former Heading
451    Mount Denali (Alaska)    Direct Order
551    ᖃwę ᖱa Alaska Range (Alaska) Broader Terms for 1) Named Group and 2) Type of Feature
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Denali National Park and Preserve Authority Record

010 sh 85036690

151 Denali National Park and Preserve (Alaska)

451 McKinley National Park (Alaska)

451 Mount McKinley National Park (Alaska)

550 ꞌw ꞌa National parks and reserves ꞌz Alaska

Note: The former name is not coded as “ꞌw nne” because it was not used as an authorized heading.
Denali National Park and Preserve (Agency : U.S.) Authority Record

010  no2005119225
046  ǂs 1980-12-02 ǂ2 edtf  Date of Establishment
110  2  Denali National Park and Preserve (Agency : U.S.)
410  1  United States. ǂb National Park Service. ǂb Denali National Park and Preserve
510  2  ǂw r ǂi Predecessor: ǂa Mount McKinley National Park (Agency : U.S.)  Relationship to Earlier Corporate Body
## Denali Bibliographic Record Example 2

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Mount McKinley National Park (Agency : U.S.) Authority Record

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Date of Establishment: 1917-02-26
Date of Termination: 1980-12-02
Relationship to Later Corporate Body: Successor: Denali National Park and Preserve
Denali Bibliographic Record Example 3

110 2 Mount McKinley National Park (Agency : U.S.), ✺e author.

245 1 0 Backcountry management plan, Mount McKinley National Park.

264 1 [Alaska] : ✺b [Mount McKinley National Park], ✺c [1976]

651 0 Outdoor recreation ✺z Alaska ✺z Denali National Park and Preserve ✺x Planning.
“Squaw” Names

• Hundreds of geographic names in the U.S. had the derogatory term “squaw” as part of the name
• Many authorized access points for geographic and corporate body names in library catalogs had this term because it was part of a place name
• As the BGN changed the place names, authority records were changed, when appropriate
• In 2022, the BGN finished this huge renaming effort
Sycamore Run (Allegheny County, Pa.)

010 sh 94008914

151 Sycamore Run (Allegheny County, Pa.)

451 ǂw nne ǂa Squaw Run (Allegheny County, Pa.)

550 ǂw g ǂa Rivers ǂz Pennsylvania

670 GNIS, viewed online September 10, 2022 ǂb (In response to the Department of the Interior Secretarial Order 3404 this is the list of U.S. Board on Geographic Names approved official Sq_ replacement names ... Squaw Run [changed to] Sycamore Run) Sycamore Run (Stream; Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; 40.4845128999999, -79.8772723)

688 Heading changed from Squaw Run (Allegheny County, Pa.) to Sycamore Run (Allegheny County, Pa.) in December 2022.
Impact on Related Authority Records

• **sh 94009023** changes from *Squaw Run Watershed (Allegheny County, Pa.)* to *Sycamore Run Watershed (Allegheny County, Pa.)*
  – See SHM H 800 *Rivers, Valleys, Watersheds, Etc.*

• **n 80025214** remains **Squaw Run Area Watershed Association**
  – If the corporate body changed its name, that would be a new authority record
Sycamore Run Bibliographic Record Example

110 2 Greenhorne & O’Mara.

245 1 0 Squaw Run area / ℗c prepared by Greenhorne & O'Mara, inc., using stereo-photogrammetric methods from aerial photography flown April 1977.

500 "Base map copyright 1977 by Squaw Run Area Watershed Association, inc. ...

651 0 Sycamore Run Watershed (Allegheny County, Pa.) ℗v Maps.

710 2 Squaw Run Area Watershed Association.
Works Cited and Image Credits

• National Park Service. [Denali or Mount McKinley?](https://www.nps.gov/index.htm)
• U.S Department of the Interior. [Interior Department Completes Removal of Squirrel” from Federal Use](https://www.doi.gov)
• Department of the Interior. National Park Service. Alaska Region. Mount McKinley from Denali State Park ([https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Mount_McKinley_from_Denali_State_Park_-_DPLA_-_76012f3e7d47d1f2df9350d0066fd72f.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Mount_McKinley_from_Denali_State_Park_-_DPLA_-_76012f3e7d47d1f2df9350d0066fd72f.jpg))
Cataloging Instructions

- Library of Congress. Subject Headings Manual (SHM) instruction sheets:
  - H 690, Formulating Geographic Headings
  - H 800, Rivers, Valleys, Watersheds, etc.
  - H 405 Establishing Certain Entities in the Name or Subject Authority File
  - H 1925 Parks, Reserves, National Monuments, etc.

- RDA instructions:
  - 11.13 Constructing Access Points to Represent Corporate Bodies
  - 16.2.2 Preferred Name for Place
  - 16.2.2.13 Places with the Same Name

- LC-PCC PS for 16.2.2.2
Thanks for listening!

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QUEER VOICES
creating and revising LC authority records used in cataloging resources about, for, and by people in queer communities
QUEER RELATIONSHIPS

challenging cisgender and heterosexual perspectives as the standard
Sexuality is diverse and can be fluid¹

Lived experiences are diverse

Gender identity is not an either/or

Relationships are complicated and varied

¹https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/sexual-fluidity-and-the-diversity-of-sexual-orientation-202203312717
LGBT* COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED STATES

8% OF THE U.S. POPULATION

20 MILLION

Identify with a sexual orientation other than lesbian, gay, bisexual, or straight

People identified as LGBT in the 2021 U.S. Census Bureau’s Household Pulse Survey²

**OUR TIMELINE**

**JUL-NOV 2022**
Funnel name, scope, PCC accepts our application!

**APR 2023**
Our funnel’s Subject Editorial Meeting debut!

**JUN 2022**
Idea for funnel, first meeting

**DEC 2022--**
SACO training, lots of projects happening

**THE FUTURE**
Continuing to grow, identify new projects
WHO WE ARE

65+
mailing list subscribers

~30
active members

6+
active project groups

3
co-chairs
## WHERE WE ARE

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CURRENT PROJECTS

Subject Heading Changes
- Gender identity disorder -> Gender dysphoria*
- Sexual reorientation programs -> Conversion therapy*
- Gays -> Gay people
- Sexual minorities -> ????
- Sanitary napkins -> Pads (Menstruation)
- Pregnant women -> Pregnant persons

Subject Heading Additions
- Pansexuality
- Puberty blockers
- Menstrual products
- Tampons
- Period underwear
- Menstrual cups
- Menstrual products industry
GETTING INVOLVED

- you don't have to be a cataloger!
- no minimum time commitment
- help only with projects that interest you
THANKS!

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Rapid Harm Reduction Through Locally Preferred Subjects in WorldCat Discovery

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What we will cover

• How "Reimagine Descriptive Workflows" fueled this feature
• Locally preferred subjects in WorldCat Discovery
• Directions for future work
Origins of locally preferred subjects
Reimagine Descriptive Workflows

- Convening of library community broader than specific products
- Takeaways from working sessions:
  - Reduce harm rapidly while more effective solutions develop within the library community and library ecosystem
  - Multiplicity – global problems require culturally contextual solutions, not one-size-fits-all solutions
"Appropriate descriptive language is a complex space that centers on human identity and relationships."
Libraries as Development Partners

- Libraries are key development partners for this feature and the future improvements currently in development
- Discussions with libraries began in November 2021 and continued into March 2022
- The first release of this feature was in August 2022, with an additional release in October 2022
Locally preferred subjects in WorldCat Discovery
Locally preferred subjects

Potentially harmful metadata

Locally preferred subjects

Your users
Local subject re-mapping template

With this document, libraries can:

• Share their work and collaborate
• Benefit from the contributions of others
• Access/share region-specific re-mappings
Users see the terms you define

Subject search for “su: homeless persons”

My library has chosen to replace “homeless persons” with “people experiencing homelessness”
Item details display replaced subject

Users will see the replaced subject on the item details page. The subject is hotlinked, so they can click to perform a search on that term.
Harmful language warning

You can customize language to warn users before they encounter harmful language when a search is performed on an original subject.
Direction for future work

• Libraries will be able to:
  – Define search expansions that support locally preferred subjects
  – Specify the authority source for local subject replacements
Because what is known must be shared.®
Thank you.

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