OCLC Cataloging Community Meeting

17 June 2020
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Final sessions

• OCLC Member Merge Program
  (Ramsey, Morrison, Jun)
  • Questions/Trivia contest
• OCLC Cataloging News
  • Creating infrastructure for library linked data (Dalgord)
  • Cataloging news (Quality Control team)
  • Questions/Trivia contest
• Closing
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Post-event

• OCLC will make available:
  • Recordings of each session
  • Slides
  • Cataloging news
  • Notes taken by OCLC staff
• Notifications:
  • Registrants will receive an email from WebEx
  • Messages will be sent to selected listservs
  • OCLC will post links to content:
    • Record Manager and Collection Manager communities
    • AskQC help site
Session: Reviewing LCSH Tentative Monthly Lists
Charlene Morrison
Database Specialist II

Introduction of Speakers
Reviewing LCSH Tentative Monthly Lists

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OCLC Cataloging Community Meeting - June 17, 2020
ALCTS CaMMS Subject Analysis Committee (SAC)

- **Charge:** “To study problems and recommend patterns, methods, and tools for optimizing subject and genre/form access to information resources .... Also to provide a liaison for those areas of interest between CaMMS and ... organizations that have an interest in and concern for these systems, tools, and activities.”

- **Committee:** Ten members, two interns, 15 liaisons (including Library of Congress)

- **ALA Midwinter Meeting 2020:** Committee brainstormed ways to increase our engagement with the community
Identified a benefit from having members review the Library of Congress tentative lists of subject headings

- Subject heading proposals can be in any area; we have liaisons who are engaged in various domains (e.g., art, law, music, etc.)
- LC staff are very busy, may not have expertise in every area, have many proposals to review
- As a committee, we can use this to advocate for change or to emphasize the importance of proposed terms
LCSH Subject Proposal Process

- Proposal created by cataloger (usually in ClassWeb)
- Proposals compiled into Tentative Monthly List
- Open period for comments from librarians and the public
- Editorial meeting for Tentative Monthly List
- Summary of Decisions from editorial meeting published
- Approved Monthly List published

https://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/subject/lcsh-process.html
Tentative Monthly Lists
https://classweb.org/tentative-subjects/

- Tentative lists show the proposed term, use-for terms, related and broader terms, and scope notes. Citations are not shown.

- If a term is not clear from the list, that can be an indication it needs to be revised!

- Email for comments at the top of list: jayo@loc.gov (Janis Young)
LCSH Subject Proposal Process

Summary of Decisions
https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/saco/cpsoed/cpsoeditorial.html

- Monthly editorial meeting where each tentative list is discussed and comments considered
- Decisions for each proposal:
  - Approved
  - Not approved
  - Not necessary
  - Resubmit
  - Withdrawn
LCSH Subject Proposal Process

Approved Monthly Lists
https://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/subject/weeklylists/

- Tentative proposals that were approved in the monthly editorial meeting
- Link at top for Summary of Decisions listing tentative proposals that were not approved
Evaluating Subject Proposals

- LC’s Subject Heading Manual provides instructions for all aspects of subject heading proposals, including their evaluation (H 204)

- Some guidelines for considering proposals:
  - Is the concept already represented in LCSH?
  - Does the proposed heading reflect the terminology commonly used to refer to the concept, according to the sources consulted?
  - Is the proposed heading clear and unambiguous? Does it employ neutral terminology?
  - Does the proposed heading conform to patterns and precedents in LCSH with respect to wording, form, and style, and to guidelines provided in the SHM?
  - Is a scope note necessary to help catalogers and users understand the meaning of the proposed heading?
  - Are the citations clear, and understandable and do they support the choice of the heading and references and the scope note?
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Tentative Heading [sp2019103619]

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Comment from SAC
Should this be added as BT to Foreign workers (sh 85003502)?
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Editorial Decision
The topic of temporary immigration may be handled by the assignment of two terms Emigration and immigration and Temporary workers. The proposal was not approved.

Comment from SAC
Should this be added as BT to Foreign workers (sh 85003502)?
Example #2 (List 2003)

Tentative Heading [sp2020000188]
150 Cheomseongdae
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Tentative Heading [sp20200000188]
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Comment from SAC

Shouldn’t an observatory be established in the NACO authority file rather than LCSH per H405?
Example #2 (List 2003)

**Tentative Heading** [sp20200000188]
150 Cheomseongdae

**Editorial Decision**
The work being cataloged is about an ancient astronomical observatory. Observatories should be established in the Name Authority File per H 405. The proposal was not approved.

**Comment from SAC**
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Example #3 (List 2003)

Tentative Heading [sp2019103488]
150 Post-truth
Comment from SAC

I am not sure that “Post-truth” is useful. This tactic has always existed, but has not always been called this. In a similar vein to us subsuming the negative of something under the positive (e.g., works about pie being bad are entered under Pies), I think this should just be a reference under “Truthfulness and falsehood.”
Example #3 (List 2003)

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Editorial Decision
Post-truth was added as a UF on the heading Truthfulness and falsehood. The proposal was not approved.

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Tentative Heading [sp2020000550]

150 Nomophobia
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Example #4 (List 2004)

**Tentative Heading** [sp2020000550]

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680 Here are entered works on fear of separation from a cell phone

**Comment from SAC**

Should the first 450 be No mobile phone phobia (i.e., not capitalized)? A period is needed at the end of the scope note.
### Example #4 (List 2004)

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Tentative Heading [sp2020000278]

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Example #5 (List 2004)

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Comment from SAC
I don’t think LC makes a scope note in this situation. And the 667 is not correct, this heading is valid as a geographic subdivision and a 781 is needed.
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What We’ve Learned

● LC does not give feedback on comments submitted or acknowledge receipt of comments

● We requested comment from LC on our work so far:
  ○ The comments did not necessarily lead to different decisions
  ○ Comments that agreed with their thoughts on proposals can be useful to assume consensus
  ○ Comments can provide language for editorial decisions summary
What We’ve Learned

● Reviewing the tentative subject lists does not take very long

● If more people review the proposals, more potential issues will be found

● Each member who provides feedback notices different things: formatting issues, inconsistent references, capitalization, punctuation, etc.

● Most comments have been structural rather than questioning the term itself

● Although so far we have not been taking an advocacy position on various terms, some of our feedback is more subjective and that conveys what catalogers may think of terms

● **Anyone can review and comment on these lists!!!**
Links

SACO - Subject Authority Cooperative Program homepage:
https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/saco/

Process for Adding and Revising LCSH:
https://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/subject/lcsh-process.html

SHM instruction sheet H 204, Evaluating Subject Proposals:
https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeSHM/H0204.pdf

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Session: Me and the WorldCat Metadata API
Introduction of Speaker
What is an API?

Application programming interface

- Way for two different pieces of software to communicate
- Can send requests for information or actions and receive responses
- Machine-to-machine communication

MuleSoft video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7wmiS2mSXY
WorldCat Metadata API

Read-write service for WorldCat that makes it possible to

- Add or update master bibliographic records in WorldCat
- Maintain holdings information
- Work with local bibliographic data

OCLC API documentation: https://developer.api.oclc.org/

MarcEdit
Set-up
Using the WorldCat Metadata API with MarcEdit
Create New Records

Brief collection-level records for archival collections based on output from ArchivesSpace

John Wagner collection of Paul Ollswang comics, circa 1977-1997

Author: Paul Ollswang; Archives West.
Edition/Format: Archival material; English
Summary: UNARRANGED COLLECTION. UNAVAILABLE FOR USE. For more information, please submit a Notice of Interest in Unprocessed Collections. The John Wagner collection of Paul Ollswang comics includes original comics, art works, and publications by Paul Ollswang. Included in the collection are many original pieces of "The Song of Tom O'Bedlam" and "Dreams of a Dog."
Rating: ★★★★★ (not yet rated) 0 with reviews - be the first.
Subjects: Anarchists -- Oregon.
More like this: Similar Items
Member of Orbis Cascade Alliance

- Ex Libris Alma with consortial network zone
- Network zone populated with WorldCat master records
- Receive daily updates from WorldCat
Correcting Errors

HistoryMakers

- African-American video oral history collection

- WorldCat records lacked “o” in form fixed field
Larry Crowe (n85813609) → Larry F. Crowe (nr00005647)
Caveats about Headings

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- 700 1 Crowe, Larry F., #e interviewer.
- 700 1 Stearns, Scott, #e director of photography.
Enhancing Records

Add to music records

- Medium of performance (382)
- LCGFT genre (655)
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Select and Download Records

Bulk Download Records from OCLC

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Search By: OCLC Number

Limit by Holdings Symbol: ORU

Save File:
C:\Users\kelley\Desktop\downloaded_OCLC_records.mrc

Profiles:
default

Downloading Record #12

Download
Close

Results
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Assess and Edit Records

https://pixabay.com/vectors/magnifying-glass-pencil-search-97588/
Upload Edited Records

Upload Records to WorldCat

Bibliographic records with OCLC numbers will be updated in WorldCat. Bibliographic records without OCLC numbers will be created in WorldCat.

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