

**OCCLC cataloging  
community meeting**

Final session

# The OCCLC cataloging community meeting

**18 JUNE 2025**

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## Emcee

Hank Sway, Product Manager, Metadata &  
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# Welcome back



# Welcome, Morag Boyd!

Director of Metadata Services, Metadata &  
Digital Services

**OCLC**

# Today's schedule



- Welcome
- Metadata Panel
- Break
- OCLC product update
- OCLC quality update
- Closing

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## OCCLC cataloging products and services update



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# What we'll cover

- Leveraging AI in OCLC cataloging applications
- Transforming the Dewey Decimal Classification System into linked data
- Announcing a new Connexion macro
- Increasing WorldShare Collection Manager's interoperability
- Spotlighting the WorldCat Metadata API

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## Leveraging AI in OCCLC cataloging applications



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# Enriching records with AI for better discoverability

## Rich metadata makes collections more discoverable

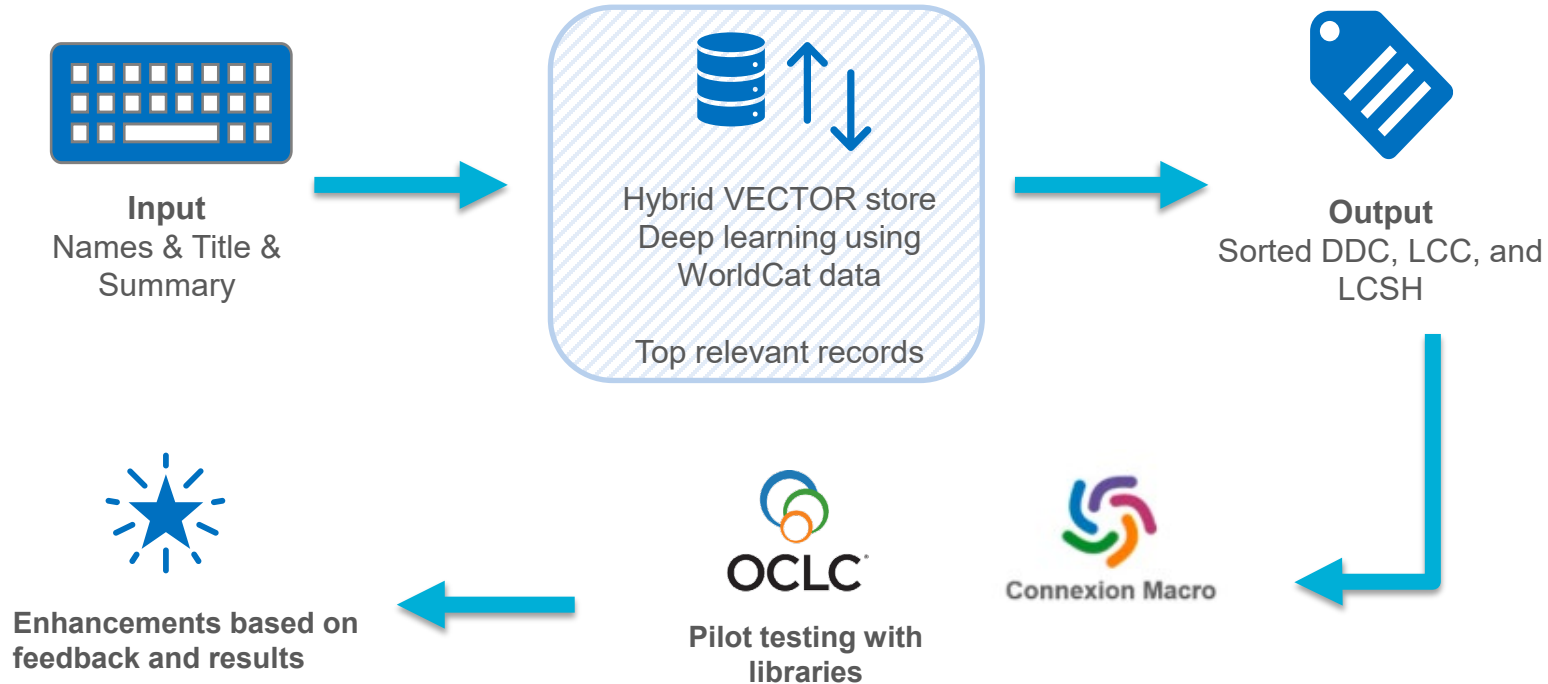
- Subject and classification analysis is the most difficult part of cataloging workflow
- Initial focus on: Dewey Decimal classification, Library of Congress classification, and Library of Congress subject headings





# Experiment Outcomes:

Improved scalability and query speed with human feedback loop



020		0688060692 #q (pbk.)
020		9780688060695 #q (pbk.)
043		n-us---
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082	0 0	917.304/92 #2 20
096		917.3 P672zd
090		#b
049		ZMZA
100	1	DiSanto, Ronald L.
245	1 0	Guidebook to Zen and the art of motorcycle maintenance / #c Ronald L. DiS
250		1st ed.
260		New York : #b W. Morrow, #c ©1990.
300		407 pages : #b illustrations, map : #c 25 cm
336		text #b txt #2 rdacontent
337		unmediated #b n #2 rdamedia
338		volume #b nc #2 rdacarrier
504		Includes bibliographical references (pages 338-357) and index.
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600	1 0	Pirsig, Robert M.
600	1 0	Pirsig, Robert M. #x Travel #z United States.
650	0	<a href="#">Fathers and sons</a> #z United States.
650	0	<a href="#">Philosophy and civilization.</a>

OC LC AI Enrichment

DDC fields to choose from:

☐ 917.304/92 #2 20

☐ 111.1 #2 20

☐ 973.09/92 #a [B] #2 23

☐ 294.3

☐ 171 #a B #2 21

LCC fields to choose from:

☐ CT275.P648

☐ BJ1547.5.P648

☐ CT275.P648R53 2008

LCSH fields to choose from:

☒ Philosophy and civilization.

☒ Zen Buddhism and science.

☒ Essentialism (Philosophy)

☒ Values.

☒ Self.

☒ Conduct of life.

☒ Ego (Psychology)

☐ Fathers and sons

☐ Voyages and travels.

☐ Zen Buddhism.

NOTE: Fields that are both selected and disabled are already in the record.

OK
Cancel

# Feedback from Connexion pilot testers

- Libraries are using only DDC or LCC, not both
- Subdivisions make the suggestions more accurate
- Catalogers want to verify the suggestions


# Metadata AI enrichment in Record Manager

The screenshot displays the 'Record Manager' interface with a 'Metadata' tab selected. The main record details for OCLC Number 63179128 are visible, including a book cover image and various holding information. A modal window titled 'AI metadata enrichment' is open on the right, providing options to enrich the record with Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) and Library of Congress Classification (LCC) numbers. The DDC section lists several options, with '808.83/8762 \$2 22' selected. The LCC section lists several options, with 'PN6120.95.F25' selected. The modal also includes a note about fields already in the record and buttons for 'Cancel' and 'Insert'.

**Metadata**

**Edit 63179128**

Print Edit Record Advanced Action

 OCLC Number: 63179128 **WorldCat Holdings**  
Holding Audience Level  
LHR(s): 2 [Other Libraries: 2625](#)

Other Records Linked to Work 913013057 (21)

Bibliographic Record

Clear Selections

LDR	cam a
001	63179128
005	20160717061755.5
008	060830s2006 nyu j
010	2006298109
040	JLGGP \$b eng \$c JLGGP
020	0142405493
020	9780142405499
037	\$b Junior Library Guild \$
042	lccopycat
050	PS648.F3 \$b F56 2006
050	PN6120.95.F25 \$b F574
082	808.83/8762 \$2 22

**AI metadata enrichment**

Note: Fields that are both selected and disabled are already in the record.

**Dewey Decimal classification (DDC)**

- ☒ 808.83/8762 \$2 22
  - [Check result using OCLC number](#)
  - [Browse associated call number](#)
- ☐ 813/.0876608 \$2 22
  - [Check result using OCLC number](#)
  - [Browse associated call number](#)
- ☐ 813/.087608 \$2 22
  - [Check result using OCLC number](#)
  - [Browse associated call number](#)
- ☐ SC \$2 14
  - [Check result using OCLC number](#)
  - [Browse associated call number](#)
- ☐ 813.514 \$2 21
  - [Check result using OCLC number](#)
  - [Browse associated call number](#)

**Library of Congress Classification (LCC)**

- ☐ PS648.F3
  - [Check result using OCLC number](#)
  - [Browse associated call number](#)
- ☒ PN6120.95.F25
  - [Check result using OCLC number](#)
  - [Browse associated call number](#)
- ☐ PS648.F3F56 2006
  - [Check result using OCLC number](#)
  - [Browse associated call number](#)
- ☐ PZ5
  - [Check result using OCLC number](#)
  - [Browse associated call number](#)

Cancel Insert

# Incorporating feedback into Record Manager: Verification of AI suggestions

- AI suggestions for call numbers and subjects are based on existing WorldCat data
- A link to the underlying OCLC number allows you to verify the suggestion within Record Manager

## Library of Congress Classification (LCC)

- ☐ PR6039.O32
  - [Check result using OCLC number](#)
  - [Browse associated call number](#)
- ☐ PZ3.T576 \$a PR6039.O32
  - [Check result using OCLC number](#)
  - [Browse associated call number](#)
- ☐ PR6039 O32 S57 2014
  - [Check result using OCLC number](#)
  - [Browse associated call number](#)

## Library of Congress subject headings (LCSH)

- ☐ Middle Earth (Imaginary place) \$v Fiction.
  - [Check result using OCLC number](#)
  - [Search subject headings](#)
- ☐ Elves \$v Fiction.
  - [Check result using OCLC number](#)
  - [Search subject headings](#)
- ☐ Fantasy fiction, English.
  - [Check result using OCLC number](#)
  - [Search subject headings](#)

# Incorporating feedback into Record Manager: Selecting type of results

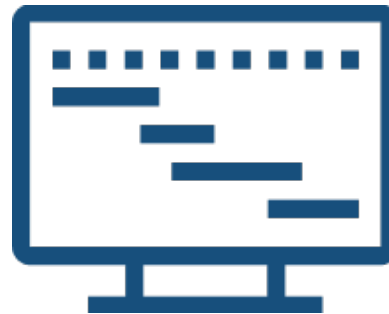
- New user preference under “Working with Records”
  - Dewey Call Numbers (DDC)
  - Library of Congress Call Numbers (LCC)
  - Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH)
- Users can decide which option to enable

Use AI Metadata Enrichment Service ?

- ☒ Dewey Call Numbers (DDC)
- ☒ Library of Congress Call Numbers (LCC)
- ☒ Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH)

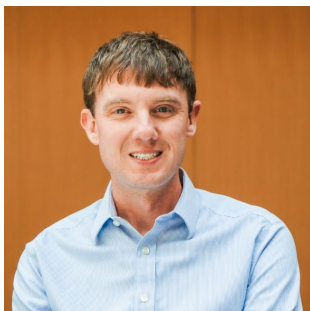
# Next steps

- Complete analysis of Connexion pilot data and incorporate feedback
- Pilot with libraries using Record Manager this upcoming quarter



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## Transforming the Dewey Decimal Classification System into linked data



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Senior Product Manager,  
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# Dewey Decimal Classification

Unlocks the power of Dewey numbers via the creation of URIs

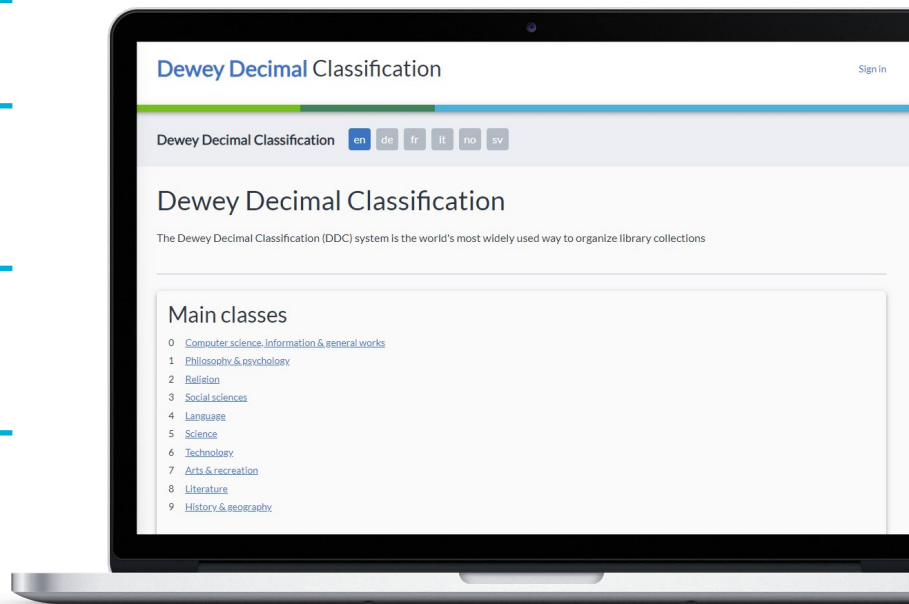
Forms the foundation for “concept” entities

Provides subject classifications to Works entities in WorldCat Entities

Creates a layer of new relationships for knowledge graphs

Connects Dewey classifications to FAST topical headings

[oclc.org/dewey-linked-data](https://oclc.org/dewey-linked-data)



# Dewey Decimal Classification

Sign in

Dewey Decimal Classification

en

de

fr

it


no

sv

[DDC](#) / [6: Technology](#) / [62: Engineering](#) / 627: Hydraulic engineering

## 627: Hydraulic engineering

 Download

URI: <https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/ddc/E3tPjwQmcxRdR8jHvRd4fcFy3g> 

Entity type: Concept

### Scope

The branch of engineering dealing with utilization and control of natural waters of the earth

Class here hydraulic structures, water resource engineering

WebDewey users can sign in to access the full range of Dewey linked data URIs and associated metadata

URI that can be downloaded or copied/pasted for use in other systems and services

Scope notes that provide context for the topic and Dewey number

[oc.lc/dewey-linked-data](https://oclc.org/dewey-linked-data)

# Make use of Dewey linked data APIs

## Dewey Linked Data

Full Dewey linked data access included with a WebDewey subscription; limited access for non-WebDewey subscribers

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## Dewey Lookup API

Available to WebDewey subscribers only

[oclc.org/dewey-services-apis](https://oclc.org/dewey-services-apis)

## Sample of Dewey data

```
{
  "@context": "https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/ddc/context.json",
  "id": "https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/ddc/E3PRvcKgGchft6DvhYfjPKx7w9",
  "type": "Concept",
  "created": "2000-02-02",
  "modified": "2024-02-26T13:40:49Z",
  "altLabel": [ 6 elements... ],
  "broader": "https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/ddc/E3K49bfD7gbP9pvDKv6Jm7xTj7",
  "inScheme": "https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/ddc/",
  "notation": "025.316",
  "prefLabel": {
    "en": "Machine-readable record formats",
    "sv": "Maskinläsbara postformat",
    "no": "Formater for maskinlesbare kataloger",
    "fr": "Formats d'enregistrement catalographique lisibles par machine",
    "it": "Formati di registrazione leggibili dalla macchina",
    "de": "Maschinenlesbare Katalogdatenformate"
  },
  "related": [
    "https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/ddc/E3gdGPBtR8TkYfRCd9gw7RhKG8",
    "https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/ddc/E477KhygmMFfRpxwPyVbcTMHFY",
    "https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/ddc/E48DxR4DrFWPDdtJGMkMKJhGGp"
  ],
  "relatedMatch": "http://id.worldcat.org/fast/1004492",
  "scopeNote": {
    "sv": [
      "Klassificera här kommunikation och interna format för maskinläsbara katalogposter, för metadata; Machine-Readable Cataloging"
    ]
  }
}
```

# Integrating Dewey linked data into WorldCat

## Uses of Dewey URIs:

- Unlock relationships between classifications in discovery systems
- Multilingual and human readable labels for Dewey numbers
- Bridge classifications and topical subject headings for enhanced information discovery

**143 million WorldCat records**

**As of mid-June, OCLC has added over 50 million Dewey Linked Data URIs**

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## Announcing a new Connexion macro



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Product Analyst, Metadata  
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# Coming soon to Connexion: Entities Toolkit

**Search and insert WorldCat Entities URLs in a bibliographic record with macro "toolkit" package**

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**WorldCat Entities URLs can be added to fields:**

- Person entity – 100, 600, or 700
  - Organization entity – 110, 610, or 710
  - Event entity – 647
  - Place entity – 651
- 

**Entities appear in the #1 of the field**

OCLC 1004426442 No holdings in ZMZ - 21 other holdings

Desc i Ills Fest 0 DtSt t Dates 2017 . 2017

006		m o d
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090		#b
049		ZMZA
100	1	Simonis, Anne, #e author.
245	1 0	By the Light of the Moon : #b No
264	1	[La Jolla, Calif.] : #b University of
264	4	#c ©2017
300		1 online resource (132 pages)
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337		computer #b c #2 rdamedia
338		online resource #b cr #2 rdacar
500		Simone Baumann-Pickering, ad
500		John A. Hildebrand, advisor.
588	0	Information submitted by author
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856	4 0	#u <a href="http://escholarship.org/uc/item/9nm9g1jk">http://escholarship.org/uc/item/9nm9g1jk</a> #z Open Access via eScholarship #70

Insert WorldCat Entity

Entity Type:  
Person, Agent, Family, Fictional entity

Search Term(s):  
Anne Simonis

Search Reset

Results 1 - 1 of 1

Entity Label	Description
Anne Simonis	Acoustic ecologist and oceanographer

Rows: 10 < > >>

049 ZMZA

100 1 Simonis, Anne, #e author. #1 <https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/entity/E39RmKrmKcJTm7wyHTw7Xbfmw>

245 1 0 By the Light of the Moon : #b North Pacific Dolphins Optimize Foraging with the Lunar Cycle / #c by Ann

→

Select Entity Cancel



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## Increasing WorldShare Collection Manager's interoperability



**Hank Sway**

Product Manager, Metadata  
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# New Collection Manager home page

## Automatic holdings feeds

Monitor data loads for providers with automatic collection loading and maintenance for their knowledge base collections.


<a href="#">Add source</a>						
<a href="#">Refresh</a>						
Source ↑	Status	Collections	Updated	Frequ...	Actions	
<a href="#">Askews and Holts</a>	⏸ Paused	--	--	--	⋮	
<a href="#">eBooks on EBSCOhost</a>	⏸ Paused	--	3/25/2025	--	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Resume</a> <a href="#">Remove</a> ⋮	
<a href="#">Elsevier</a>	⌚ Pending	--	--	--		
<a href="#">John Wiley and Sons</a>	✓ Active	2	1/13/2025	Weekly		
<a href="#">Knovel Library</a>	⏸ Paused	--	3/13/2025	--		
<a href="#">Ovid</a>	🔄 Updating	3	4/26/2025	Twice weekly		

- "Set it and forget it" convenience with enhanced visibility
- Real-time status indicators
- Recent updates at a glance
- From your feedback: *"We need to see what's happening"*

# Better integration with Alma KB

- WorldCat data in your systems of choice
- Streamlined synchronization between systems
- Improved error handling
- Status visibility throughout the sync process

## KB sync

Source 	Status	Updated
<a href="#">Alma</a>	Active	3/25/2025
<a href="#">EBSCO Full Text Finder</a>	Inactive	--
<a href="#">Serials Solutions</a>	Inactive	--
<a href="#">SFX</a>	Inactive	--

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## Spotlighting the WorldCat Metadata API



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Senior Product Analyst,  
Discovery Services  
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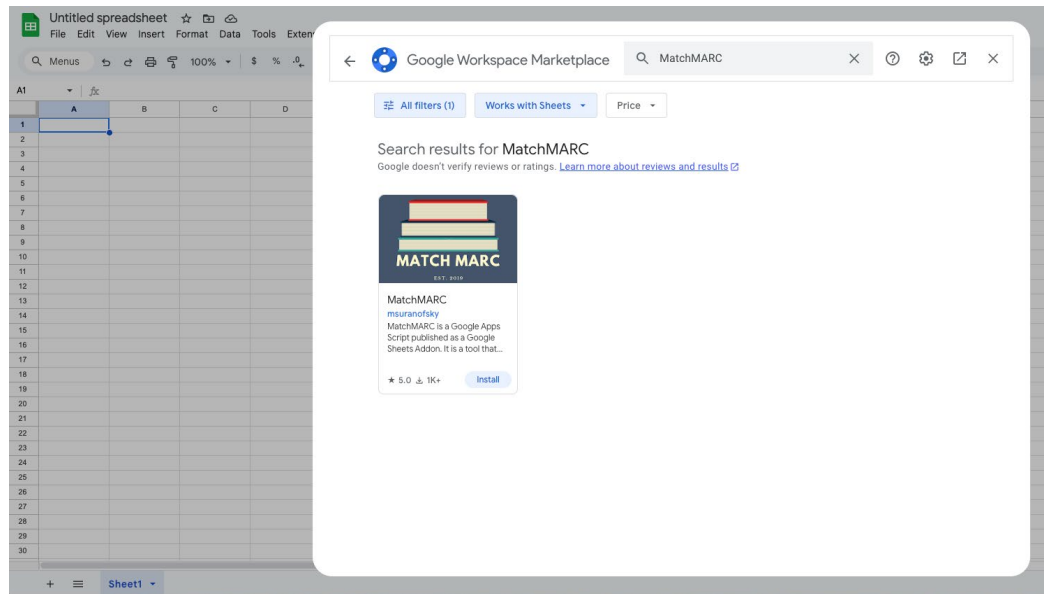


# The WorldCat Metadata API best practices

- Use for small to medium batch operations 200k or less
- Plan your project appropriately
- Send a clear UserAgent header for transactions
- Only send 1-2 threads at a time to the API

# MatchMarc

- Google Sheets Add On
- Created by Lehigh University
- Search for "best" MARC record based on ISBN or LCCN
- Pull back specific MARC fields



# MarcEdit

- WorldCat Extension
- Search WorldCat records
- Create & Update bibliographic records
- Manage holdings
- Interact with other WorldCat data LBDs & LHRs

# OpenRefine

- Limited simple API interactions

Need a longer-lived Access Token?

- Email [devnet@oclc.org](mailto:devnet@oclc.org) and ask for your token length to be extended to 60 minutes
- Iterate through a set of data and perform a task: e.g.
  - Set/unset holdings
  - Extract metadata
  - Obtain LBD or LHR Numbers from OCLC Numbers



# BookOps-WorldCat

- Created by New York Public Library
- Makes interactions with WorldCat Metadata API easier
- Handles authentication, simplifies core set of API requests such as:
  - Searching WorldCat
  - Managing Bibliographic Records
  - Managing Holdings

Python code library: [bookops-cat.github.io/bookops-worldcat/1.1/](https://cat.github.io/bookops-worldcat/1.1/)

# Developer Network code samples

- Located in GitHub
- gists/wc-metadata - Demonstrate particular functionality within API
  - Match Record using MARC
  - Match OCLCNumber using identifiers
  - Get Latest Edition
  - Set Holdings
  - Create LBD
  - Delete LHR
- pyMetadata – scripts to manipulate metadata

# Interact with the wider API community

- Post questions to the API Community Center
- Come to our monthly API office hours and ask questions

## Next session

Date: July 24, 2025

Time: 11 am EDT

Visit: [oc.lc/api-community](https://oc.lc/api-community)

Register at:  
[oc.lc/api-office-hours-24july](https://oc.lc/api-office-hours-24july)

# OCLC cataloging products and services update



## **Webex:**

Please submit questions in chat  
and address the chat to “everyone”

## **Vimeo livestream:**

Please use the form on the  
livestream page to submit  
questions

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## OCCLC's commitment to WorldCat quality



**Laura Ramsey**

Senior Metadata  
Operations Manager,  
Data Quality  
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**Kate James**

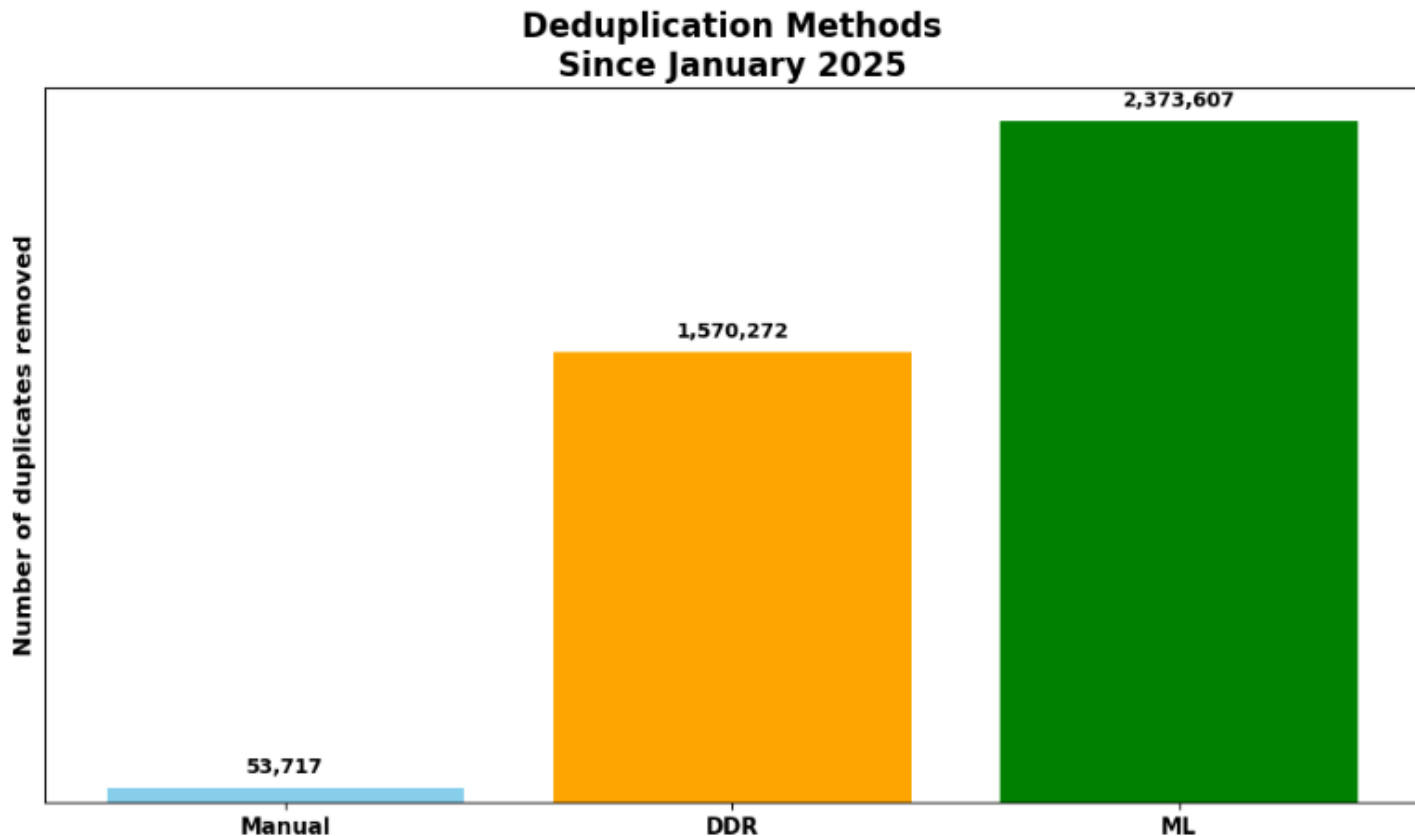
Program Coordinator,  
Metadata Engagement  
**OCCLC**

# Deduplication to improve WorldCat quality and discovery

# Methods of deduplication

- Manual merging by OCLC staff and members
  - Helps address the trickier situations that algorithms and rules cannot address
- Duplicate Detection and Resolution (DDR)
  - Runs continuously on new and updated bibliographic records
- Machine Learning Deduplication
  - Runs on demand every 1-2 weeks

# Comparison of deduplication methods





# Machine learning deduplication update

- Version 2 launched in February 2025 targeting English print book records
- **2,373,607** duplicate records were removed through May
- Non-English print book phase began in June removing **309,486** duplicate records
- We have removed a total of **8,137,322** duplicates since Aug. 2023
- Additional processing will resume around June 16<sup>th</sup> and run at regular intervals to remove **~5 million** duplicate records
- Future phases will include non-book formats

# Data labeling project

- Machine learning model was designed around input from our members and OCLC staff
- Continuing to seek feedback from the cataloging community on all formats and languages through June 2025
- Participation requires a WorldShare account
- Log in to see the interface and do some labeling!

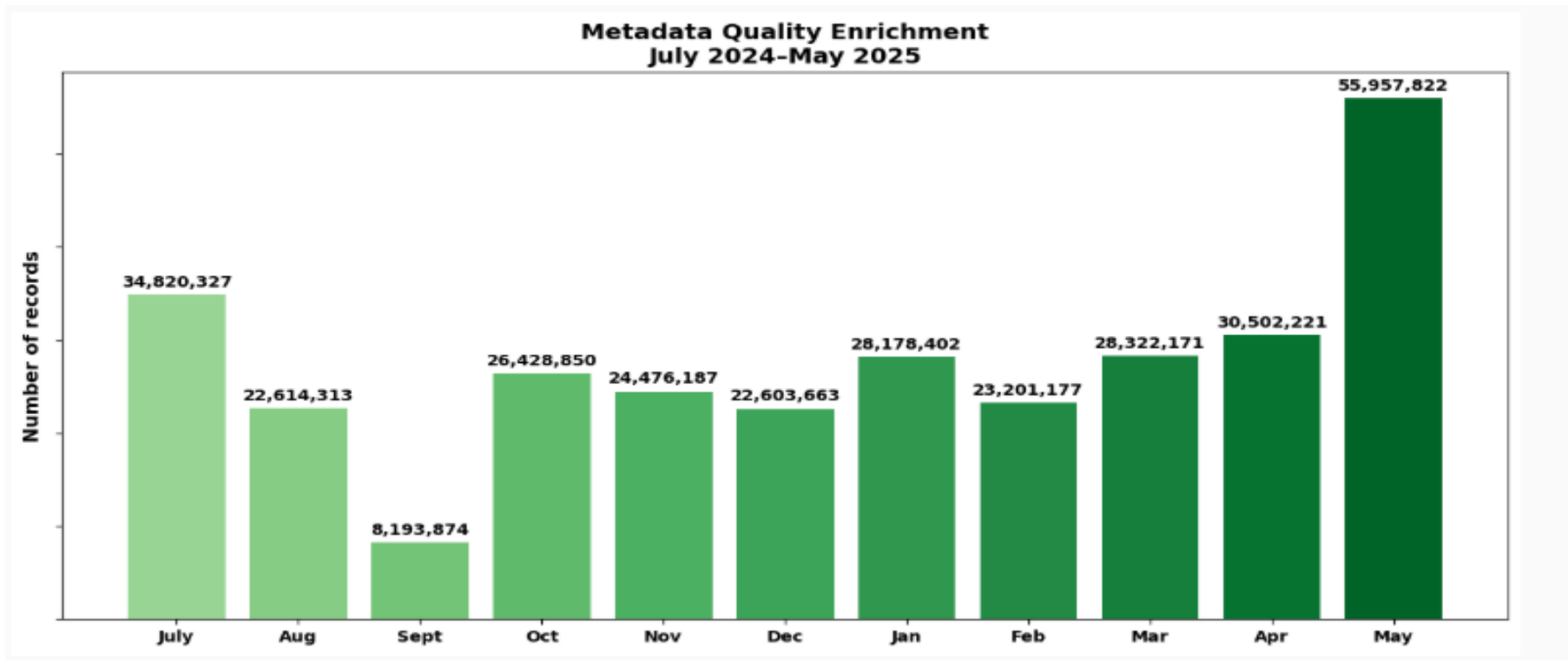
[labelduplicates.worldcat.org/](https://labelduplicates.worldcat.org/)

# WorldCat enrichment and maintenance

# Improving the quality of WorldCat

- Adding WorldCat Entities URIs
- Converting Encoding level “M” records to MARC 21 values
- Correcting language of cataloging
- Updating LC and FAST subject headings
- Removing local data such as URLs
- Removing GMDs in field 245 \$h
- Removing invalid genre headings (i.e., Electronic books)

# Better tools result in higher quality



# Reporting to Metadata Quality (MQ)

- WorldCat bibliographic record requests:

**[bibchange@oclc.org](mailto:bibchange@oclc.org)**

- Non-NACO member requests for new authority records or modifications to existing records:

**[authfile@oclc.org](mailto:authfile@oclc.org)**

- Cataloging advice from our experts:

**[askQC@oclc.org](mailto:askQC@oclc.org)**

# Search tips from OCLC Metadata Quality staff

# Limit language of cataloging

*“Limit to your own language of cataloging to avoid irrelevant search results and help prevent updating the wrong record”*

— Megan Johnson, Data Analyst, OCLC

**Record Manager**

Advanced Search

Search Scope	Index(es)
All WorldCat	Keyword (kw:)
AND	Title (ti:)
AND	Author (au:)

Format(s)	Language(s)
Select one or more	Select one or more

Source of Cataloging	Language(s) of Cataloging
Any	English (eng) x

**Connexion**

Source:	Microform:	Ye
[Any]	[Any]	

☒ Apply Language of Cataloging Limiter

English



# Use derived search in Connexion

*“The old 3,2,2,1 and 4,4 and other searches still work just fine, and you can put together some very precise searches”*

— Cynthia Whitacre, Senior Metadata Operations Manager, OCLC

## Derived search formats:

- Title (td:) 3,2,2,1
- Personal name (pd:) 4,3,1
- Corporate/conference name (cd:) 4,3,1
- Name/title (nd:) 4,4

## Command Line Search td:nou,hi,du,q

Record	Description
1	Nouvelle histoire du Québec et du Canada / Louise Charpentier [and others]. Montréal : Éditions du Boréal Express, ©1985. 448 pages CatL:eng OCLC: 1032664938, Holdings: 2
2	Nouvelle histoire du Québec et du Canada / Louise Charpentier [and others]. [Montréal] : Centre Educatif et Culturel, 1985. 448 pages : illustrations (certaines en coul.), cartes géographiques, portraits ; 28 cm CatL:eng OCLC: 70479332, Holdings: 7
3	Nouvelle histoire du Québec et du Canada / Louise Charpentier ... [et al.]. 2e éd. Montréal : Centre éducatif et culturel, 1990. 1 online resource (463 pages : illustrations) [ELECTRONIC] CatL:eng OCLC: 1150970924, Holdings: 4
4	Nouvelle histoire du Québec et du Canada / Louise Charpentier [and others]. 2e éd. Montréal : Centre éducatif et culturel, 1990. 463 pages : illustrations, maps ; 28 cm CatL:eng OCLC: 427387457, Holdings: 7

# Jump in with root/expanded browse

*“For LC Authorities, doing a root/expanded browse is a great way to get to the right spot for authors with many name/title records like Shakespeare. It works in Record Manager and Connexion”*

— Bryan Baldus, Senior Data Analyst, OCLC

The screenshot shows the OCLC Record Manager interface. On the left is a sidebar with search filters: Data Type (Authority Records), Scope (LC - Root/Expanded Brow), Index (Personal Name), and Term(s) (shakespeare, william). The Expanded Term(s) field contains 'sonnets'. The main pane displays the browse path: 'Browse: Personal Name = shakespeare, william / sonnets (LC - Root/Expanded Browse)'. Below this, the 'LC Browse List' shows the root term 'shakespeare, william' expanded to 'sonnets'. A list of results follows, including 'Sonnets [100]', 'Sonnets. Afrikaans. Selections [400]', 'Sonnets and poems [400]', 'Sonnets and poems. 2006 [400]', 'Sonnets Is (Anthony). [100]', 'Sonnets. Arabic. Selections [400]', 'Sonnets. Armenian [100]', and 'Sonnets. Azerbaijani. Selections [400]'.

The screenshot shows the OCLC Connexion 'Browse Authority File' dialog box. The 'Browse for:' field contains 'shakespeare, william'. The 'in:' dropdown is set to 'Personal Names'. The 'Expanded Term:' field contains 'sonnets'. At the bottom are buttons for 'Clear Search', 'Enter Diacritics...', 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Help'.

# Fact-checking from Metadata Quality

# Editing CONSER records

**Statement:** Only CONSER members can edit CONSER records

022	0		2163-3886 #2 1
037			#b Nova Science Publishers, Inc., 400 Oser Ave., Suite 1600, Hauppauge, NY 11788
042			pcc #a nsdp
050	0	0	TP248.27.M37 #b B58
082	0	0	660.6 #2 23 #1 <a href="https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/ddc/E3D9VwxgGwwXmRPH4fbcFbw7TX">https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/ddc/E3D9VwxgGwwXmRPH4fbcFbw7TX</a>
049			OCLC
210	0		Blue biotechnol. j.
222		0	Blue biotechnology journal
245	0	0	Blue biotechnology journal.
264		1	Hauppauge, New York : #b Nova Science Publishers, Inc., #c 2012-
310			Quarterly

# Editing CONSER records

**Statement:** Only CONSER members can edit CONSER records

**CORRECT**

**Fact:** While you must be a CONSER member to edit a CONSER record, you may email OCLC if the record needs to be updated. Email [bibchange@oclc.org](mailto:bibchange@oclc.org) or use the online form.

- See BFAS 5.3, *National Cooperative Programs*

[oclc.org/bfas-cooperative-programs](https://oclc.org/bfas-cooperative-programs)

# Type of record “p” (Mixed materials)

**Statement:** All archival collections records should be type “p”

Mixed Materials	Rec stat	c	Entered	20210226	Replaced	20220408101603.4			
Type	p	ELvl	7	Src	d	Ctrl	a	Lang	eng
BLvl	c	Form		MRec		Ctry	xx		
Desc	i			DISI	i	Dates	1952		2007

040		OSU #b eng #e rda #c OSU #d OCLCO #d OCLCF #d OCLCQ
090		#b
049		OCLC
100	1	Casson, Mel, #e creator.
245	1 0	Mel Casson Collection.
264	0	#c 1952-2007.
300		5.22 cubic ft. (4 boxes) and approximately 4,600 items
336		still image #b sll #2 rdacontent
336		text #b txt #2 rdacontent
337		unmediated #b n #2 rdamedia
338		sheet #b nb #2 rdacarrier

520		This collection contains the papers and original art of American cartoonist, Mel Casson. The collection includes Boomer, Feris's Terraces, Mel's Place, Mixed Singles, The Purple Zip, and Red Eye original art, sketches, tearsheets, and proofs. Archival material for Mel Casson contains newspaper and magazine articles, correspondence, family cards, photographs of Mel Casson and other cartoonists, and slides from original cartoons. Cartoon memorabilia items are also included and range from cartoon booklets to original Angel dolls.
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# Type of record “p” (Mixed materials)

**Statement:** All archival collections records should be type “p”

**INCORRECT**

**Fact:** Use the code for the predominant material type, e.g, “t” for a collection of mostly manuscript language material such as letters, diaries, and typescripts. Only use “p” if no material type is predominant

- See BFAS, *Type: Type of Record*

[oclc.org/bfas-fixed-field-type](https://oclc.org/bfas-fixed-field-type)

# Encoding level “M”

**Statement:** Records with “M” are minimal-level.

Books		Rec stat c		Entered 20220527		Replaced 20250616181439.3	
Type a	ELvl M	Srce d	Audn	Ctrl	Lang eng		
BLvl m	Form o	Conf 0	Biog	MRec	Ctry gw		
	Cont b	GPub	LitF 0	Indx 1			
Desc i	Ills a	Fest 0	DtSt t	Dates 2022	, 2022		



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**Statement:** Records with “M” are minimal-level.

**MISLEADING**

**Fact:** This code says nothing about the record quality or completeness. A record coded “M” could be minimal-level, but it also could be full-level. The code means the record was added via an automated process from certain libraries.

- See BFAS, *Elvl: Encoding Level*

[oclc.org/bfas-fixed-field-elvl](https://oclc.org/bfas-fixed-field-elvl)

# Join us for Virtual AskQC Office Hours

## August

- *From title source to AI-generated metadata: Why data provenance matters*

## September

- *WorldCat records revealed: The secret lives of validation and controlling*

## October

- *Making RDA relationship elements work*

Register at [oc.lc/askqc](https://oc.lc/askqc)

# Celebrating Cynthia Whitacre!

On 13 April 1987, a young cataloger named “Cynthia” came to work at OCLC ...



*Cynthia at ALA 2024!*



*Cynthia's first day!*

***... in July 2025, Cynthia is retiring after 38 years!***

# Add to our Kudoboard



Scan this code to add your message

*Please add your message by 29 July 2025 before 9:00 am Eastern Daylight Time*

Congratulations Cynthia! I remember talking to you on the phone the first day you realized you were being transferred to Quality Control. I could tell from that conversation that our area was going to be in good hands. You always provided me with encouragement, support, and a wealth of cataloging knowledge that helped me in every aspect of my growth at OCLC. I know you will continue with all your varied interests in reading, traveling, and going to concerts, museums and enjoying all the time that you have. Enjoy this next chapter.

I don't think I've ever shared this with you... My first professional position was a non-book cataloger at Northern University. It wasn't long after I started, that my boss told me they had contracted with OCLC for a retrospective conversion project. She then handed me YOUR business card, and you and I talked many times over the course of that project. Thankfully, you knew I was new to my position, understood the work much better than I did at the time, and the project was a huge success.

Cynthia, thank you so much for your sharing your support when you were my manager, your friendship and comradery as manager colleagues, and your vast expertise in all things cataloging and PCC.

Thank you, Cynthia, for hiring me and trusting me to plan programs for the cataloging community, which is the best part of my job. I will miss you, but I think some part of your spirit will always be at OCLC.

Kate

Cynthia:

It feels as if we've worked together as colleagues between OCLC and LC forever, so it's hard to imagine your not being among us! It's been a lovely forever relationship! Thank you for organizing those wonderful PCC Steering Committee dinners! The one in Seattle was a highlight. Atlanta.

All the best in your new chapter.  
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# Join us in-person @ ALA

**OCLC Cataloging Community Meeting**

**Friday, June 27 at 10:30 am**

**Pennsylvania Convention Center 115A**

- Meet with OCLC staff and colleagues
- Ask cataloging policy questions
- Get the latest and greatest info
- Celebrate Cynthia!



# OCLC's commitment to WorldCat quality



## **Webex:**

Please submit questions in chat and address the chat to “everyone”

## **Vimeo livestream:**

Please use the form on the livestream page to submit questions

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## Continue the conversation

- Cataloging policy
  - Email [AskQC@oclc.org](mailto:AskQC@oclc.org)
  - AskQC twice monthly webinars
- News, discussions, and more...
  - Cataloging and Metadata [community](#)
  - Record Manager [community](#)
  - Collection Manager [community](#)
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  - OCLC APIs [community](#)



**OCCLC cataloging  
community meeting**

thank you

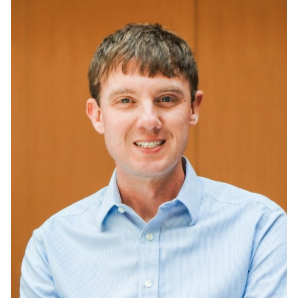
## Stay in touch

**Regional offices:**

[oclc.org/offices](https://oclc.org/offices)

**Community Center:**

[oclc.org/community](https://oclc.org/community)



**Thank you**



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thank you

**And thank you to  
the community!**