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1999 ALA Midwinter Meeting
ALCTS CCS SUBJECT ANALYSIS COMMITTEE REPORT
January 31 and February 1, 1999

1. Update on MARBI

The MARBI liaison reported that the first part of proposal 98-16R (Nonfiling Characters in All Formats) had been approved, which will enable the use of encircling control characters to identify nonsorting characters throughout the various MARC formats. It was noted that LCSH has adapted to the condition of not being able to use articles, however this proposal will affect 600 where an initial article may be present in $t, and phrases which specify historical periods in chronological subdivisions.

It was also announced that MARC21, the harmonization of USMARC and CANMARC, is to be published in a single edition in 1999.

2. LC Report (Lynn El-Hoshy)

In November, LC established a Bicentennial Program Office to coordinate activities to take place in the year 2000 as part of the celebration of the Library's Bicentennial. The actual Bicentennial date will be April 24, 2000, when a commemorative stamp and two commemorative coins will be issued. Staff have begun work on one of the projects, entitled Local Legacies, a program in which citizens, librarians and folklorists from all parts of the United States will work through their senators and representatives in highlighting unique local traditions for possible inclusion in the American Folklife Center's collections. Local Legacies teams in the districts and states will document chosen local activities or events in photographs, written reports, sound and videorecordings, and other materials.

LC unveiled a revamped home page at their web site on January 25. It has been streamlined and features the Bicentennial logo. Some of the "minihome pages" linked directly there also have new looks, such as THOMAS and American Memory. The Experimental Search System interface to LC's catalogs has been taken down. It had not been maintained for over a year and was out of date.

Beginning with the 1998 issue 4, Cataloger's Desktop will contain the electronic version of AACR2, with the 1998 amendments. Extensive links are included between AACR2-e and about a dozen cataloging tools, including the LC Rule Interpretations, the CONSER manual and the Music Cataloging Decisions. Beta testing has been run on the web version of Cataloger's Desktop. Responses will be evaluated and a final product is projected for Summer 1999.

Over the past six months, more than 300 LC staff have been working on the transition to the new integrated library system, which LC is calling the LC ILS. LC expects to have all portions of the system implemented by October 1999. Test loads have been run and a full production load of bibliographic and authority files is expected in May or June 1999. The tentative schedule for LC staff using the ILS has cataloging going first in June, circulation and reference in July, with acquisitions and serials check-in in October. LC will implement its web OPAC soon after Cataloging Day One occurs in June. The catalog will contain all 12 million bibliographic records comprising the Library's holdings as well as cross references and scope notes from the 4.5 million name and subject authority records. A temporary, public web page featuring news of the ILS implementation is available at http://lcweb.loc.gov/ils/.

As previously announced, LC plans to modify the structure of the LCCN after the year 2000. The year portion will be expanded to four digits, the prefix reduced from three to two characters, and supplement numbers will be eliminated. While the date of implementation is not yet determined, it will be no earlier than 2000. In preparation for the restructure, LC discontinued use of the LCCN suffix/alphabetic identifier and revision date on January 1, 1999. Now
revision dates will only be found in field 005; Annotated Card records will be noted "lcac" in field 042.

The revised Geographic Area Codes for the former Soviet republics and the changed code for Hong Kong appearing in the 1998 edition of the USMARC Code List will not be used by LC until after implementation of the new ILS.

A draft revision of Archival Moving Image Materials: A Cataloging Manual (AMIM) was made available for comment and review at the CPSO home page at http://www.loc.gov/catdircpso. Comments should be received by March 15, 1999.

In November 1998, LC distributed advance copies of the Chinese romanization guidelines to be followed in the conversion from Wade-Giles to pinyin. LC will begin to revise the authority records for a closed list of Chinese place names representing provinces, major cities and provincial capitals of China, a full list of which will appear in CSB Number 83. When all authority records have been revised, LC will change the associated bibliographic records.

All Cataloging Directorate divisions and the Serial Record Division implemented core level cataloging in fall 1998. A document on core level cataloging implementation may be found at http://lcweb.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/corelev.html.

LC was scheduled to begin coding of subfield $v for form subdivisions in bibliographic records to identify form subdivisions in new subject authority records on February 16. A project will also be undertaken to recode form subdivisions in existing authority records. To aid in the coding and application of free-floating subdivisions, LC will begin to create subdivision authority records using the new 18X fields as soon as they are added to LC's subject authority file. LC will create two records for subdivisions which can function as either form or topical subdivisions, such as --Periodicals. A document on subdivision authority records is available at http://lcweb.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/subauth.html.

The 781 field for indicating the subdivision form of geographic headings is scheduled to be included in new and revised subject authority records for geographic names late in February. It is anticipated that this field will replace use of the subject usage notes regarding geographic subdivisions in 667 fields of some jurisdictional name authority records and the same information that has been added to scope notes in 680 fields of some geographic subject authority records.

On August 1, 1998, LC began establishing headings for individual works of art in the name authority file rather than the subject authority file.

Use of the separate list of subdivisions under literary authors (H 1155.4) has been discontinued. Free-floating subdivisions authorized for use under names of individual literary authors is now included in the revised list of subdivisions used under names of persons (H 1110) and Shakespeare no longer serves as a pattern heading. H 1110 now includes free-floating subdivisions used under name of individual persons in general as well as subdivisions for use with persons belonging to specific categories of persons, such as literary authors and composers.

The following new classification schedules have been readied for publication: A, KD, L, M, PR-PS, PZ and the P tables. Publication of K, KE, KF, and K tables are anticipated soon. A, M and KD will be in the issue of Classification Plus that will be available in March or April. Subclass HM (Sociology) is undergoing revision. Existing numbers HM1-299, will be entirely replaced.

3. SAC Subcommittee on Metadata and Classification

The subcommittee was charged to study the application of classificatory frameworks, such as DDC, LCC and NLM Classification, as metadata for digital resources, and to develop a plan to promote the use of classificatory frameworks in this manner to indexing and cataloging agencies.

The subcommittee had decided to evaluate sites which were listed on Beyond Bookmarks which use library classification systems to organize and provide access to internet resources. A set of evaluation questions was devised,
tested and revised. The subcommittee plans to present a final report at ALA in New Orleans. The report will likely comprise a narrative concerning the functions of classification, especially as related to organizing and accessing electronic resources, with mention of sites most successful in implementing one or more aspects.

### 4. Dewey report

Dewey for Windows Version 1.20 has been released. It includes revised area tables for Great Britain and the Republic of South Africa. Peter J. Paulson, executive director of Forest Press since 1985, retired. Joan S. Mitchell, editor of the DDC since 1993, has been appointed as his successor. Gregory New, assistant editor of the DDC, was honored at a ceremony at LC to recognize his fifty years of service.

### 5. Report of the SAC Subcommittee on Form Headings/Subdivisions Implementation

The subcommittee held an educational forum, on the use of subfield v (form subdivisions), on Friday night. Attendance was strong, with over 120 present. The exercises used in the forum grew out of work that the MLA Subject Access Subcommittee had undertaken earlier. Documents from the forum will be put on Arlene Taylor's web site, at [http://www.pitt.edu/~agtaylor/ala/subfldv.htm](http://www.pitt.edu/~agtaylor/ala/subfldv.htm).

### 6. Report of IFLA liaison

Lois Mai Chan reported that a new working group had been appointed on metadata. The first task of the new working group would be to survey the environment, to discover what metadata schemes exist and how they are used. Edward Swanson's detailed report on the Section on Classification and Indexing is also available on the IFLA web site: [http://www.ifla.org/VII/s29/sci.htm](http://www.ifla.org/VII/s29/sci.htm).

### 7. Report of the SAC Subcommittee on Metadata and Subject Analysis

The major topic of the subcommittee's Midwinter meeting was potential recommendations for defining the Subject element in the Dublin Core (DC). At the 1998 Annual Conference, Lois Mai Chan outlined issues to be considered in this area. She will head a working group to provide a summary of the issues for continuing discussion at the Annual Conference in New Orleans. The subcommittee will work toward formulating recommendations, with a supporting background paper. Possible recommendations include flexibility, simplified syntax, balancing the subject element with subject expressions in other DC fields and system design. Stuart Weibel will be asked if this subcommittee could serve as a working group to define the Subject element, since no other group seems to have stepped forward to perform this function.

### 8. Report of the SAC Subcommittee on the Revision of the Fiction Guidelines

Some revisions and changes were incorporated into the final manuscript. The committee voted to refer the manuscript to the Cataloging and Classification Section.


The subcommittee held a discussion forum, on the structure of LCSH as implemented in OPACs. Gregory Wool reviewed his work on the extent to which subject referencing is being supported in different catalogs. Stephen Hearn followed with a visual presentation of work being done in this area. Martin Kurth, a member of the RUSA Catalog Use Committee, spoke on the subject from a public services perspective.

The subcommittee continues to gather information from vendors and is working on a program for the Annual Meeting.

### 10. SAC Subcommittee to review OPAC guidelines

A subcommittee was appointed to review the draft of "Guidelines for OPAC Displays," drawn up by Martha Yee with input from the IFLA Task Force on Guidelines for OPAC Displays. The document is available at [http://bcc.musiclibraryassoc.org/BCC-Historical/BCC99/BCC99SAS1.html](http://bcc.musiclibraryassoc.org/BCC-Historical/BCC99/BCC99SAS1.html)

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