MLA Liaison Report to BCC from the ALA Midwinter Meetings  
Dallas, TX, January 20-24, 2012  

LITA/ALCTS—CCS Authority Control Interest Group (ACIG)  
Sunday, January 22, 2011, 1:30-3:30PM  

1. LC Update to the Authority Control Interest Group – by Janis L. Young, Policy and Standards Division (PSD), Library of Congress (LC)  

General Information  

- There have been some staffing changes at PSD. Tom Yee has left PSD is now the acting chief of the Asian and Middle Eastern Division. Judy Kuhagen, after 39 years of service, has retired as of December 31, 2011. Kate James has been hired as a cooperative cataloging specialist in PSD.  
- Outsell, Inc. has been contracted to determine how documents and information related to cataloging should be distributed from in the future.  
- Updates to MARC are no longer being printed and distributed, but will instead be posted directly to the Web. MARC21 Concise will continue to be printed by the Cataloging Distribution Service.  

RDA  

- Since November 2011, 35 LC catalogers have resumed using RDA, primarily to assist with the implementation of RDA at LC. All 35 catalogers received refresher training in using RDA. Special topics classes in using RDA were also given. All of the training materials that LC has produced for using RDA have been posted on the LC Web site at http://www.loc.gov/aba/rda/.  
- In the past year, PSD has prepared ca. 12 proposals for the Joint Steering Committee for the Revision of RDA (JSC). Discussion papers have also been prepared.  
- Barbara Tillett, chief of PSD, is now the chair of the JSC.  
- Over 100 Library of Congress Policy Statements (LCPS) have been revised or deleted, many due to results stemming from the National RDA Test. The LCPS are available on the LC Web site at http://www.loc.gov/aba/rda/. They are also available as part of the RDA Toolkit.  
- RDA will have an effect on the use of the Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH). In RDA, family names and fictitious characters can be used as authorized access points. Many of these names are already established in LCSH. Because of this situation, descriptive access points and subject headings will coexist. When a family name or fictitious character is established in the LC/NACO Authority File, a note will indicate that the access point may not be used for subject access and will instruct the cataloger to use the LCSH heading.  
- LC and the PCC Acceptable Headings Task Group are working with Gary Strawn, Northwestern University, to determine what existing name headings in
the LC/NACO AF are RDA acceptable. This list will then be run against the terms in LCSH to determine which terms need to be updated or deleted in LCSH.

- The Subject Headings Manual and the Classification and Shelflisting Manual (CSM) will need to be revised to bring them into line with RDA practices.

**Bibliographic Framework Transition Initiative**

- The Bibliographic Framework Transition Initiative has been tasked with the goal of creating the successor to MARC21.
- As part of its charger, the framework must accommodate multiple descriptive rules and instructions; all types of metadata, including preservation, technical, and rights metadata; and it must provide for the continued maintenance of the MARC21 formats.
- LC has partnered with various national libraries, vendors, and MARC advisory groups in the initiative.

**Virtual International Authority File (VIAF)**

- Searching and matching can now be done on titles in VIAF. Authors have been linked to their works. In 2012, information from bibliographic records will be linked to their respective author-work cluster.
- Statistics: includes over 20,000,000 source authority records from various international libraries, and nearly 100,000,000 bibliographic records; there were 36,000 visitors to VIAF in October 2011 and there have been 6,000,000 hits from automated systems per month.

**Authorities and Vocabularies**

- Name authorities have been added to the Authorities and Vocabularies Web site at [http://id.loc.gov](http://id.loc.gov). The resource is updated weekly.

**Subject Authorities**

- A new subject proposal system was implemented for both LC and SACO participants. Proposed additions to LCSH, the Library of Congress Genre/Form Thesaurus (LCGFT), and to Children’s Subject Headings may be made using the new system.
- Over 300 existing headings relating to the country of Sudan have been reexamined, due to the creation of South Sudan. 200 of these records were changed in October 2011. The Library of Congress Classification schedules have also been updated.
- Qualification of geographic features in the United States will only go down to the county level. A 667 field will be added to any undifferentiated geographic feature authority records.
Genre/Form Authorities

- Bibliographic File Maintenance for the changed MARC coding of LCGFT terms has been completed. The MARC coding for LCGFT terms is: 655#7$a[term]$7lcgft. The old coding was 655#0$a[term]
- Nearly 90 moving image terms relating to character and franchises (e.g. Batman films, Star Wars films) will be cancelled in February 2012.
- The music genre/form and medium of performance project, in partnership with MLA, is developing the syntactic relationships among terms. 800 medium of performance terms have been agreed upon. MARBI has approved the use of the 382 field for encoding medium of performance terms.
- The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) is finishing its first draft of genre terms and will be sending their list to PSD in the next few weeks.
- Nearly 400 terms have been gathered from a small section of LCSH as candidates for literature genre/form terms.
- The SAC Genre/Form Implementation Subcommittee has examined LCSH for non-disciplinary genre/form terms and has submitted a report to PSD. In order to go ahead, PSD must get approval from the LC administration.

VIAF

- There are currently 21 authority files from 19 organizations represented in VIAF. For more information about the background and goals of VIAF, please see http://www.oclc.org/research/activities/viaf/.
- Title authority records were added in 2011. This includes author-title authority records, as well as series title and uniform title records. Nearly 1,000,000 titles have been added. The titles are classified into works and expressions, based on the coding present in the authority records.
- VIAF would like to start including East Asian data. OCLC would also like to make use of VIAF data in Worldcat.

International Standard Name Identifier (ISNI)

- The ISNI has been developed under the auspices of the International Organization for Standardization.
- ISNI uses a 16 digit number identifier to uniquely identify persons who might otherwise be confused. An ISNI number can be assigned to both individuals and corporate bodies. The governing and assigning body is the ISNI International Agency.
- ISNI numbers are generated using some of the matching techniques developed in the construction of VIAF.
- ISNI numbers are being added to VIAF records.
General information about the ISNI project is available online at www.isni.org. The database itself is hosted at http://isni.oclc.nl.

Authority Control in OCLC

- In 2011, heading control in the Worldcat database was modified to make it possible to routinely globally control many more types of headings in Worldcat. Control of headings can be done on batch loaded records as well as on records entered directly in Connexion. The symbol OCLCO will be added to records whose headings have been controlled using the global heading control functionality.
- A number of long-standing issues with controlling headings have been resolved. For music, this means that headings which include subfield n and subfield p can be controlled in Worldcat.
- Work is underway to make the global update process work more efficiently, so that when an authority record is modified, any changes to the 1XX field can be propagated in bibliographic records throughout Worldcat.
- The coding for LCGFT terms in bibliographic records has been updated to reflect current practice. The headings have been left uncontrolled for the time being, but will be controlled later on this year. Changes to map headings have also been completed, but clean-up still continues.

3. Business Meeting

- The group discussed their reactions to the session. The reaction was generally positive.
- Most of the discussion centered on ideas for the program for ACIG at ALA Annual in Anaheim, in June 2012. Possible ideas include: available listservs that have authority control as a topic; dealing with legacy authority data; how the sausage is made at OCLC; any plans for non-Roman script 4xx fields; current and future uses of VIAF; and the conversion of name headings in the LC/NACO AF for use in the Getty’s Union List of Artist Names.
- ACIG will hold elections for new officers at ALA Annual 2012. The office openings will be posted on the ACIG page on ALA Connect.
- Business Meeting adjourned at 3:53PM

Submitted by Damian Iseminger, Chair, Authorities Subcommittee
Online Audiovisual Catalogers (OLAC) Cataloging Policy Committee (CAPC) Meeting
Friday, January 20, 2012, 7:00-9:00PM

Announcements

- CAPC is looking for new members to join the committee at the conclusion of the ALA Annual Conference in June 2012.

Reports and Discussions

- Library of Congress Report – given by Janis Young, Library of Congress, Policy and Standards Division (PSD). Roberta Shaffer was appointed by Librarian of Congress James H. Billington to the position of Associate Librarian of Library Services. She is replacing Deanna Marcum, who has retired from LC, but will still be chairing the Bibliographic Framework Transition Initiative. Judy Kuhagen of PSD has also retired, along with 2 technicians. LC has begun the archiving of Twitter, starting with tweets from December 2010. So far, 24 billion tweets have been archived. There are approximately 6 million tweets made per hour, which require 10 GB of storage. Work is moving ahead on the successor to MARC through the Bibliographic Framework Transition Initiative. The new standard will have to accommodate a variety of descriptive rules, including RDA, AACR2, DACS, and CCO. It will also have to accommodate other types of metadata besides descriptive metadata. It will have to consider the needs of small and large institutions and the initiative will also need to provide sunset support for MARC. There are several formal partners for this initiative and include the Library and Archives Canada, the British Library, the German National Library (DNB), among others. LC, with an outside vendor, is conducting a review of Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS) publications, to determine distribution patterns in the future. There are no longer printed updates for MARC updates, but CDS is still printing the MARC Concise Standards. As a result of the RDA Test, over 100 Library of Congress Policy Statements have been deleted or revised. The remainder of the report dealt with form/genre updates. For genre/form details, please see the report from Hermine Vermeij, Subject Access Subcommittee Chair, BCC.

- CC:DA Report – given by Kelley McGrath, CC:DA liaison, University of Oregon. McGrath is serving on a CC:DA task force for dealing with Sources of Information in RDA. These issues involve sources that have collective titles vs. sources which do not, order of preference for sources of information in various types of media, the basis for identification of a multipart resource and determining when material can be consider accompanying. For details of the CC:DA meeting at ALA, please see the report from Mark Scharff, Descriptive Cataloging Subcommittee Chair, BCC.

- Subcommittee on Maintenance for CAPC Resources (SMCR) – given by Walter Walker, Loyola Marymount University for Richard Leigh, University of Kentucky. No CAPC resources were reviewed or updated in 2011. 4 resources
have been archived, as they were out of date and have been replaced by updated documentation. 2012 will be a busy year for the subcommittee, as 5 resources are up for review. The subcommittee would like committee and subcommittee chairs to take a more active role in updating and maintain their resources. A general discussion followed about how to move forward in revising or creating documentation for cataloging A/V materials using RDA, with consensus being reached that it is not the responsibility of SMCR to revise documentation, nor is it the responsibility of the resource creators to update their resources so that they may be used with RDA. Rather new task forces created by CAPC should be responsible for RDA guidelines.

- Video Language Coding Best Practices Task Force Report – given by Kelley McGrath. The changes that OLAC requested for video language coding in the MARC formats have mostly been approved by MARBI and are now part of the MARC formats. They are still unresolved issues surrounding the coding of spoken and written language in moving image resources. McGrath has started to re-write the Video Language Coding guidelines to reflect the most recent changes, but would like some additional help from the OLAC membership to complete the documentation.

- LC Genre/Form Headings for Moving Images Best Practices Task Force Report – given by Walter Walker for Scott Dutkiewicz, Clemson University. The task force has completed its best practices documentation and submitted the document to CAPC on December 13, 2011 for approval. The document was approved by CAPC at this meeting.

- Audiovisual Materials Glossary Update Task Force – given by Heidi Frank, New York University Libraries. The public interface for the AV Glossary is still available. After ALA Annual 2011, the administrative interface was re-programmed and updated. A new introduction for the resource has also been written.

- MARBI Report – given by Catherine Gerhart, MARBI Liaison, University of Washington. For details of the MARBI meeting at ALA Midwinter, please see the report from Bruce Evans, MARC Subcommittee Chair, BCC.

Old Business

- Moving Image Work Grant – given by Kelley McGrath. Work is continuing on trying to create work records for moving image works from existing MARC records. McGrath has received a $5000 grant from the University of Oregon to explore the feasibility of mining existing MARC records for moving image work data. The XC Metadata Services Toolkit is being used to find and manipulate relevant work data in bibliographic records. The next step in the process will be to apply for an IMLS planning grant to determine the tools and techniques needed to bring the project to life.
New Business

- RDA Revision Proposals Task Force – update given by Stacie Traill, University of Minnesota. Discussion started in November among task force members about identifying priorities for RDA revisions. These have been gleaned from task force discussion, suggestions from OLAC members, and from the MLA/OLAC RDA Test Report. Within the next few weeks, the highest priorities will be reviewed. John Attig asked to be kept in the loop on any proposals and the MLA liaison also asked for the same courtesy.

- DVD/Blu-Ray Disc RDA Guide Task Force – update given by Diane Robson, University of North Texas. The task force has just begun work. Some documentation will be completed by the time of the ALA Annual Meeting in June 2012 in Anaheim.

- Next steps for CAPC RDA documentation – discussion led by Walter Walker. With the formation of the DVD/Blu-Ray Disc RDA Guide Task Force, the process of revising CAPC documentation has begun. One of the high priorities for revision will be the treatment of streaming video in RDA. The hope is to have most of the documentation revised by sometime in 2013.

- Plans for transitioning to cataloging non-print materials using RDA – general discussion of experiences using RDA.

- Ideas for future meetings – discussion led by Walter Walker. The discussion revolved around how future CAPC meetings might be structured. The importance of meeting face-to-face was emphasized.

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