To: RBMS Bibliographic Standards Committee

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Re: Library of Congress Update

Date: May 18, 2022 (for June 2, 2022 meeting)

This update contains highlights of Library of Congress cataloging news since the last update at the January 2022 RBMS/BSC meeting.

LC Rare Materials Section Recon Project

- Ongoing; ~ 284,300 cards processed (Aug. 2018 through April 2022)
- Rare book shelflist fully processed
- Vendor now working on special files projects
  - completed: printed ephemera, provenance special files, British pamphlets, Ralph Ellison's library, Woodrow Wilson's library, Big Little Books
  - in-process: bindings special files, Armed Services Editions (paperbacks published and distributed to WWII-era soldiers 1943-1947 by the Army Library Service), Miniature Books, First 14 Congresses Collection (historical government documents from the first 14 U.S. Congresses)
- Most records have been distributed to OCLC
- In LC Voyager OPAC, records have local MARC field 985 with code "rblacfederal"; can find them using an expert keyword search: **k985 "rblacfederal" AND [something else]**; must add something else or the search will fail. Examples:
  - k985 "rblacfederal" AND k710 "Printed Ephemera Collection"
  - k985 "rblacfederal" AND k100 "Poe, Edgar Allan"
  - k985 "rblacfederal" AND k510 "Evans"
  - k985 "rblacfederal" AND k651 "France History"
  - k985 "rblacfederal" AND k655 "Presentation copies"

Official RDA

- Reminder: implementation date TBD; not before Oct. 2022; do not use these documents yet!
- LC RDA Project Summary and Update (Jan. 2022)
- LC-PCC Policy Statements
  - updates in RDA Toolkit March 2022 release and upcoming June 2022 release
- LC-PCC Metadata Guidance Documentation (MGD) posted
  - beginning to add links to MGDs within LC-PCC Policy Statements
- PCC Task Group to Test the Official RDA Toolkit charged

Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC)

- PCC Participants' Meeting (virtual), Feb. 4, 2022 – ALA "Midwinter"
  - agenda (includes link to presentations and recording)
- PCC Operations Committee Meeting (virtual), May 5-6, 2022

- o [agenda](#) (includes links to presentations and recordings)
  - o optional session on using Sinopia Bibframe Editor
- PCC Participants' Meeting (in-person), June 26, 2022 – ALA Annual
  - o agenda forthcoming on [calendar](#) page
- [Revised Report on Recording Gender in Personal Name Authority Records](#) approved:
  - o stop recording gender in authority record 375 fields
  - o remove from existing records when updating for another reason
- PCC Standing Committee on Training released FAQs:
  - o [Authority Control FAQs for Authors and Creators](#)
  - o [Authority Control FAQs for Catalogers Contacting Creators/Contributors](#)
- BIBFRAME groups charged:
  - o [Task Group on MARC Simplification for BIBFRAME Conversion](#)
  - o [BIBFRAME Interoperability Group](#)
- [Open Metadata Policy](#) released
- New [PCC wiki space](#) in development
  - o PCC members can email wikihelp@lyrasis.org to request Confluence account to access

ALA/LC Romanization Tables

- New table for Modern Manipuri ([Meetei Mayek](#)) released for public comment
- Revised [Armenian](#) table approved

Subject Cataloging

- LC Subject Headings (LCSH)
  - o changed heading "Slaves" to ["Enslaved persons"](#)
  - o changed headings "Blacks" and "Whites" to ["Black people" and "White people"](#)
  - o removed word ["primitive"](#) from all art and architecture headings
  - o improved access for [comics](#):
    - ▪ new pattern "[Topic] in comics"
    - ▪ new free-floating subdivision "--In comics"
    - ▪ updated version of [SHM H 1430](#) (Comics and Comic Characters) expected soon
- LC Classification (LCC)
  - o subclass [KIR (Indigenous Law of Brazil)](#) released
  - o changed captions in schedules from "Blacks" and "Whites" to "Black people" and "White people" (to reflect LCSH subject heading changes); a follow-up to last year's project to [cancel 40 cutters](#) based on the word "Negroes" and replace them with cutters based on the word "Blacks"
- LC Demographic Group Terms (LCDGT)
  - o moratorium on proposals for new/updated terms was lifted
  - o separate monthly [tentative](#) and [approved](#) lists of new terms being issued (see list names with "x" suffix)
  - o draft status removed from [LCDGT Manual](#)
- Children's and Young Adults' Cataloging (CYAC)
  - o instruction sheets for new [CYAC Manual](#) posted
  - o separate monthly [tentative](#) and [approved](#) lists of new terms being issued (see list names with "y" or "w" suffix)

- [History Notes](#) (MARC 688 field)
  - implemented in authority records for LCSH, LCGFT, LCDGT, LCMPT, and CYAC
  - system-added for new proposals; added by policy specialists for most changed terms
  - more information: [SHM H0225](#)