

## Cataloging AC Minutes 2/6/2020

**Present:** Stephanie Anderson (APL), Lisa Bouchard (BETH), Rob Carle (UHLS), Sue Dague (EGRN), Xiaofei Li (APL), Joe Nash (COLN), Heather Nelson (GUIL), Lisa Pitkin (GUIL), Catherine Stollar Peters (BETH), Joe Thornton (UHLS)

1. From Mary Fellows: The issue of cataloging/reclassifying Native American myths from the fairy and folktale classification (398.2ish) into the 200's, where we have Greek and Roman myths, came up with my folks.

There's a paper on cataloging Native American issues, probably by a student, [here](#).

Mary excerpted from it in [this document](#)." It doesn't mention the folk/fairy tale (398.2) issue, but looks more broadly at Native American cataloging issues." (Mary)

More information: <http://www.iskocus.org/NASKO2015proceedings/Green.pdf>

"The YSAC would be interested in your group's response. We understand that each library would handle any reclassifying individually; we're just interested in having the catalogers discuss it and provide any cataloging context to us that we may now know or understand." (Mary)

Meeting discussion:

- A suggestion for Youth Services that they make a bibliography and add tags in *Encore*. This would make it easier for patrons to find the material, and the tags could use more appropriate terms.
  - We can't change the Dewey numbers or LC classifications, and the "Dewey people" justify their choices and don't make changes like this quickly or without justification.
  - This would need to be done on a case by case basis.
  - It's not necessarily a problem, and could be considered a matter of perspective.
  - We discussed adding 290 tags with the appropriate terms, but this idea was shot down quickly.
  - **Our recommendation is that librarians work with catalogers to change the subject headings as candidate records are encountered.**
2. A recommendation from the Cataloging Advisory Council, addressing a request from the Automation Advisory Committee (AAC):

For Museum Passes, please use the OPAC Note field only for local restrictions (e.g. Bethlehem patrons only). The field is used inconsistently now and includes expiration dates, pass attributes (e.g. Admits two adults), and other things. See, for example, [this](#). It's okay to put the expiration dates in the Volume fields of the item records. While you're looking at them, please delete expired passes.

3. *SkyRiver* demo. We scheduled a demo of III's cataloging utility during our meeting since our group would be the most affected if we switch. Some takeaways:
  - Other sites report a smooth transition from OCLC. They report a 98% match with OCLC's collection.
  - It has 73 million records, "fully certified MARC."
  - We can have a 30 day trial.
  - Some functions we liked: "Search for records"; "Report duplicate records"; "Notify us of updates"
  - Two of our chief concerns, which we'll test, are *Baker & Taylor* support and availability of foreign language (especially Asian) titles.
  - It's a desktop client, like *Sierra*, and not web-based.
  - All users must be in known (to III) network domains, which could be a problem for our libraries that don't have static IP addresses.
  - We'll focus our testing on the availability and quality of records for local authors, foreign language material, *Manga*, serials, DVDs, Blu-rays, video games, and new releases.
  
4. Heather and Lisa Pitkin gave an update on GUIL's RFID project. They've started tagging the collection and they estimate that the project will take at least ten weeks to complete.

**Next meeting March 5, 2020**