

Cataloging AC Minutes 4/1/2021 (online)

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

Subject Headings:

We continued our work on changing inappropriate and/or outdated Subject Headings, using this [Google Sheet](#) (650\$a fields in our database), this [Excel spreadsheet](#) that contains our suggestions and the status of the changes made by Rob, and a [document](#) created by Catherine to get us started.

Discussion:

- 'Aliens' includes people and, well, aliens (the ET sort) and so might require more than a single global change. Rob said he filters all records before making a change, to make sure he's adjusting only the right records.
- Catherine asked if Authority Control, which we haven't paid for since LTI went out of business, might correct a lot of our outdated headings. We will look into vendors and costs to see if another outsourced clean-up is feasible.
- 2nd indicator '4':
 - The righteous thing to do would be to change the second indicator from 0 to 4 in any 6XX tag that we change in our project.
 - Lisa: This is useful to see where the Subject Heading came from.
 - Stephanie: APL uses '4' for *Local History Room* records.
 - If we use '4' the Subject Headings won't be searchable with our current indexing rules.
 - Catherine: Our project is pointless if we use '4' unless we pay to have our database reindexed by III.
 - Reindexing would cost \$2400. UHLS will discuss since that's a lot of money in our uncertain financial climate.
 - Stephanie: Is there another tag we could use that would be searchable?
 - Xiaofei: Everything in the 500 tag is searchable.
 - Catherine: Rob's [Training Page](#) has the [Sierra index rules](#).
- 'Black Muslims' is an example of a term that we discussed as to its proper use: Was it ever a sanctioned term by the Nation of Islam or was it a term applied inappropriately by the press and authors on the subject? This is the sort of issue we're working on.
- Catherine: For future meetings we need to continue to work on "race and citizenship" headings.

Indexing: Sue asked if we should enable searching by 'number of disks' in a set. Now the 300 tag is not indexed. We'll ask III about this, specifically, "Why isn't it?", "How much would it cost to index the 300 tag?", and "If we pay to reindex for second indicator 4 (above), can we add the 300 tag to that job?"