

Cataloging AC Minutes 5/6/2021 (online)

Present: Rob Carle (UHLS), Sue Dague (EGRN), Molly Davis (VOOR), Jane Feeney (BETH), Xiaofei Li (APL), Peggy Mello (COLN), Edra Nehme (BETH), Heather Nelson (GUIL), Catherine Stollar Peters (BETH), Lisa Pitkin (GUIL), Lisa Thomas (BETH), 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We continued our work on changing inappropriate and/or outdated Subject Headings, using this [Google Sheet](#) (650\$a fields in our database), this [Excel spreadsheet](#) that contains our suggestions and the status of the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:

- **Authority Control:** We had considered whether sending our database out for Authority Control processing would change many of the headings we're working on manually. Rob researched vendors (e.g. MARCIVE, Backstage) and found that the price is high - around \$15,000 - and might not fix all the headings we're looking at anyway since our choices might not agree with the LOC, which is slow and constrained by Congress, among other things. Catherine and Xiaofei said that she's noticed many problems that Authority Control would fix. Catherine suggested that after this project we should maybe look at Name Authorities as well. Lisa said that she thinks Authority Control is not needed right away but perhaps should be done every few years. Joe asked if there would be a practical impact, i.e. would it help patrons find what they're looking for. Xiaofei said yes, for example "see also" notes. Joe will look into an API, or any other method, to compare our headings to the LC database.
- We agreed that UHLS should spend \$2400 to reindex our database so 6xx fields with second indicator 4 will be searchable in *Encore*. Before we go ahead with the reindexing we will identify all other changes that should be included in the project. Xiaofei suggested that we add indicators 1, 4, and 7. Lisa said that '1' is for children and '7' means "other than LC" but is still not authorized. Joe (again, blah blah blah) asked if this is necessary since we could make everything findable by making the second indicator '0' for everything. Sue said she agrees but reminded Joe that "We're catalogers. We follow the rules." Joe asked if keyword searches were affected by second indicator 4. Rob tested and reported that 6xx's with second indicator 4 are not searchable by keyword in *Encore*.
- We returned to our [list of current 650's](#) and Excel spreadsheet (use your own links). We will read the article on the term "Black Muslims" and Rob will continue to make changes as the advisory council approves them. "Indians" is a big one - and not simple.
- The [AP Style Guide](#) is a good resource.