

Cataloging AC Minutes 12/1/2022 (online)

Present: Stephanie Anderson (APL), Phil Berardi (BETH), Lisa Bouchard (BETH), Rob Carle (UHLS), Sue Dague (EGRN), Xiaofei Li (APL), Peggy Mello (COLN), Lisa Pitkin (GUIL), Michele Reilly (VOOR), Lisa Thomas (BETH), Joe Thornton (UHLS)

1. **Authority control for author names:** I am finding different access points for the same author. Most often it is the case where the author's authorized heading includes a birth date. Our catalog has titles listed under the authorized heading, but also has titles listed with unauthorized headings. I am fixing the ones I come across, but I am sure there are many more out there I have yet to come across. We need to find a way to identify records with unauthorized author headings and correct them. (Sue)
 - a. Stephanie was in a webinar about validating authority records and will share the link if she has it.
 - b. The "Verify Headings" button is in *Sierra* but not *SkyRiver*.
 - c. We will ask III about Authority Control.
 - d. Rob said that the important thing is that patrons can find things and we don't want to make cataloging too onerous a task by recommending that catalogers correct authority records while cataloging.
 - e. *Sierra* has tools to correct bad records, but it would be unworkable to check every record.
 - f. RDA complicates things, e.g. with qualifying information.
 - g. Sue asked if *Backstage Library Works* does authority control.
 - h. Lisa B shared a *Library of Congress* link related to authority control and said she uses it when something strikes her as wrong.
2. **Catalog cleanup:** Peggy said that our catalog is a mess and suggested that we choose one task every month to clean up our own records. For example, Peggy said that we could make sure records have the correct Material Types, but Rob said that he's already doing that.
3. **Training manual:** We started a project a few meetings back to edit the manual one MARC section at a time. We started with the [OXX tags](#) and some catalogers (mainly Laurie Burns from TROY) suggested some changes. We'll get back on track with this project in 2023.
4. **Subfield z in ISBN fields:**
 - a. Sue asked if these were safe to keep, i.e. does *Sierra* ignore these when overlaying records based on ISBN? We'll ask III.
 - b. **[Correction 4/13/23]:** Lisa B contacted me with this correction: "There can be a problem leaving extra ISBNs in a record, because an overlay may later occur, which could result in patrons not getting what they wanted (for example, having two ISBNs for a book title in one record for both the regular type and the Large Print type).

There are a number of records for children's books that have ISBNs for both the hardcover and paperback editions of a specific title, and sometimes with library bound editions of that title as well. I left these ISBNs in."

5. **Farewell, Lisa B!**: Our friend, coworker, and great contributor to this advisory council, Lisa Bouchard, is retiring at the end of 2022, so this was her last Cataloging Advisory Council meeting. She will be sorely missed!