

Cataloging AC Minutes 7/6/2023 (online)

Present: Anne Coletta (BETH), Sue Dague (EGRN), Xiaofei Li (APL), Joe Thornton (UHLS)

Summertime, and the livin' is easy, apparently, if the number of attendees (4) is any indication. Or maybe Sue's agenda item (below) scared away the faint of heart.

1. *I am seeing a lot of records in our catalog coming through with the errors as discussed in an exchange of messages sent to AUTOCAT. I would like to bring this to our attention.*

I have copied the [message exchange and a section of the Library of Congress Subject Headings Manual](#) that explains the cataloging rule. (Sue)

(... and now for something completely different. I used the Zoom Meeting Summary feature that we're using in trial. The following is that tool's AI summary of the meeting, edited by me where necessary)

Anne and Sue discuss the importance of separating juvenile fiction and comic book sections in the catalog. Sue explains that she removes all juvenile fiction at the end and does not make a separate juvenile fiction heading for graphic novels, as she thinks of juvenile fiction as regular chapter books. They agree that it is not necessary to duplicate subject headings.

Anne and Sue discuss concerns about the number of bib records coming from *SkyRiver*, with Sue mentioning that they are consistently under-measuring the books. They consider the possibility that *SkyRiver* is not based in the UK and that the records could have come from other sources, such as OCLC.

[this is related to the link in the agenda item above]:

Sue discusses an email exchange about Library of Congress cataloging. She shares that she has been correcting errors in the catalog and is starting to see it more and more. She also mentions a woman who asked if she was doing something wrong and Adam Schiff, who she sees all the time on AUTOCAT, who seems knowledgeable and authoritative.

Sue and Anne discuss the issue of subject headings and subheadings for juvenile fiction and graphic novels in the catalog. They agree that there should be two separate subject headings, one for comic book strips and one for juvenile literature, and that the subject heading should not have two subdivisions. They also discuss the possibility of using a "stack" approach to organize the subheading information, similar to the one used for comic books and strips.

[The following are also part of the Zoom Summary, but different topics, not on our agenda, - Joe]

Sue and Anne agree to help Joe with cleaning up and editing the Cataloging Manual.

Anne and Joe discuss an issue with ebook isbn fields appearing in records and the need to delete them so they don't accidentally overlay them. They agree to delete the fields when they see them in every record or book record, but not if it's an ebook or PDF. They also mention that when they import an ebook, they will delete the ISBN before it is brought into the system.

Joe and Anne discuss the number of people who touch the catalog without being in the meeting. Sue mentions that some people don't like to touch the records.

Joe plans to send out a document with 3XX's before their next meeting, and they will edit it as a group at the next meeting.

[The following is not from the Zoom Summary]:

We discussed whether we want to start meeting in person again. Sue would prefer it. Joe wouldn't. We'll discuss this topic at a future meeting.