

## **Meeting summary for Cataloging Advisory Council (06/06/2024)** **(Zoom Summary, edited by JT)**

**Present:** Rob Carle (UHLS), Anne Coletta (BETH), Pam Jacobson (SNLK), Peggy Mello (COLN), Chris O'Brien (BETH), Lisa Thomas (BETH), Joe Thornton (UHLS), Kathleen Tyrrell (GUIL)

### **Quick recap**

The group discussed various cataloging and classification issues, including the use of Z39.50, the potential import of foreign language records, and the reclassification of adult and juvenile items. They also explored the conversion process of certain numbers into others for religious denominations, the expansion of sections for specific religions, and the problem of cataloging pseudonyms.

### **Next steps**

- Anne will provide updates on the Dewey 200 project, including tracking the time and effort required for physical relabeling and reorganizing the books.
- Anne will consult with the library about managing the physical space and staff capacity for the Dewey 200 project.
- Peggy will investigate the presence of authority records for Richard Stark/Donald Westlake and ensure consistent author entries across the catalog.

### **Summary**

#### **Sand Lake Improvement and Z39.50 Confusion**

Pam reported that things were improving at Sand Lake and shared plans for a new mural project by community group Doors for Hope. The group also discussed potential enhancements to their program attendance. Additionally, a topic of confusion arose with the use of Z39.50 within the group, with members like Lisa, Anne,, and Chris confirming their usage of the system, but the specific issues and potential solutions were not detailed.

#### **Cataloging Methods and Foreign Language Records**

Lisa, Anne, and Rob discussed their cataloging methods, focusing on the use of *SkyRiver* and Z39.50 as primary sources, and the potential to use records from other sources, like foreign language records, as templates to save time. Stephanie's search for foreign language records, specifically at OCLC World Share, was also discussed. Anne confirmed she had no difficulty finding foreign language records, primarily Chinese and Spanish. No specific action items or decisions were made regarding the import of records from other sources.

### **Transformation Project and Classification System Discussion**

Anne reported on the progress of a transformation project she undertook, focusing on the reclassification of Adult and Juvenile items. She discovered a slight oversight with the 291s, but with the help of other libraries, she was able to locate a more suitable position for them. Anne also raised the potential of implementing a new classification system for their library's religious section, which was positively received by Anne, and Joe, but opposed by the religion collection librarian. The group agreed to consider this idea in future meetings and involve small library directors in a presentation. Anne was tasked with keeping track of the time and effort required for this potential project, while Rob cautioned the group to be sensitive to the physical changes this new system could cause.

### **Number Conversion and Denominational Classification**

Anne explained the conversion process of certain numbers into others, primarily within the context of religious denominations and their classification. She clarified that the 280s, which previously had their own decades, were now categorized under the 279s, with each denomination receiving a point number after the 279. The expansion of sections, notably for Buddhism, Hinduism, and Islam, was also discussed. These sections, previously cramped under the 294.5s, were significantly expanded to have their own ranges. The aim was to provide a more structured and comprehensive classification.

### **Promoting Anne's Method**

Joe suggested that Anne's method of cataloging religious items could be promoted as a more efficient approach if it proved effective. Anne agreed to this plan and promised to keep Joe updated on her progress.

### **Addressing Pseudonyms in Cataloging**

Peggy raised concerns about cataloging pseudonyms, using the example of the novel 'Stark' written by Donald Westlake, whose pseudonym was listed as the author. Peggy questioned how many other pseudonyms were incorrectly listed as authors. Anne recalled a similar issue with the TV show Castle, where books were issued under the pseudonym Richard Castle, but the actual authors were male celebrities. They discussed the confusion this caused and agreed that the main author entry should be the real author, even if it was a pseudonym. They also discussed how to handle books written by someone else under a pseudonym, using the example of Tom Clancy's books.

### **Addressing Book Record Author Name Issues**

Peggy, Anne, Joe, Kathleen, and Lisa discussed an issue related to book records and author names. Peggy suggested the problem could be resolved through an authority control project, although Joe was unsure if this would solve the issue. Anne agreed that

the main problem was when an author's name, such as Richard Stark's, appeared incorrectly on the pull list. Peggy then decided to fix the identified issue with the 100 field. The group agreed to revisit the topic in July, and Anne proposed a beach meeting for their next discussion.