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Announcing the Bibliographic Framework Initiative

Sally H. McCallum, Chief, Network Development and Standards Office, Library of Congress, issued the following statement on May 22, 2012. It describes the beginning of a process called the Bibliographic Framework Initiative and involves the anticipated transition from MARC. Thanks to Tom Duszak for submitting this information.

Library of Congress Announces Modeling Initiative

The Library of Congress is pleased to announce that it has contracted with Zepheira to help accelerate the launch of the Bibliographic Framework Initiative. A major focus of the project is to translate the MARC 21 format to a Linked Data (LD) model while retaining as much as possible the robust and beneficial aspects of the historical format. Zepheira brings to the project extensive experience in LD technology for library applications.

Eric Miller, who was a leader in the Semantic Web Initiative in its early days for the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) and who has also worked in the library and information science field, leads the Zepheira team. The company, under Mr. Miller's leadership, has been active in the development of Semantic Web and Library standards as well as open source tools to support LD technologies and library applications. These activities represent knowledge and experience that are instrumental for constructing a core data model and to support prototype services that will serve as a basis for a new bibliographic framework and related services.

The Library of Congress has asked Zepheira to provide a model (or models) that can serve as a strong starting point for discussion, and an analysis of related initiatives underway that will be useful to this effort. LC expects that the proposed model(s) will change and be further tuned based on valuable feedback from the community and a natural progression of requirements as they are addressed. The initial model(s) will serve as a basis for work focused on a demonstration system/service which will then, in turn, be used to further refine the model(s). The expectation is that such iterative feedback loops will eventually ensure a flexible bibliographic framework, a robust reference code, a supporting infrastructure for deployment, and an effective migration plan to support the community in making a transition from MARC to a new framework.

The Library of Congress will now proceed to organize various scenarios to enable community participation that will be broad and include international users and partners,

various types of information agencies and libraries, and library suppliers. We will be posting information as it emerges from this initial work, especially relating to projected milestones at the Bibliographic Framework Transition Initiative website (www.loc.gov/marc/transition).

ALCTS Cataloging and Metadata Management Section, Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access: Highlights from the 2012 Midwinter Meeting in Dallas, Texas, Jan. 21 and 23, 2012

A Task Force is being formed to address changes affecting RDA in the *Chicago Manual of Style 17th edition*. The **Chair** has called for volunteers on the discussion list but will also circulate a sign-up sheet.

Barbara **Tillett** gave an abbreviated version of her January 10, 2012 CC:DA report. Some highlights:

The Virtual International Authority File achieved some major milestones last year. It has grown to more than 20 million authority records and nearly 100 million associated bibliographic records from 25 different participating institutions. As of September 2011, it includes uniform titles along with personal and corporate names, so this is a huge step forward. The usage of VIAF has increased, with more than 30,000+ hits from 116 countries in October and more than 6 million hits per month from automated systems.

Tillett highlighted information about the recently developed ONIX to MARC conversion program, which takes ONIX data from publishers and converts it to MARC 21 for ECIP. LC has been training its catalogers to use it; 8,499 ONIX-derived bibliographic records were produced in fiscal 2011. It is a major advancement for LC and ties in nicely with RDA, as it allows one to take publisher information as they get it. **Tillett** also mentioned that the Children's and Young Adults' Cataloging Program (CYAC) is the new name for the program that includes the former Annotated Card Program. It has a new website which was launched in November 2011 and its URL is given in the report.

On page 11 of the report is information about shelf-ready services; LC continues to work with the vendor community to provide institutions with cataloging and physical processing services. The division responsible for many of these programs and coordinating with the vendors has ongoing activities and is expanding to include many institutions which are listed in the report. LC is training a lot of vendors in RDA.

Report from the RDA Programming TF: Abbas
Abbas reported that there has been a name change for the Task Force; it is now the RDA Conference Forums and Programs Task Force. The Task Force would like to have more representation from public, special, and school libraries. Plans for Annual include a one-day preconference, "A Change in Authority: Authority Work in the RDA Environment," with speakers Ana Lupe Cristán and Paul Frank from LC. The Task Force learned a lot from last year's two-day preconference, at which all 115 attendees brought laptops and there were a lot of connectivity issues. They are trying to be proactive and specify ahead of time how many participants will need access. Three forums are planned for Annual: an RDA Update Forum, a Vendor Implementation Plans Forum, and a Non-MARC RDA Implementation Forum. The Task Force also hopes to have a forum on lessons learned during the RDA Test and from others who have already implemented RDA.

Revision proposal from ATLA: Myers
[CC:DA/ATLA/2011/1: Sacred Scriptures]
Myers presented the report for **Knop**, who was unable to attend. **Myers** described the three categories of works addressed in the report: a set of old works developed by Group A and subsequently adopted by Group B; a set of middle-aged works also developed by Group A and adopted by Group B, subsequently given secondary status by Group A and some members of Group B; and a third group of works developed by Group B. Added to these three collections is a fourth category, various works that have been rejected by both Groups A and B. These categories are called the Old Testament, the Apocrypha, the New Testament, and apocryphal books. People tend to use Apocrypha and apocryphal books interchangeably but they are two distinct categories.

The group developed three separate proposals. Proposal 1 deals with the apocryphal books; this was set aside for now. The key thrust of Proposal 2 is that when the drafts of RDA were being developed, a proposal was made by LC to remove Old Testament, New Testament, and Apocrypha as intervening terms between "Bible" and individual books of the Bible, but the Apocrypha issue was overlooked, so the proposal seeks to rectify that. The group also realized that RDA (and AACR2) dealt with the Apocrypha as a special subset of groups of books of the Bible, which naturally fell after the rule for groups of books, but that as a "metagroup" it should immediately follow the rule for the Testaments. In addition, several members felt that the category of groups of books known as "wisdom literature" needed to be added to the list. Proposal 3 changes the sequence of the instructions to present the general rule first, and then provide specific faith tradition rules as exceptions, in keeping with attempts to remove Judeo-Christian bias.

Attig suggested discussing editorial comments on Proposal 2. If you want to re-arrange logically, it might be better to have the order: Testaments, Apocrypha, groups of books, and then individual books. He asked why it is important to include references for instructions to individual books for the Apocrypha but not for the Testaments. The same is true for references to instructions for Selections; either delete them under Apocrypha or add them under Testaments. On the lists of groups of books, **Attig** asked whether there should be an entry for Esdras and Maccabees under Apocrypha, in case someone has a collection of just those. **Attig** also commented that if re-arranging the rules in this way actually improves usability, then what is done in Proposal 2 makes sense, but he was concerned that we make sure it's worth the effort because this sort of re-arrangement is going to end up being costly.

Maxwell commented that he recently looked through all of the provisions of 6.23.2.9 and it is the only place where we still have Works. Selections. He recommends that we remove Works and just use Selections to identify the collection.

Tarango and **Myers** discussed the question of which books are part of the canon. **Myers** noted the differences in the books and passages accepted by different traditions and the challenges if RDA is adopted in countries where eastern orthodoxy is prevalent, but said that we can't anticipate what solutions would work for them. **Rendall** agreed that the group made the correct decision on how they handled what is in the canon or not.

Attig pointed out that there is a fast track proposal to change the caption of apocryphal books to apocryphal books in the Bible, which suggests that it's in the wrong place, and invited input from the task force.

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See also the text of the Bibliographic Framework Transition Initiative - Update Forum and other News and Announcements from the Library of Congress.

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Beecher Wiggins Interview

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The following was made available on the Library of Congress Cataloging Newsline by Melanie Polutta, Library of Congress, ALAWE:Iberia/Rio, Librarian cataloger.

Beacher Wiggins Interview
April 3, 2012

For this week's mailing, we decided that it would be interesting to interview Beacher Wiggins, the chief of the ABA Directorate. There have been interviews before, but most of them focus on specific programs here at LC, not so much on the man himself. So we came up with a list of questions that tells us more about Beacher Wiggins the person as well as his work here at the Library of Congress. I hope you find them interesting as well. (My biggest frustration is that we had to limit ourselves so much! Having found out he was assistant to Henriette Avram makes me want to ask a whole lot more just about that part of his time here.)

The questions were put together by the Editorial Team as a whole, but Carolyn Croons conducted the actual interview and put together the text below.

1. **You have worked at the Library for forty years. What do you regard as one of the most interesting positions you have had during this time?**

   During the forty years that I have worked at the Library of Congress, the most interesting positions I held were Cataloging Director, Acquisitions & Bibliographic Access Director, and Special Assistant to Henriette Avram. I could not identify just one!

2. **What is the biggest change you have experienced in your "lifetime" at LC?**

   The biggest change that I have experienced in a "lifetime" at the Library of Congress were the implementation of AACR2, the implementation of the ILS, and the reorganization of the former Acquisitions Directorate and Cataloging Directorate into one directorate, ABA—Acquisitions & Bibliographic Access Directorate. Again, I could not single out just one!

3. **What is the biggest challenge you have faced in your current position as Director for ABA?**

   The biggest challenges that I have faced as Director for ABA are the implementation of RDA, the reorganization of ABA, and compensating for loss of staff in November resulting from the VSIP/VERA retirements.

4. **What do you see as the benefit of implementing *RDA: Resource Description and Access*?**

   Implementing *RDA: Resource Description and Access* will allow LC cataloging staff to create cataloging data that will not only be useful for LC and other libraries, but also for the non-library communities, such as the Semantic Web and linked-data communities.

5. Now that you are in charge of acquisitions, what is the most intriguing part of acquisitions work?

The most intriguing part of acquisitions work is learning an area of technical services that I have not before given focus. Helping to build the Library's collections through acquisitions processes is very satisfying. Since assuming responsibility for acquisitions, I and the acquisitions staff have had to deal with expending Library funds for the purchase of materials within a single year. Originally, the Library had no limit on when the money would expire. Several years ago, Congress changed the life of this money—referred to as GENPAC—to three years, and then to just one year.

6. What are you doing to process electronic resources?

One thing that is being done to process electronic resources is having a pilot Electronic Resources Team in the US Anglo Division to process electronic resources. Staff are rotated on to the team to help increase the number of staff with expertise in processing e-resources. I am also a member of the Management Oversight Committee that has responsibility for addressing policy issues related harvesting and cataloging web resources.

7. Just as a point of curiosity, how many committees are you actually on? Here at LC and outside of LC?

The total number of committees that I am on within LC and outside the Library is ten or more.

8. What brought you to a career in librarianship, and how did you first come to work at the Library?

What brought me to a career in librarianship was my high school getting its first certified Librarian when I was in the 11th grade. She showed the students what a real library could be and how exciting it was to have access to a library. I knew quickly that librarianship was for me. When I went to Library School in 1970, my first professor of cataloging inspired me to love cataloging. I came to work at the Library by luck. I was advised to check out the Library of Congress, since I planned to settle in Washington. So, while on travel for Christmas recess, I stopped by the Library and asked about employment. I was offered a position in either acquisitions or cataloging. I accepted the cataloging position. I was hired and the rest was history.

9. How should young people today prepare themselves for a career in librarianship/information work?

Here are my suggestions to young people today on how they should prepare themselves for the career in librarianship/information work:

- Get a degree in Librarianship

- Understand technology and social media
- Know the principles of project management
- Be able to multi-task
- Be very flexible and be able to deal with all types of personalities
- Be receptive to change

10. What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

What I enjoy doing on a personal level are cooking, theater, movies, and going out to eat.

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DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGING NEWS

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ALA-LC Romanization Table update

The ALA-LC Romanization tables are developed jointly by the Library of Congress (LC) and the American Library Association (ALA). Romanization schemes enable the cataloging of foreign language materials. Romanized cataloging in turn supports circulation, acquisitions, serials check-in, shelflisting, shelving, and reference, particularly in library catalogs that are unable to display non-roman alphabet information.

The ALCTS Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA) recently received and reviewed LC revision proposals for the Bulgarian and Russian romanization tables. Both tables were approved.

The Committee on Cataloging: African and Asian Materials (CC:AAM) recently received and reviewed a proposal from LC for a new Shan romanization table. The table was approved.

The Bulgarian, Russian, and Shan tables are now available for downloading from the ALA-LC Romanization Tables webpage. Please direct any questions about romanization tables to Bruce Johnson, Policy and Standards Division (bjoh@loc.gov).

Thanks to Tom Duszak for forwarding the above announcement by Bruce Chr. Johnson of The Library of Congress Policy & Standards Division.

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SUBJECT CATALOGING NEWS

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Selected LC subject heading additions & changes from the Library of Congress Subject Headings Weekly Lists 3 (March 19, 2012)-5 (May 21, 2012)

KEY   UF = Used for

BT = Broader term
RT = Related term
SA = See also
*   = lines or paragraphs that are CHANGES

"Changes to existing headings are indicated by an asterisk. (A) indicates proposals that were approved before the editorial meeting. (C) indicates proposals submitted by cooperating libraries. Diacritics and most special characters are not displayed."

N.B. You may wish to confirm the current state of the authority record by consulting LC's authority file or the OCLC authority file—editor.

150 Health education--Religious aspects--Buddhism, [Christianity, etc.]   [sp2012001533]

150 Begging--Religious aspects--Buddhism, [Christianity, etc.]   [sp2012000688]

150 Church schools   [May Subd Geog]   [sp 85025747]
450 UF Faith-based schools (Church schools) ADD FIELD

150 Coming out (Sexual orientation)--Religious aspects--Buddhism, [Christianity, etc.] [sp2012000893]

110 Catholic Church--Byzantine rite, Belarusian   [May Subd Geog]   [sp2011003849]
053 BX4711.2197-BX4711.219795
410 UF Belarusian Byzantine rite (Catholic Church)
410 UF Byzantine rite, Belarusian (Catholic Church)

150 Christmas—Poetry CHANGE HEADING

150Christmas poetry   [Not Subd Geog] ADD GEOG   [sp 85025305]
053PN6110.C5 (Collections)
450UF Christmas--Juvenile poetry
450UF Christmas--Poetry [Former heading]

150Christmas plays   [Not Subd Geog]   [sp 85025314]
450UF Christmas books DELETE FIELD
450UF Plays, Christmas DELETE FIELD
450UF Christmas--Juvenile drama ADD FIELD

150Christmas poetry, American   [May Subd Geog]   [sp2012000162]
450UF American Christmas poetry
550BT American poetry

Selected additions & changes to LC classification from LC Classification Weekly Lists 3 (March 19, 2012)-5 (May 21, 2012)

Early Christian literature. **Fathers of the Church**, etc. | Individual authors |
    Methodius, of Olympus, Saint, d. 311 TABLE BR1   **BR65.M46-.M466**

Christianity in relation to special subjects, A-Z | **Freedom of speech**   BR115.F74

Christianity | History | By race or ethnic group, A-Z
e.g. CANCEL
Gagauz   BR737.G34

Early Christian biography to ca. 600, A-Z |
    Severin, Saint, Bishop of Cologne, d. ca. 403   **BR1720.S43**

The **Bible | African languages**, A-Z | **Sena TABLE BS5**   **BS325.S46**

Doctrinal theology | History of specific doctrines and movements.
Heresies and schisms | Gnosticism (Christian) | Nag Hammadi Codices |
    Thunder, Perfect mind TABLE BS8   **BT1392.T58-.T582**

History of the **Papacy** | Special topics, A-Z | **Sanctification**   BX958.S35

History of canon law | General concepts and principles, A-Z | **Obedience**   **KBR2208.O24**

Canon law of Eastern Rite Churches in Communion with the Holy See of Rome

    By subject (general and comparative) **TABLE KBS1**   **KBT291-390**
        For general works and sources, see **KBT1-KBT280**
        For works on an individual church, see **KBT300-KBT4300**
    Individual churches sui juris and ritual traditions CANCEL [KBT300-4300]
        Churches of the Constantinopolitan (Byzantine) rite CANCEL [KBT300-2700]
            General (Comparative) CANCEL KBT300
    Individual churches sui juris and ritual traditions [KBT395-4300]
        Churches of the Constantinopolitan (Byzantine) rite [KBT395-2700]
        General (Comparative)   **KBT395**

Law of the Roman Catholic Church. The Holy See
General norms and principles. De normis generalibus
    Legal transactions. De actibus iuridicis
        Validity. Void and voidable transactions. Validitas actus iuridici
        Declaration of intention. Mental reservation. Simulation
                KBU2289

Sacred vocal music | Roman Catholic | By period
        1901- CANCEL   ML3007
        1901-2000   **ML3007**
        2001-   **ML3008**
Collections of general literature | Collections, extracts, etc. By subject, A-Z |
                Hell   **PN6071.H38**

Selected LCC to Dewey classification correlations

N.B. DDC numbers may prescribe extensions from tables. Please consult the Dewey schedule as needed. These correlations may not be exact, please compare with the DDC latest schedule. They are here provided here only as an advisory starting point.

TOPIC	LCC	DDC
Christianity/History/By race or ethnic group/Gagauz	BR737.G34	281.90899436

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