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DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGING NEWS

FRBR and RDA

Charles R. Croissant has published an interesting article on the foundations of RDA in FRBR. Below is a citation to that article and its abstract.

Croissant, Charles R. "FRBR and RDA: What They Are and How They May Affect the Future of Libraries." Theological Librarianship: An Online Journal of the American Theological Library Association 5:2 (July 2012)

"Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records," a document issued by the International Federation of Library Associations' Cataloguing Section in 1997, has achieved the status of an important theoretical model of the cataloging process, in effect, a theory of cataloging. It is the foundation on which the new cataloging code, Resource Description and Access (RDA), is based. An understanding of the FRBR model is essential to the understanding and application of RDA. This paper explains the entity-relationship model that FRBR presents: the bibliographic entities (work, expression, manifestation, item), their attributes, and the relationships that connect them. It explains how bibliographic records based on the FRBR model would be structured, and demonstrates how FRBR informs the structure of RDA. It describes the controversies connected with the forthcoming implementation of RDA in March 2013 and explores the implications of this implementation for the library community.

Read the article [here](#).

Thanks to Tom Duszak for bringing this article to our attention.

Longer OCLC control numbers on the horizon

OCLC has recently shared the following information regarding how the increase in the number of bibliographic records will necessitate the increase in the length of its bibliographic record control numbers. As explained below, this will eventually have repercussions for local cataloging systems which use the control number as the match point for overlaying local records or for other purposes. Here is the text of their announcement:

From: Oliver, Sonya [<mailto:olivers@oclc.org>]
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To: OCLC-SHARING-L@OCLC.ORG

WorldCat continues to grow! As indicated earlier this year, the OCLC Control Number is anticipated to reach one billion after July 1, 2013. At that point, OCLC will increase the length of the OCLC number to accommodate a variable length number string. **If you use and/or store OCLC MARC bibliographic records and the OCLC Control Number, you will notice a change after July 1, 2013.** You will need to check the systems at your institution that use OCLC MARC bibliographic records and the OCLC number. You may need to implement changes to ensure those systems will be able to successfully handle the longer OCLC number effective July 1, 2013.

For example, libraries may be impacted in the following areas:

- Cataloging and IT librarians that download OCLC MARC bibliographic records to the library's local system
- Resource sharing librarians using third party ILL management programs that store or use the OCLC number for searching
- Reference services librarians using WorldCat Local to help a patron locate an item

Publishers, vendors and others that partner with OCLC may be impacted as follows:

- Integrated Library Service (ILS) vendors that use OCLC MARC bibliographic records to test compatibility with OCLC
- Publishers, material suppliers and electronic content providers that use OCLC MARC bibliographic records in their systems
- Developers maintaining services that use OCLC Control Numbers

Format of the OCLC Number

The OCLC Number resides in the MARC 001 field and may also be stored in other fields. The OCLC Number in the 001 field is formatted as follows:

OCLC numbers 1 through 99999999:

- "ocm" prefix
- oclc control number, 8 digits, right justified with leading zeros
- *A blank space as the last character*

Example: ocm00012345

OCLC numbers 100000000 to 999999999:

- "ocn" prefix
- oclc control number, 9 digits

Example: ocn123456789

OCLC numbers 1000000000 and higher:

- "on" prefix
- oclc control number, 10 or more digits

Example: on1234567890 or on1234567890123

In the 035 field, the OCLC number is usually stored with the prefix (OCoLC) and without the “ocm”, “ocn” or “on” prefixes; for example: (OCoLC)1234567890.

When this change takes place

The “on” prefix will be used to identify OCLC Numbers that contain ten or more digits. Nine or eight digit OCLC Numbers will continue to use the “ocn” or “ocm” prefix as described above. The update to the OCLC Number is backwards compatible so that previously defined OCLC Numbers will not be impacted. Previously assigned OCLC Numbers will continue to work as before.

What action should you take?

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Sample records

OCLC plans to make a file of sample MARC bibliographic records containing the new, expanded numbers available for download on the OCLC Control Number Expansion [website](http://www.oclc.org/batchprocessing/number-expansion.htm) (<http://www.oclc.org/batchprocessing/number-expansion.htm>) before the end of the calendar year 2012. When the file becomes available, announcements will be widely posted in the same places this notice is being posted. Anyone may then download the file for use in testing their systems.

For more information

Additional technical information regarding this change is available [here](http://www.oclc.org/batchprocessing/number-expansion.htm) (<http://www.oclc.org/batchprocessing/number-expansion.htm>). Please visit the [Web](http://www.oclc.org/batchprocessing/controlnumber.htm) (<http://www.oclc.org/batchprocessing/controlnumber.htm>) to learn how OCLC Control Numbers are created and how OCLC Batchload services give libraries the ability to match, merge, format and synchronize OCLC Control Numbers between their local systems and WorldCat. To see new OCLC Control Numbers when they are assigned, visit [Watch WorldCat Grow](http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/newgrow.htm) (<http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/newgrow.htm>). If you have questions, please contact us at support@oclc.org or 1-800-848-5800 (USA) or 1-614-793-8682.

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SUBJECT CATALOGING NEWS

Selected LC subject heading additions & changes from the [Library of Congress Subject Headings Weekly Lists](#) 6 (June 18, 2012)-8 (August 20, 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.

110 Catholic Church [May Subd Geog] [sp 85021043]
450 UF Catholicism ADD FIELD
450 UF Roman Catholicism ADD FIELD

150 Catholic fiction [Not Subd Geog] [sp 96009871]
450 UF Catholic novels ADD FIELD
450 UF Catholic stories ADD FIELD
550 BT Christian fiction DELETE FIELD

150 Catholic fiction, American [May Subd Geog] [sp2012001788]
450 UF American Catholic fiction
550 BT American fiction

150 Catholic fiction, English [May Subd Geog] [sp2012001791]
450 UF English Catholic fiction
550 BT English fiction

150 Catholic fiction, European [Not Subd Geog] [sp2012001789]
450 UF European Catholic fiction
550 BT European fiction

150 Catholic fiction, Irish (English) [May Subd Geog] [sp2012001790]
450 UF Catholic fiction, English—Ireland
450 UF Irish Catholic fiction (English)
550 BT English fiction--Irish authors

150 Catholic literature [sp 85021219]
550 BT Christian literature DELETE FIELD

150 Dogs--Religious aspects--Buddhism, [Christianity, etc.]
[Not Subd geog] [sp2012001784]

150 Joan (Legendary Pope) [sp 85070570]
550 BT Folklore--Europe DELETE FIELD
550 BT Legends--Europe ADD FIELD

Selected additions & changes to LC classification from [LC Classification Weekly Lists](#) 6 (June 18, 2012)-8 (August 20, 2012)

Christianity | Biography | Gregory, Thaumaturgus, Saint, ca. 213-ca. 270 BR1720.G88

The Bible | Individual Old Testament characters, A-Z | Naomi
 BS580.N26 Rachel BS580.R28

Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ. Miracles. Apparitions. Shrines, sanctuaries, images, processions, etc.
 Lizzano in Belvedere (Italy). Santuario della Madonna dell'Acero BT660.L68
 San Lorenzo del Escorial (Spain). Nuestra Señora de los Dolores BT660.S3415

Catholic Church | Special topics, A-Z | Sex role | BX1795.S49

Illuminating of manuscripts and books | Bibles | New Testaments | Evangelaries, A-Z | Ada
 Gospels | ND3359.A33

Slovenian | Literature | Collections | By subject, A-Z | Christmas | PG1913.5.C45

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

(Note: there are no LCC to Dewey correlations for the entries in this issue.)

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

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