**Core Metadata and Collections Section Subject Analysis Committee**

**Annual Meeting, June 2023**

**Report of the OCLC Liaison**

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# Staffing

OCLC has hired Jason Bourg as a Lead Data Ontologist. Jason will provide leadership for OCLC KOS, including Conspectus, VIAF, FAST, and the WorldCat Ontology. Jason has many years of experience with taxonomy and ontology development, and we are excited to have him join OCLC.

# WorldCat Record Updates

This Spring, OCLC began identifying and updating WorldCat records containing the former LCSH heading “Slaves” to “Enslaved persons.” So far, nearly 45,000 records have been updated. Future scans of Worldcat are planned to keep up with new records and data transfers. This work will be ongoing and is intended to support DEI interests and the appropriate reapplication of updated headings.

OCLC is working on a joint project with, and by the request of, University of British Columbia (UBC) Library as agreed to by Library & Archives Canada to replace outdated Canadian subject headings in WorldCat bibliographic records with newer LC headings. The work is currently focused on headings that can be identified and replaced programmatically, with more complex cases to be addressed at a later phase of the project. This project places special emphasis on DEI terms, as illustrated by the example below.

Example:

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| **Outdated Canadian Subject Heading** | **Replacement LCSH** |
| Native peoples in art | Indigenous peoples in art |

As mentioned in the midwinter report, OCLC is continuing to remove “Electronic books” and like terms from the 655 field, as it is not considered a valid genre/form term. Nearly 7 million records have been corrected to date, and this work will be ongoing as new records are added to WorldCat.

# Controlling Updates

OCLC announced a change to the controlling process in Record Manager on June 2. The changes will be applied on June 13. The announcement is paraphrased below. See link for the full announcement in the OCLC community center.

[Community Center Announcement](https://www.oclc.org/community/record_manager/RM-news.entry.html/2023/06/02/change_in_controllingannouncementforrecordmana-NzqO.en.html)

Changes have been made to controlling to fully respect the subfield values when controlling headings. Currently these changes will only affect Record Manager. They will be applied to Connexion at a later date.

* The changes will prevent unexpected and incorrect subfield flips but will require a change in user behavior to be successful.
* Users will need to include all subfield codes as part of the heading. Do not rely on the subfield codes to be automatically supplied as part of controlling.
* Users can copy/paste the heading from the authority record or use the apply link functionality to prevent errors.

Examples:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Starting heading** | **Current functionality** | **Starting on June 13** |
| 650 \_0 $a Music $v Manuscripts $v Facsimiles | 650 \_0 $a Music **$x Manuscripts** $v Facsimiles. | 650 \_0 $a Music **$v Manuscripts** $v Facsimiles. |
| 650 \_0 $a Indians of North America $z California, Southern $x Music $x History and criticism | 650 \_0 $a Indians of North America $z California, Southern **$v Music** $x History and criticism. | 650 \_0 $a Indians of North America $z California, Southern **$x Music** $x History and criticism. |
| 700 12 $a Bock, jerry fiddler on the roof | 700 12 $a Bock, Jerry. $t Fiddler on the roof. | 700 12 $a Bock, jerry fiddler on the roof |

An additional change has been made to block the flip of Library of Congress genre terms coded as 655, second indicator 0 to 655, second indicator 7 and $2 lcgft. This is no longer an appropriate change since OCLC hosts multiple files with genre terms. Starting June 13, users attempting to control a heading will need to change the indicator value and add the $2 thesaurus source file code to direct the matching to the appropriate authority file.

Example:

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| **Starting heading** | **Current functionality** | **Starting on June 13** |
| 655 \_0 Fiction films. | 655 \_7 Fiction films. ǂ2 lcgft | 655 \_0 Fiction films. |

The Offline Heading Control Service (HCS) is expected to resume automated daily controlling in the near future.

The Controlled Heading Update Service (CHUPD) is caught up from the pause that happened between December 2022 and April 2023.

# Enrichment Updates

A project is underway to programmatically add Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) numbers to records within the same Work cluster under a strict set of conditions. This work was coordinated closely with the Senior Dewey Editor, Alex Kyrios, to ensure accurate conditions and formatting. OCLC has identified approximately 85 million records as candidates for enrichment, and so far, approximately 25 million have been enriched since the project began in February. This project will support the Dewey as linked data project slated for later this year.

Additional functionality has been added to the existing enrichment process to allow enrichment from headings represented by a single Répertoire de Vedettes Matière (RVM) authority to headings represented by multiple LC authorities, and vice versa. This work supports the appropriate and complete application of the two vocabularies.

# FAST

An enhancement to Record Manager is tentatively scheduled for implementation later this year. This will allow users to search the FAST authority files to copy data, link headings, and export records. The enhanced integration between Record Manager and FAST will provide ease-of-use to the user and increase the application of FAST terms in WorldCat.