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Report of the Children's and Young Adults' Cataloging (CYAC) Program to SAC

The Children's and Young Adults' Cataloging Program (CYAC), at the Library of Congress, is responsible for the creation of metadata for the wide range of fiction material available in the United States for children and young adults, which is used by publishers, researchers, school libraries, and public libraries.

Through its activities, it develops and monitors standard policies and practices for providing access to juvenile literature.

Administrative (Staff)

The CYAC team is currently comprised of a program manager and three librarians. Stacey Devine (Program Manager), Kim Caulder, Kristina Doyle, and Chelsea Powell. Connie Pierce and Robert Spalding work part-time with the CYAC program.

Queens Public Library is a CIP partner to the CYAC program.

In July 2023, Chelsea Powell joined LC as a full time CYAC Librarian.

Notable activities

During the year we focused on creating scope notes and hierarchies for the CYAC subject headings. We are currently reviewing several heading requests from different funnels.

Cataloging Policy Decisions

CYAC Editorial Meetings are held monthly on Monday to discuss CYAC heading proposals from the tentative lists. CYAC Team meetings are held weekly on Wednesdays and include discussions of C memos, new policies and procedures, and outreach activities.

We are continuing to review the headings that were automatically loaded, and the approved subject lists are available at <https://classweb.org/approved-subjects>. We are also reviewing and establishing subject hierarchies--specifically a network of BTs, NTs, and RTs--when necessary, for many of the subject headings.

The CYAC team has continued creating and distributing policy and procedure documents (C memos) for CYAC cataloging. There are currently ten C memos available at: <https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeCYAC/freecyac.html>.

For 2023 we approved 178 new subject headings, modified 427 subject headings, and cancelled 52 subject headings.

Current Projects

We are working on the Fiction memo and plan to have it completed in 2024.

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