**Core Subject Analysis Committee**

**Report from the Library of Congress Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division Liaison**

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*Library of Congress Library Collections & Services Group: Report for ALA Annual 2023 and Staff Participation*: report to be posted to the [www.loc.gov/ala](http://www.loc.gov/ala) site before the meeting in Chicago

## PTCP Staffing Changes

* Section head Hien Nguyen has retired
* Law classification specialist Jolande Goldberg retired
  + New contact: Nancy Cooey
* Staff member Ivey Glendon moved to a new position at another organization

## LCSH

* LC [announced](https://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/subject/Evaluation-Headings-Indigenous-Peoples.pdf) its commitment to evaluate existing subject headings for Indigenous peoples of North America. An Indigenous Headings Consultant Group has been formed to advise the work and a staff member will be hired to lead it
* A project to capitalize the word “indigenous” in LCSH/LCC when the word refers to peoples and cultures has begun; other usages of the word, e.g. plants and animals, will continue to be lowercase
* A [white paper](https://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/subject/FamilyNARs-white-paper.pdf) proposing a change of practice to allow use of family name authorized access points from the LC/PCC name authority file as subject access points in bibliographic records was made available for comment. Feedback was favorable, so implementation will proceed, once:
  1. the associated documentation in the Subject Cataloging Manual has been updated, and
  2. the associated authority records have been globally updated to revise the 008 fields and delete the 667 field
* A project to experiment with eliminating the LCSH form subdivision **$v Drama** in bibliographic records for AV materials was begun. In addition, LC has begun exploring the idea of moving away from the use of form subdivisions in LCSH entirely to a full implementation of LC Genre/Form Terms (LCGFT)
* Headings containing the word **“Mormon”** are being changed to prefer **“Latter Day Saint”**
* Headings containing the word **“Gays”** are being changed to **“Gay people”**
* Experiment to issue “expedited lists” for certain categories of proposals that require limited review was [discontinued](https://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/subject/LCSH-Expedited-Ended.pdf), as it proved not to be time-efficient as a monthly process

## SAC Report on External Review of LC Vocabularies

* Report is in hands of PTCP and upper management
* On hold pending hiring of Project Analyst for Indigenous headings
* External review option through monthly Editorial meetings
  + [Library of Congress Subject Editorial Meetings: Description and calendar for 2023](https://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/subject/LCSH-Editorial-Meetings-2023.pdf)

## Cataloger’s Desktop and ClassWeb+

* LC [announced](https://www.loc.gov/cds/downloads/CDAnnouncementfinal.pdf) Cataloger’s Desktop is going away July 31st, 2023
* A new service, called Classification Web Plus, will be available starting Aug. 1, 2023
  + Will be limited to documentation issued by LC/PCC
* LC documentation currently available in Cataloger’s Desktop will also be made available in PDF format on the LC website, if it isn’t already

## LC Genre Advisory Group

* An internal LC group is working to evaluate and write more instruction sheets for the LC Genre/Form Terms Manual.
* An external advisory group, similar to the one LCDGT has, is in the process of being formed in order to make decisions about headings and policies in LC Genre/Form Terms.

## LC experiment with eliminating LCSH form subdivisions

* How to adapt the Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) to a linked data environment
* LC experiment to mov from the use of form subdivisions in LCSH to a full implementation of the Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms for Library and Archival Materials (LCGFT)
  + Greater use of facets for searching
  + Removing the concept of “is-ness” from a controlled vocabulary devoted to “aboutness”
  + Eliminating at least one large group of the free-floating subdivisions that make linked data difficult-to-impossible in LCSH
* PTCP is developing a project plan for LC catalogers to experiment with this change from form subdivisions to LCGFT implementation in order to learn more about its potential issues and benefits

## SACO Funnel Coordinators’ Meeting

* SACO Program coordinator Heidy Berthoud held a meeting for SACO funnel coordinators on April 20
* Discussion topics:
  + Funnel coordinators listserv
  + Training needs
  + Upcoming funnel project work:
    - LAIPA funnel: Working on changing AD/BC; untangling Hispanic and Latino.
    - Comics and fiction funnel: Best practices for working with fictional characters; man-woman relationship; headings with genre subdivisions
    - Music funnel: Minstrelsy terms
    - Gender and sexuality funnel: Disambiguation of gender and sexuality in acronym style headings
    - Judaica funnel: Headings regarding Jewish-Arab relations; updating headings touching on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict
    - African American funnel: Multiracial people
  + SACO Training Needs Assessment

## Official RDA

* Implementation date for LC/PCC still TBD; an update to the current “**not before June 2023**” date will be announced this month
* Reminder: Do not use the Official RDA LC/PCC PSs or the LC/PCC MGDs yet!
* LC-PCC Policy Statements (PC-PCC PSs) in Official RDA Toolkit
  + Updated March 2023; next update: July 2023
  + Continuing to add links to [LC-PCC Metadata Guidance Documentation](https://www.loc.gov/aba/rda/pdf/Official-RDA-Toolkit-MGD-Documentation-Posted.pdf) (MGDs) and make revisions to reflect changes in Official RDA
* [PCC Task Group to Test the Official RDA Toolkit](https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/taskgroup/Test-Official-RDA-Toolkit-charge.pdf)
  + Test conducted Oct. 2022-Jan. 2023; [preliminary results](https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/documents/OpCo-2023/Baron-PCC-Test-Official-RDA-Toolkit-OpCo2023.pdf) presented at PCC OpCo Meeting
  + Timeline for final results of test:
    - LC-PCC Policy Statements & Metadata Guidance Documentation
      * March-June: Identify and recommend specific changes to LC-PCC PSs and MGDs
      * July: Share recommendations with PCC and LC
      * July-November: LC updates LC-PCC PSs and MGDs
    - Final Report and Recommendations
      * July-September: Prepare report and recommendations
      * September: Share report and recommendations with PCC