SAC 2024 Midwinter Report of the liaison from the Library of Congress Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division (PTCP)

**Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division (PTCP) General Updates**

**Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH)**

* A [temporary limit](https://www.loc.gov/aba/news/#2023) to the number of subject proposals that can be scheduled to each LCSH monthly list began in August 2023. Once the cap of 200 proposals is reached each month, only proposals associated with Cataloging in Publication (CIP) cataloging will continue to be scheduled for the list. Other proposals will be held until the following list.
* The [2024 LC subject editorial meetings calendar](https://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/subject/LCSH-Editorial-Meetings-2024.pdf) is available online. These virtual meetings continue to be held the third Friday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EST. These meetings are open to members of the library community and the public at large. Open discussion is encouraged for any of the subject proposals on the current monthly list.

**Policy documentation**

* [New procedures](https://www.loc.gov/aba/news/#2023) for maintaining policy documentation were announced in July 2023 ahead of the August 2023 implementation of consolidated access to this documentation through Classification Web Plus:
  + Updates to documentation will be made as needed and will not necessarily conform to a set schedule.
  + A spreadsheet for each type of documentation will include information about the latest updates.
  + These spreadsheets will be posted in PDF on the [LC Cataloging and Acquisitions website](https://www.loc.gov/aba/) and be available for searching via [Classification Web Plus](https://www.loc.gov/cds/classweb/).

**Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC)**

* The [PCC Participants' Meeting](https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/documents/PCC-Participants-2024-Midwinter.pdf) will be held virtually on February 15, 2024, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. EST.
* New Task and Consultation Groups formed:
  + [PCC Task Group on Strategic Planning for AI and Machine Learning](https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/taskgroup/TG-Strategic-Planning-AI-charge.pdf) (charge, Dec. 2023)
  + [SCS Task Group on Privacy in Name Authority Records](https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/scs/documents/SCS-TG-Privacy-in-NARs.pdf) (charge, Nov. 2023)
  + [PCC RDA Implementation Task Group](https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/taskgroup/PCC-RDA-Implementation-TG-charge.pdf) (charge, Nov. 2023)
  + [PCC Consultation Group for Library Systems and Vendors](https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/sca/documents/Consultation-Group-Systems-Vendors-charge.pdf) (charge, Oct. 2023)
  + [SCS Task Group on Accessibility Information in Provider Neutral Records](https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/scs/documents/SCS-TG-Accessibility-Info-in-PN-Records-charge.pdf) (charge, Sept. 2023)
  + [SCS Task Group on Evaluation Guidelines for Non-Latin Script References in Name Authority Records](https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/scs/documents/tg-evaluation-guidelines-for-non-latin-script-references-in-NARs-charge.pdf) (charge, Aug. 2023)

**Official Resource Description and Access (RDA)**

* The [PCC Task Group to Test the Official RDA Toolkit](https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/taskgroup/Test-Official-RDA-Toolkit-charge.pdf) issued its [Final Report](https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/taskgroup/Test-Official-RDA-Toolkit-final-report.pdf), which includes detailed results of the Test carried out in 2022-2023. The PCC Policy Committee (PoCo) accepted the recommendations in the final report and discharged the group on November 17, 2023.
* The [PCC RDA Implementation Task Group](https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/taskgroup/PCC-RDA-Implementation-TG-charge.pdf) was charged on November 9, 2023. PoCo has decided that the PCC will have a rolling implementation of Official RDA from May 1, 2024, to April 30, 2027. This multiyear group will develop and assess these implementation plans; track the work of other PCC groups working on policies and Metadata Guidance Documentation (MGD) related to Official RDA; and, identify and address barriers to implementation raised in the PCC Test of the Official RDA Toolkit and elsewhere.
* The forthcoming issue of the [RDA Bulletin](https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/rda/communications-committee/), issued by the RDA Communications Committee, will recap and expand upon these updates.
* A small group of PTCP and LC support staff are working on updating MGD and LC-PCC Policy Statements (PSs) based on Final Report and test results.

**PTCP Inclusive and Reparative Description Updates**

**Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) and Library of Congress Demographic Group Terms (LCDGTs)**

* In July 2023, PTCP issued [interim guidelines and a webpage](https://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/subject/indigenous.html) to assist catalogers who wish to make proposals for Indigenous Peoples LCSH and LCDGT headings and provide ongoing information about this project. LC welcomes [feedback](mailto:policy@loc.gov) to improve these guidelines.
* LC published a [revised classification for Ukraine](https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/saco/index.html) in subclass DK (History of Russia. Soviet Union. Former Soviet Republics). The revised classification scheme is found at DK5001-DK5995 and replaces the previous classification at DK508. Use of the revised classification began immediately; LC will not reclassify existing collections. This project is a joint effort between LC’s Germanic and Slavic Division and PTCP, and this published revision closes the first phase in an ongoing initiative to systematically review and revise classification for the so-called “former Soviet Republics” at subclass DK. LC welcomes [feedback](mailto:reclassproject@loc.gov).

**Presentations**

* PTCP Cataloging Policy Specialist Heidy Berthoud presented at the webinar [Less Talk, More Action: Adventures in Inclusive Metadata](https://www.atla.com/event/less-talk-more-action-adventures-in-inclusive-metadata/) hosted by Atla on October 11, 2023.
* PTCP Cataloging Policy Specialists Veronica Ranieri and Heidy Berthoud presented at the webinar [The ABC’s of LCDGT](https://alacorenews.org/2023/11/02/free-webinar-abcs-of-lcdgt/) hosted by the ALA Core Authority Control Interest Group on November 2, 2023.

**BIBFRAME and LCAP**

**BIBFRAME**

* The Network Development and MARC Standards Office (NDMSO) [announced the release](https://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind2312&L=BIBFRAME&P=61) of update [2.3](http://id.loc.gov/ontologies/bibframe) to the BIBFRAME Vocabulary and 2.4 updates to [MARC-to-BIBFRAME](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/github.com/lcnetdev/marc2bibframe2__;!!EDx7F7x-0XSOB8YS_BQ!aEqB2ySyWPZmGyi8RCP5L1XVo0DBj75PF-bjS-7zaJDbVhB_mVSV_aMCqVj03bZECpVeECN39sGfQmX6PlOh$) (specifications [here](https://www.loc.gov/bibframe/mtbf/)) and [BIBFRAME-to-MARC](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/github.com/lcnetdev/bibframe2marc__;!!EDx7F7x-0XSOB8YS_BQ!aEqB2ySyWPZmGyi8RCP5L1XVo0DBj75PF-bjS-7zaJDbVhB_mVSV_aMCqVj03bZECpVeECN39sGfQiHqqJJV$) (specifications [here](https://www.loc.gov/bibframe/bftm/)) conversions on December 1, 2023.
* NDMSO is working closely with EBSCO staff to implement BIBFRAME in FOLIO, which is

part of LC’s upcoming migration to FOLIO. The existing BIBFRAME editor, Marva, has been added to the FOLIO environment and select LC staff have started testing Marva within FOLIO.

* The virtual [BIBFRAME Update Forum](https://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind2401&L=BIBFRAME&P=60) presentation on January 22, 2023, included guest speakers from ExLibris and OCLC discussing BIBFRAME activities at their institutions with an emphasis on how maintaining standardization in BIBFRAME is a key to our community’s integrated environments.
* NDMSO also continues to manage the twice-yearly updates to the MARC format, and the next [meetings of the MARC Advisory Committee](https://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/mw2024_age.html) will be held on January 24-25, 2023.

**Library Collections Access Platform (LCAP)**

* The [LCAP project](https://newsroom.loc.gov/news/library-of-congress-launches-effort-to-transform-collections-management-and-access/s/c432d3c2-780b-4bfe-9123-bbb6c25631bc), which includes LC’s implementation of the FOLIO library services platform as well as the EBSCO Discovery Service discovery layer and Locate catalog, is on track for an October 2024 implementation of purchased Acquisitions workflows in FOLIO. The remaining functionality will be rolled out in a phased implementation over the spring of 2025.
* Over 250 LC staff across divisions have contributed to identification, refinement, and prioritization of the features that are required to extend FOLIO to support LC’s needs during this landmark transition.
* All FOLIO software development will be contributed back to the public as part of the community release. Notable features include significant enhancements to MARC cataloging and authority management as well as the integration of the Marva editor and extension of FOLIO to support BIBFRAME.

**General LC Updates**

**Strategic plan**

* The [FY2024-2028 strategic plan](https://www.loc.gov/strategic-plan/) for LC was released recently. Goals and objectives are to expand access, enhance services, strengthen capacity, and foster innovation.

**Usage survey**

* LC is looking to improve how its patrons search for resources online. A [survey](https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7658656/38c0210482c4) to provide feedback is open through January 31, 2023.

**Staffing Changes**

* PTCP is about to onboard a Program Specialist to work with Indigenous People-related changes to controlled vocabularies.
* Paul Frank working 90% on LCAP as Change Management Lead
  + Tricia Mackenzie takes over NACO
  + Heidy Berthoud takes over SACO

**Links to LC Services, Programs, Reports, and Updates**

[ALA 2023 Annual Conference Update](https://www.loc.gov/librarians/american-library-association/annual/lc-update/)

[BIBFRAME](https://www.loc.gov/bibframe/)

[BIBFRAME listserv](https://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=BIBFRAME)

[Cataloging and Acquisitions](https://www.loc.gov/aba/)

[FY2024-2028 Strategic Plan](https://www.loc.gov/strategic-plan/)

[LCDGT PDF files](https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeLCDGT/freelcdgt.html)

[LCGFT PDF files](https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeLCGFT/freelcgft.html)

[Library Collections Access Platform](https://newsroom.loc.gov/news/library-of-congress-launches-effort-to-transform-collections-management-and-access/s/c432d3c2-780b-4bfe-9123-bbb6c25631bc)

[MARC listserv](https://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=MARC)

[MARC news and announcements](https://www.loc.gov/marc/marcginf.html#naa)

[Moving Image Research Center](https://www.loc.gov/rr/mopic/)

[National Screening Room](https://www.loc.gov/collections/national-screening-room/about-this-collection/)

[NAVCC](https://www.loc.gov/programs/audio-visual-conservation/about-this-program/)

[Now See Hear! blog](https://blogs.loc.gov/now-see-hear/)

[Program for Cooperative Cataloging](https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/)

[RDA Metadata Guidance Documentation](https://www.loc.gov/aba/rda/mgd/)

[Recorded Sound Reference Center](https://www.loc.gov/rr/record/)

[Reports and budgets](https://www.loc.gov/about/reports-and-budgets/)

[Subject Editorial Meetings 2024 schedule](https://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/subject/LCSH-Editorial-Meetings-2024.pdf)

[Subject Headings Manual PDF files](https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeSHM/freeshm.html)

[Summaries of Decisions from Subject Editorial Meetings](https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/saco/cpsoed/cpsoeditorial.html)

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