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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.

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.

Notable activities

CYAC cataloging now includes LCDGT in bibliographic records. We have created a list of the most frequently used LCDGT headings for CYAC.

<https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeCYAC/LCDGT-for-CYAC.docx>

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>.

The CYAC team creates and distributes policy and procedure documents (C memos). They are available at: <https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeCYAC/freecyac.html>.

For 2024, we have approved 149 new subject headings, modified 349 subject headings, and cancelled 96 subject headings.

Current Projects

We are working on the Fiction memo and plan to have it completed in 2024. We are currently writing a new memo on cataloging Songs.

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