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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. Constance Pierce works part-time with the CYAC program.

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

Dorie Kurtz (PTCP) serves as liaison to the CYAC team.

Notable activities

During the fall we focused on creating scope notes and hierarchies for the CYAC subject headings.

Cataloging Policy Decisions

CYAC cataloging includes LCDGT in bibliographic records and we created a list of the most frequently used LCDGT headings for CYAC.

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

For 2024, CYAC approved 259 new, modified 581, and cancelled 146 subject headings.

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 and are available at: <https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeCYAC/freecyac.html>.

Current Projects

We are testing CYAC records in BIBFRAME and working with developers to ensure the appropriate subject headings are displayed and labeled correctly.

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