**Core Metadata and Collections Section Subject Analysis Committee**

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## FAST controlling update

As an update to the June 2023 report, FAST controlling (including the ability to search and browse FAST terms) has been live in Record Manager since August 2023. [Release notes and instructions are available on the OCLC help site.](https://help.oclc.org/Metadata_Services/WorldShare_Record_Manager/Release_notes_and_known_issues/2023_release_notes/065WorldShare_Record_Manager_release_notes_August_24_2023)

## WorldCat Entity URIs in WorldCat records

As of December 2023, OCLC has worked to automatically insert WorldCat Entities URIs into over 175 million WorldCat bibliographic records. This project brings together linked data and MARC in a way which will facilitate the ability to work seamlessly between the two data structures in the future. WorldCat Entity URIs were inserted as $1 into 100, 600, 647, 651, and 700 fields.

[A full announcement and example is available in the OCLC community center](https://community.oclc.org/t5/worldshare-record-manager-news/worldcat-entities-linked-data-uris-added-to-worldcat-marc/ba-p/50352).

An enhancement which will allow users to manually insert WorldCat Entity URIs into WorldCat records in Record Manager is scheduled for release at the end of this month.

## Update on DDC enrichment

At the time of the June report, OCLC was engaged in a project to programmatically add Dewey Decimal numbers to records within a strict set of conditions defined in coordination with Dewey editor Alex Kyrios. We are pleased to announce that this project is complete, with 84 million records enriched. Updates will continue periodically to keep up with new and updated records.

## WorldCat updates to deprecated LCSH term “Primitive societies”

As a result of LCSH “Primitive societies” being split into “Anthropology” and “Prehistoric peoples” the OCLC data quality team has worked to programmatically replace the deprecated term in WorldCat records. Being a split, the update required some complex logic to determine the most appropriate action. Some examples are listed below. Approximately 9,200 records were updated. Any questions or concerns may be directed to [askqc@oclc.org](mailto:askqc@oclc.org).

* + Records with the subject heading *Primitive societies* and *Ethnology – Primitive societies* was replaced with *Anthropology*.
  + Records with the subject heading *Primitive societies* and *Human beings – Primitive societies* was replaced with *Prehistoric peoples*.
  + Records with the subject heading *Primitive societies* and *Hunting* or *Trib? – Primitive societies* was replaced with both *Anthropology* and *Prehistoric peoples*.
  + Records with the subject heading *Primitive societies* that also included the subject heading *Anthropology* and/or *Prehistoric peoples – Primitive societies* was simply deleted from the record
  + *Anthropology* was used as the replacement for *Primitive societies* in less-easily-determined records as it seems to be the more general of the two and the more likely choice.