

US ISSN Center Use of 040 NSD, DLC

Currently staff members of the US ISSN Center have two OCLC accounts to perform their ISSN and serial cataloging responsibilities. Each staff member has an OCLC NSD account and an OCLC DLC account. When the staff member uses the NSD account to perform OCLC work, the 040 is automatically updated by the library code of NSD and when the staff member uses the DLC account to work on OCLC records the 040 is updated with the DLC code. We are proposing to perform all of our work under one OCLC account, the DLC one.

Following are the reasons this proposal is being considered.

- 1) The responsibilities for the US ISSN Center program has expanded since it was first established approximately 30 years ago. At the beginning, the center primarily assigned ISSN numbers to records in OCLC and used the NSD account to sign on to OCLC. As the years went on, the center also assumed cataloging responsibility for US serial imprints for the Library of Congress. For these titles, the center uses the DLC account to sign on to OCLC. You may not realize that many titles for which we assign ISSN are done under the DLC account. We perform ISSN authentication as well as whole serial cataloging for the titles being added to the DLC collections. Also note that for many years, most (if not all) ISSN work was done in the NSDP section and the section had it own OCLC symbol. Now, there is ISSN work being done in a number of sections and “NSDP” no longer exists as a physical entity.
- 2) The 040 is not a good indicator of what activities were performed on the record. As all of you know, a change to just one field automatically updates the 040 field with the library institution’s code. For ISSN authentication work, the presence of nsdp in the 042 field indicates that the ISSN number is authenticated and the official ISSN number for the title. Other libraries may add an 022 field for U.S. imprints but if nsdp is lacking in the 042, it has not been authenticated by the U.S. Center. **The nsdp in 042 is the key indicator.**

An authenticated ISSN record for a U.S. title deemed of international interest, following our current procedures, also has these fields present:

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012 -- $1 1
022 0- $a 1947-9492 $2 1
042 -- $a nsdp
082 10 $a 230.046 $2 14
222 -0 $a Journal of dispensational theology
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- 3) The use of two accounts requires staff to login and out of OCLC over the day and creates awkward workflows for staff. Often errors are created unintentionally that could be avoided by a more streamlined approach.

- 4) The use of multiple accounts for OCLC requires additional support from our Automated Operations Coordinator. Our coordinator already has considerable OCLC responsibilities and this is one area that could be simplified.