

Frequently Asked Questions: Google Books Library Project Records and CONSER. The following practices for an FAQ were confirmed at the May 1, 2009 CONSER Operations Meeting.

1) Question: What are Google Books Library Project Records?

Answer: Google Books Library Project Records are defined in this document as records generated by OCLC E-content Synchronization Program staff for electronic versions (referred to below as OCLCE records). These records are identified by the coding 040 \$a OCLCE \$b eng \$c OCLCE.

2) Questions: Can CONSER members edit OCLCE records to reflect aggregator neutral practices? Can we authenticate them or merge them and report them as duplicates?

Answer: Yes. OCLCE records are intended to be aggregator-neutral serial records like any other e-serial records and are not a category of "allowed" duplicates. CONSER libraries can edit and authenticate them or report them as duplicates of other e-serial records.

3) Questions: It's possible that OCLCE records for online versions might be generated from a print latest entry record. What should be done with these records? Are these records considered "allowable" duplicates like other latest entry records found on OCLC?

Answer: If separate successive records already existed, report the latest entry OCLCE record for deletion. If no other records exist separate successive entry records can be created.

4) Question: Can CONSER members delete the multiple 856s that correspond to the print volumes of the participating library?

Answer: No. For the short term CONSER catalogers should not delete 856 fields on the national level record. If reporting a OCLCE record for deletion, the cataloger can move 856 fields or leave them on the record for OCLC to move them when they process the delete request.

5) Question: Are there any alternatives for handling the OCLCE record URLs?

Answer: Yes. There are ideas for longer term solutions:

- 1) CONSER will ask OCLC the idea of having E-content Synchronization Program generate a web page to contain 856 fields for a particular title.
- 2) CONSER will pursue with OCLC the idea of maintaining 856 field information in a sharable Local Holdings Record (LHR).