

Library of Congress to Introduce Changes to Cataloger's Desktop

Early September

The new and enhanced user interface for Cataloger's Desktop will be launched on September 10, 2014. The enhancements, based on recommendations from an in-depth study and intensive focus groups, present users with a simpler, easier-to-navigate user interface across all functions. Subscribers will find a cleaner landing page and a simpler starting page. An extensive left-side-of-screen vertical menu will allow subscribers to refine searches many different ways: citation, task, material type, publisher, resource type, language, and country. A "new resources" facet will help limit searches to recently added or updated resources.

"The coming enhancements to Cataloger's Desktop are one way the Library of Congress is making cataloging tools and resources even more responsive to the cataloging community's needs," said Beacher Wiggins, Library of Congress director for Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access. Another key improvement to be available on launch day will be new and in-depth context-sensitive online help for common functions. Training videos and presentations will follow later to augment the online help.

An *Expert Users Group* will also start up on September 10. This group of experienced Cataloger's Desktop users has been trained in all aspects of the product, especially the new user interface. The experts are available to help anyone optimize their use of Cataloger's Desktop. Beginning September 10, to ask for assistance from an expert user, send an email to desktop-expert@loc.gov. Be sure to include your name, institution, email address, telephone number, and your specific question. Your request will be routed to Cataloging Distribution Service who will forward it to an expert nearest you geographically or to the expert who can best answer your question. Expert Users can only respond to technical questions. For questions related to your subscription, please contact cdsinfo@loc.gov. For more information about Cataloger's Desktop, visit <http://www.loc.gov/cds/desktop/>.



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