

Library of Congress
CDS Announcement

LC ILS Upgrade Impact on MDS

The Library of Congress will upgrade its Integrated Library System (ILS) starting November 5, 2010. The ILS upgrade process is expected to take approximately one week. During the upgrade process, the creation, updating and importing of bibliographic and authority cataloging records into the LC production database will cease. Consequently very few cataloging records will be available for distribution via the daily and weekly MARC Distribution Services (MDS) during the upgrade time.

Specific impacts on MDS subscribers include:

Daily distribution processing for MDS products will end on Friday, November 5. Normal daily distribution is expected to resume on Friday, November 12.

Weekly distribution processing for MDS products (Issue 45) will take place on Friday, November 5 instead of Tuesday, November 9; however, this distribution will remain on the server for automated or manual downloading. The file will contain records created or modified after the previous distribution on Tuesday, November 2, through the close of business on Thursday, November 4; therefore this issue will contain a smaller number of records. The normal weekly distribution cycle is expected to resume on Tuesday, November 16, again with fewer records.

Questions regarding the availability of MDS files during the LC ILS upgrade can be directed to:

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