



Library of Congress

CDS Announcement

MDS-Books All to Contain JACKPHY Records

Beginning with the 2007 subscription year, the separate MARC Distribution Services for JACKPHY language (Japanese, Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Persian, Hebrew and Yiddish) records will be discontinued. JACKPHY records containing nonRoman data previously distributed in the separate subscription services: MDS-Books CJK, Books Hebrew, and Books Arabic will be available as part of MDS-Books All.

The upcoming demise of the RLIN system and the RLG merger with OCLC necessitates new workflows and record processing for LC's JACKPHY cataloging and provides an opportunity for all LC book records to be distributed in one service. Also, the migration of the CDS MARC Distribution Service to a new server-based environment will be complete before the end of 2006 and the mainframe will be shut down. The revenue from the MDS JACKPHY services is not sufficient to warrant allocating limited CDS programmer resources to rewrite the mainframe programs used to produce the separate distribution files.

CDS will not increase prices of the current MDS-Books All for the 2007 subscription year even though there will be additional records included after the merging of the services. JACKPHY records will remain distinguishable by their language codes and 880 non-Roman fields for those subscribers needing to separate and process JACKPHY records from other books records.

Questions about this change can be directed to:

Loche McLean
Cataloging Distribution Service
Library of Congress
telephone: 202 707-1285
email: lmcl@loc.gov

November 1, 2006