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Standing Committee on Applications (SCA)

New Member



TJ Kao has been the Head of Metadata Creation in Content Support Services at UC Davis since September 2019. Prior to UC Davis, he was the Director of Resource Description at George Washington University, Original Cataloging & Metadata Team Leader at Claremont Colleges Library, Chinese Technical Services Librarian at Yale University Library, Asian Language Cataloging Librarian at Multnomah County Library, and Serials Cataloger at University of Connecticut Archives and Special Collections. He has been involved with several committees relating continuing resources and Chinese/Japanese/Korean cataloging standard development.

Linked Data Advisory Committee (LDAC)

New Members



Gabriel Mckee is Librarian for Collections and Services at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World at New York University. He is a contributor and reviewing editor for Pleiades, a linked data gazetteer of the ancient world. His other research interests include theology, science fiction, and small press bibliography.



Lihong Zhu is currently Head of Technical Services at Washington State University Libraries. She has been serving on the PCC Task Group on URIs in MARC as a consultant from the Joint IGELU/ELUNA Special Interest Working Group on Linked Open Data.



Paromita Biswas is the Continuing Resources Metadata Librarian at the UCLA Library. Her previous positions include that of Metadata Librarian and Head of Cataloging at Western Carolina University and Diversity Fellow for OCLC's Contract Cataloging and WorldCat Quality Management Divisions. Her professional interests include linked data and biases in information organization and its impact on user access to information. The PCC Linked Data Advisory Committee is her first experience serving in a PCC committee/task group.



Xiaoli Li is the Head of the Content Support Services at the UC Davis Library. She co-lead the PCC BIBFRAME Subtask Group on Mapping CSR to BIBFRAME 2.0 and Other Vocabularies and served on the PCC Advisory Committee on Initiatives before she was elected to the PCC Policy Committee (PoCo) in 2016. As a PoCo member, she was part of the team appointed to design and conduct the PCC Strategic Planning Survey. She was also one of the authors who drafted the current PCC strategic document, PCC Strategic Directions January 2018-December 2021, and was PCC Chair 2019-2020.

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Welcome to New Members of PCC Programs!

During FY2019, the four PCC programs attracted 51 new institutions, including 19 institutions from outside the U.S. Of these new institutions, 19 were institutional members and 32 were funnel members.

The following institutions have been approved for and joined PCC Programs in the first half of FY2020:

NACO

[Wisconsin State Law Library](#) (joined NACO Wisconsin Funnel)

[University of Connecticut](#) (joined NACO Connecticut Funnel)

[Western Carolina University](#) (joined NACO AV Funnel; joined NACO Music Funnel)

[Moravian College](#) (joined NACO New Jersey/New York Funnel)

[Muhlenberg College](#) (joined NACO New Jersey/New York Funnel)

[Free Library of Philadelphia](#) (joined NACO Music Funnel)

SACO



For the last two-and-half years Gemmicka Piper, Humanities Librarian and Copyright Liaison for IUPUI, has spearheaded the revitalization of the PCC's SACO African American Funnel Group. The SACO African American Funnel originally dates back to 2000, and was created as a committee under what was then AFAS (or the African American Studies Section). However, after years of dormancy for most of the 2000s, it became fully active again in late 2018 and is currently composed of a variety of catalogers and subject specialists representing multiple institutions across various states. Over the last year, the African American funnel has submitted 10 subject heading proposals, with more expected to be forthcoming in the new year. As we

move into 2020 our goal is to continue working on part of ALA-AASLIG (African American Subject Librarians Interest Group) and in partnership with institutions and national organizations representing interests in the African American collective experience including BCALA (Black Caucus of American Librarians Association), and ASALH (Association for the study of African American Life and History). As such, our focus has largely been on the creation of new subject headings at point of need for historically specific events or cultural artifacts, and to this end we have collaborated with several non-SACO affiliated institutions and individuals on proposing subject heading for which we believe there to be national level warrant.

Reports of PCC Meetings at 2020 ALA Midwinter Meeting

PCC At Large Meeting

The [agenda and slide presentations for this meeting](#) (PDF) can be found on the PCC website.

The slide presentations were not shown due to technical difficulties, but the meeting went on despite this issue. Judith Cannan from the Library of Congress talked about the Beta RDA Toolkit and LC-PCC Policy Statements Development. The Policy Statements had been on hold while RDA Toolkit was updated. Now that Beta RDA Toolkit has stabilized and a date of December 15, 2020 has been posted for the Beta RDA Toolkit to become live, work has begun in earnest on the LC-PCC Policy Statements, Application Profile, and Workflow Documents. Four joint LC-PCC task groups have been formed to make recommendations

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regarding these policy statements: Task Group on Aggregates in Beta RDA Toolkit; Task Group on Data Provenance in Beta RDA Toolkit; Task Group on Diachronic Works in Beta RDA Toolkit; Task Group on Element Labels in Beta RDA Toolkit. Task Group reports are due by May 29, 2020. Even though Beta RDA Toolkit will be live December 15, 2020, PCC will decide on the implementation date of the Toolkit later, presumably after the updated documents have been incorporated into RDA Toolkit.

Even though on the meeting agenda, Paul Frank from the Library of Congress did not talk about the PCC URI Pilot Project.

Janis Young from the Library of Congress talked about Implementation of 670 \$w in Proposals. The control number of the work cataloged should be included in 670 \$w and not \$a as previously instructed. The control number can be an LCCN, an OCLC number, or a local control number. This only applies to proposals for Library of Congress Subject Headings, Genre/Form Terms, Medium of Performance Terms, and Demographic Group Terms. In addition to Young's presentation slides for this topic at the link above, see more information in the [LC Update for ALA Midwinter](#).

Cannan took the stage again to talk about PCC Guidelines for Minimally Punctuated Bibliographic Records. In January PCC adopted a policy for minimally punctuated records that allows for three different implementation scenarios. Catalogers will also have the option to continue to contribute records with full ISBD punctuation. The reason for exploring minimally punctuated bibliographic records arises from the move towards linked data and to a practice in which no extraneous punctuation is added to bibliographic data elements. PCC has identified several advantages to this approach, such as it will reduce the entry of redundant data and the potential for errors that comes along with it, it will make the bibliographic data produced by the PCC less unusual in the networked environment in which it often now resides, and it will simplify training of new metadata practitioners. Cannan was surprised that more libraries were not embracing this move to minimal punctuation after years of concerns about tedious and complicated punctuation rules and she asked for feedback from the audience regarding this. By a show of hands, only a few libraries were planning on implementing minimal punctuation anytime soon. Lack of training materials and resources was cited as major considerations. PCC has put out a PowerPoint presentation about minimal punctuation with plans to produce more training materials. The training presentation can be downloaded from the [PCC home page](#).

Links to Presentations from the PCC At Large Meeting

[PCC URI Pilot Project](#) (PPT) (Paul Frank, Library of Congress)

[Implementation of 670 \\$w in Proposals](#) (PPT) (Janis L. Young, Library of Congress)

PCC Participants Meeting

The [agenda and slide presentations for this meeting](#) (PDF) can be found on the PCC website.

The theme for the meeting was "The Relevance and Usefulness of the Romanization of Non-Latin Scripts: Now and in the Future". Romanization of cataloging data is a long-standing practice that is being reevaluated in the LC BIBFRAME Pilots. A [discussion paper](#) at the MARC Advisory Committee (MAC) meetings at this ALA Midwinter conference regarding reinstatement of the 241 field for transliterated title led to a robust conversation on the future of paired 880 fields, so this is very much a timely topic and on the minds of catalogers.

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Larisa Walsh, University of Chicago, presented the results of the Romanization Survey administered by the Linked Data for Production 2 Non-Latin Script Materials Affinity Group. The survey sought to shed light on a simple question: Do libraries still need to provide Romanization for resources they collect? The survey included 8 questions and was targeted to the non-Latin library and research community mostly in North America and Europe. Walsh concluded that Romanization was important for research and for library operations such as searching and sorting/indexing online library records and helping with pronunciation and marking resources. Because of this importance, titles and names of contributors should always appear in bibliographic records in Romanized form. The final report on the survey from the LD4P2 Non-Latin Script Materials Affinity Group will be available in the next few weeks.

Iman Dagher, Arabic NACO Funnel Coordinator at UCLA, presented on the advantages and challenges of Romanization versus adding non-Latin scripts in bibliographic and authority records, with special emphasis on Arabic language issues. She also give a brief overview of a UCLA project to retrospectively add scripts in batch mode to records in OCLC, using Russian as a test case. Dagher cautioned that while macros are very helpful in adding scripts, manual review of the results is necessary as some scripts may not display certain diacritics correctly. The use of different scripts with different directionality in one field may also affect display. Another challenge is that not all scripts are available in the authority file, such as Armenian. These challenges seem worth the work to overcome, however. Dagher summarized that adding scripts to records for Arabic materials allows users to discover more precise results and leads to more efficient cataloging practices, more legible and understandable metadata for patrons, and globalization of Arabic resources.

Lia Contursi, CJK BIBCO Funnel Coordinator at Princeton, presented on the Romanization of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean records, with some problems and some remedies. Common reasons against Romanization of CJK records are that the practice is cumbersome and time-consuming as well as prone to typos and errors. The ALA Romanization Tables are not intuitive and some are more complicated and longer than others, such as the Korean Romanization Table at 65 pages. An important reason for Romanization of CJK records is access. Indexing and sorting is possible only if a language is written in an alphabet. For CJK script, no sorting would make any meaningful sense without Romanization. In addition, a solution for legacy bibliographic records without vernacular scripts would need to be addressed before surrendering Romanization. If time and resources are short, Contursi advocates to selectively Romanize only the non-phonemic scripts and only the most useful MARC fields. Macro converters for Romanization can also save time and reduce typos.

Paul Frank concluded the meeting by asking Romanization: What are we gaining? What are we losing? Frank's presentation did not put forth a case either for or against Romanization. He simply challenged catalogers to assess existing cataloging practices in the light of BIBFRAME and future cataloging needs. Romanization is only one long-standing practice that may or may not yield the same results in the changing cataloging environment and should be openly evaluated.

Links to Presentations from the PCC Participants Meeting

[LD4P2 Non-Latin Scripts Affinity Group survey results](#) (PPT) (Larisa Walsh, University of Chicago)
[Path to Discovery! : Romanization & Scripts for Non-Latin/Arabic Materials--Challenges & Potential](#) (PPT) (Iman Dagher, UCLA, Arabic NACO Funnel Coordinator):

[Importance of Romanization in CJK records: Pros and cons with some examples](#) (PPT) (Lia Contursi, Princeton, CJK BIBCO Funnel Coordinator)

[Romanization: What are we gaining? What are we losing?](#) (PPT) (Paul Frank, Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division, Library of Congress)

PCC News

Newly Formed Division at the Library of Congress

On June 6, 2019, the Library of Congress Policy Standards Division and the Library of Congress Cooperative and Instructional Division merged to form the Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division (PTCP). As of September 24, the newly formed PTCP division was still in the process of getting organized and distributing the workload. Currently, the chief, Judith P. Cannan, is the only supervisor. Two section heads will be hired shortly.

Many have contacted Kate James directly over the years. On September 13, 2019, Kate James resigned from the Library of Congress. Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs (PTCP) is in the process of working out how to distribute her workload. Melanie Polutta will be the Library of Congress' lead on drafting new LC-PCC PS for the Beta RDA Toolkit.

For the time being, please send all messages related to LC's descriptive cataloging to the policy@loc.gov email account.

No New Deadline for Mid-Year Statistics

There is no new deadline for reporting mid-year statistics. We understand that many are unable to access their institution's statistics in order to report them. We just ask that people report them if they can easily do so. Otherwise, it is fine to wait until a later date.

OCLC Entity Management Infrastructure Project

As the PCC liaison to the OCLC Entity Management Infrastructure project, Xiaoli Li shares the following invitation from OCLC, sent by Carolyn Morgan, OCLC User Experience Researcher, Enterprise User Experience, for participating in its research on linked data and entities management.

We're kicking off our first round of research studies for the Entity Management Infrastructure project and wanted to invite you and others to participate, if you are available.

We'll be conducting research on this from now until the end of 2021. For the research, we're asking metadata strategists, metadata technicians, electronic resource catalogers, tech service librarians, reference librarians, and anyone who is interested in linked data and entities management to sign up.

To participate all you need is:

- an internet connection,
- a working microphone,
- preferably a webcam, and
- an hour or so to work with a researcher on a particular study (ranging from an interview, usability study, card sort, etc.)

If you'd like to participate, please [sign up using this form](#). After signing up, a user experience researcher will be in touch.

As always, feel free to [send us any questions](#) you may have about this or related projects. And if you know someone who might be interested in participating in this research too, please feel free to forward this email to them!

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Voting for PCC PoCo Representative

PCC Program Contacts and Funnel Coordinators,
The PCC election will open Thursday May 28, 2020 and will end Friday June 12, 2020 at midnight (Eastern Time).

As was done last year, the election will be conducted using the [PCC Directory system](#) (PCCD).

Once the election has started, the system will send a notification to the primary NACO contact listed in the PCCD account for each institution eligible to vote (full- and associate-level members) and to each funnel coordinator.

Eligible institutions and funnel coordinators must be able to login to their respective PCCD accounts in order to vote. If your PCCD password has expired, please contact us at coop@loc.gov to request a password reset.

Institutions: Directors (or equivalent officers) of voting PCC institutions cast their institution's vote. It is the responsibility of the primary NACO contact associated with an institution's PCCD account to provide their director with the logon credentials for their institution. Alternatively, directors may designate the NACO contact to cast their vote. To assist directors in making their selections, we have posted the [candidate biographies](#) (PDF) on the PCC website.

Directors may delegate voting rights to another person from their institution (e.g. the institution's BIBCO, CONSER, NACO, or SACO representative) but cannot give their right to vote to someone who already has voting rights due to their own role in the PCC (e.g. a PCC funnel coordinator).

Funnel coordinators: Please cast a single ballot on behalf of the members of the funnel you coordinate, using your PCCD funnel coordinator account.

Please review the [Guidelines for voting in the PoCo election](#) (PDF) for further instructions on casting ballots in the PCCD.

This is your opportunity to help your institution exercise its voting rights as a PCC institution or for you to vote on behalf of the funnel you coordinate.

Please email the PCC Secretariat at coop@loc.gov if you require voting assistance.

BIBCO 042 Fields in Bibliographic Records with Codes Other than PCC

Back in October, a couple of questions arose asking how catalogers should handle bib records containing 042 fields with authentication codes other than "pcc" (when upgrading those records to BIBCO records). In consultation with colleagues, including the two previous coordinators of the BIBCO program, Manon Th  roux found that the consensus is:

When a non-BIBCO record is being upgraded to a BIBCO standard record, any codes in an existing 042 field should be retained. Simply append \$a pcc to the existing code. For example:

Before:
042 \$a lcode

After:
042 \$a lcode \$a pcc

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BIBCO participants are encouraged to post BIBCO-related questions to the [BIBCO email distribution list](#) rather than to the general PCC email distribution list. After all, the purpose of the BIBCO list is for BIBCO members to discuss BIBCO-related matters. Quite a number of the 1,569 subscribers to the PCC list are not BIBCO members.

Any BIBCO members who are not subscribed to the BIBCO discussion list (and would like to be), see the [instructions for subscribing](#).

BIBCO Standard Record for RDA Metadata Profile

The BSR RDA Metadata Application Profile includes elements applicable to archival materials, audio recordings, cartographic resources, electronic resources (if cataloged in the computer file format), graphic materials, moving images, notated music, rare materials, and textual monographs. The BSR RDA MAP is arranged in RDA element order.

BIBCO Standard Record (BSR) RDA Metadata Application Profile (Jan. 21, 2020) [[PDF: 421 KB](#)] [[Word: 169 KB](#)]

CONSER & SACO Statistics Reporting in the PCC Directory

As you may know there is a problem with reporting statistics for CONSER and SACO in the PCC Directory. SACO members are unable to report statistics for any of the months in fiscal year 2020.

CONSER members are only able to report January and February 2020 statistics.

Programmers at LC are looking at the system to find a solution.

In the meantime, please keep track of any unreported statistics. PCC email distribution lists will be notified when the problem has been resolved.

Les Hawkins has Retired

After 38 years at the Library of Congress, I retired February 3, 2020. I have been thinking about this decision for quite a while and many of you have already heard the news.

It has been a real pleasure working with all of you over the years! I appreciate your many contributions to various CONSER/PCC projects and task groups during the time I have been involved with the program. Your generous contributions of time and talent have resulted in successful outcomes for these efforts. Please send questions about CONSER practice, documentation, record consolidation, and other CONSER related matters to the shared email account here at LC: conser@loc.gov. Staff members of the Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division (PTCP) are monitoring the account and will respond to your queries.

Best wishes to you all! - Les

CONSER 588 Field Indicator Update

LC upgraded its version of Voyager and is now able to accept the 588 indicator values, "0 – Source of description" and "1 – Latest issue consulted" in the CONSER file. CONSER members may now use the indicator values in CONSER records. Further information about the 588 indicator values may be found in MARC 21 Bibliographic documentation: <http://www.loc.gov/marc/bibliographic/bd588.html>

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From the Minutes of the OCLC Expert Cataloging Community Sharing Session, ALA Midwinter Meeting, Friday, 2020 January 24:

OCLC will work with LC to convert CONSER records to match the changes already made to non-CONSER records.

CONSER ISSN Portal Modification Requests

from Regina Romano Reynolds, Director, U.S. ISSN Center, Head, ISSN Section, Library of Congress

One of the benefits of subscribing to the ISSN Portal is the ability to submit modification requests for ISSN Portal records to be corrected or updated. The requests are processed by the ISSN Center responsible for the record so any requests to modify records for U.S. titles are processed by U.S. ISSN Center staff.

As of recently, most of the requests are for changes to U.S. records submitted by CONSER libraries. I am happy to tell you that you do not need to make most such requests in the ISSN Portal. All you need to do is update the OCLC record as you normally would update any record and that updated record will be returned overnight to LC and then made available via weekly FTP to the ISSN International Centre in Paris to replace the existing Portal record. Sometimes it takes more than a week for the Portal record to reflect the OCLC updates, but it will happen.

Of course, if you find that your updates do not show up in the Portal after a few weeks, please [let me know](#) and we can investigate.

Note that these instructions apply only to records under the jurisdiction of the U.S. ISSN Center (022 \$2 1). If the record is the responsibility of another ISSN center, please submit a modification request and the responsible center will process that request.

Note also that some older Portal records may indicate an incorrect medium: the OCLC record is for print and the Portal record indicates online, or vice versa. You can report these using the Modification Request process, and we will request that the ISSN Center change the record, or you can email us directly and we can communicate this problem to the ISSN International Centre. We cannot update Portal records directly.

Please ask if you have any [questions about this process](#).

CONSER Standard Record for RDA Metadata Profile

The CONSER Standard Record (CSR) was developed with the intention of meeting user needs. The standard emphasizes access points over extensive descriptive detail favoring instead controlled subject and name access points. The most recent version (January 21, 2020) for the RDA Metadata Application Profile is available:

[CONSER Standard Record \(CSR\) RDA Metadata Application Profile](#) (PDF)

NACO Advisory Group At-a-Glance Sheet on Fuller Form of Name

The NACO Advisory Group monitors PCC listserv messages for NACO topics that appear to be unresolved, unanswered, or ambiguously answered in routine PCC email distribution list discussion, but there are other venues that highlight NACO topics that fall into this category. The naco@loc.gov mailbox is also a source of good NACO questions.

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Lesley Parilla, a colleague in the Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs (PTCP) Division (PCC Secretariat) has been assisting with answering questions and analyzing errors that are reported to the naco@loc.gov mailbox.

One area in which there may be misunderstanding of NACO policies is the Fuller Form of Name (RDA 9.5 and RDA 9.19.1.4).

Another role of the NACO Advisory Group is to create NACO “At-a-Glance” sheets on problematic topics that are identified in the naco@loc.gov mailbox.

With Lesley’s help, the NACO Advisory Group has created the first “At-a-Glance” sheet--[Fuller Form of Name](#) (PDF) (February 2020)--and posted it to the NACO Advisory Group's website.

Although this is yet another place to go for NACO guidance, these “At-a-Glance” sheets will be incorporated into new NACO training materials in the near future, and as the new RDA Toolkit is implemented.

New MARC Elements for NACO Authority Records

The MARC changes listed below may now be implemented in NACO authority records.

The upcoming quarterly update of *DCM Z1* and the *LC Guidelines Supplement to the MARC 21 Format for Authority Data*, scheduled for release on April 6, 2020, will reflect these changes. In addition, [NACO training materials](#) are in the process of being updated and an announcement will be made when the revised files are available (which should be soon).

Note: Follow-up announcements about the implementation of some additional MARC fields and subfields will be made at a later date. Until you receive these follow-up announcements, please continue to follow the current instructions in [DCM Z1 and the LC Guidelines Supplement to the MARC 21 Format for Authority Data](#) for any MARC fields and subfields that are not on the list below.

X00, X10, X11, X30 fields

- New subfield: \$h (Medium)

Examples:

100 1# \$a Adams, Richard, \$d 1920-2016. \$t Watership down. \$h Spoken word \$s (Capaldi)
100 1# \$a Allende, Isabel. \$t Amante Japonés. \$l English. \$h Spoken word

X00, X10, X11, X30 fields

- Subfield now repeatable: \$s (Version)

Examples:

100 1# \$a Langland, William, \$d 1330?-1400? \$t Piers Plowman \$s (A-text). \$l English \$s (Webster and Neilson)
130 #0 \$a Herzog Ernst \$s (Version B). \$l English \$s (Thomas and Dussère)

X10, X11 fields

- Subfield now repeatable: \$c (Location of meeting)

Examples:

110 2# \$a International League of Antiquarian Booksellers. \$b Congress \$n (19th : \$d 1967 : \$c San Francisco, Calif.; \$c Los Angeles, Calif.)
111 2# \$a Tour de France (Bicycle race) \$d (1970 : \$c France; \$c Belgium; \$c Germany)

*PCC News, cont.***X11 fields**

- Subfield now repeatable: \$d (Date of meeting or treaty signing)

Examples:

411 2# \$a International Conference on Viet-Nam \$d (1973 : \$c Paris, France). \$t Act of the International Conference on Viet-Nam \$d (1973 March 2)

411 2# \$a Diplomatic Conference for the Revision of the Berne Convention \$d (1971 : \$c Paris, France). \$t Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works \$d (1971 July 24)

020 International Standard Book Number

- New subfield: \$q (Qualifying information)

Note: For use in series authority records, for multipart monographs only.

043 Geographic Area Code

- New codes valid for use in subfield \$a:

- o e-gg--- (Guernsey)
- o e-im---(Isle of Man)
- o e-je--- (Jersey)

- New subfield: \$c (ISO code)

Note: For use in geographic name authority records.

055 Library and Archives Canada Call Number

- New subfield: \$2 (Number source)

Note: For use in series authority records, by Canadian agencies only, in consultation with LC.

065 Other Classification Number

Example:

065 ## \$a PS8501.T86 \$2 fcps \$5 Ca00NL

Note: For use in personal name authority records, by Canadian agencies only, in consultation with LC. Limited to classification numbers in the PS8000 schedule for Canadian literature.

377 Associated Language

- New language code valid for use in subfield \$a:
 - o cnr (Montenegrin)

382 field (Medium of Performance)

- New subfields:
 - \$e (Number of ensembles of the same type)
 - \$r (Total number of individuals performing alongside ensembles)
 - \$t (Total number of ensembles)

Note: For use by NACO-Music Project participants only.

Please direct any questions to naco@loc.gov.

PCC News, cont.

PCC and the New RDA

This updates communication on August 21, 2019 from Beacher Wiggins and Xiaoli Li, announcing the formation of four LC-PCC task groups charged with working on specific areas of the new RDA that will likely require revised or new policy statements: aggregates, data provenance, diachronic works, and RDA element labels.

The four task groups have been working since the end of August and have submitted monthly reports to the Policy Committee and LC. The timeline for completing the recommendations related to policy statements in the beta RDA Toolkit has been modified slightly. LC still plans to begin loading existing policy statements into the beta RDA Toolkit in January, and final recommendations will be reviewed and decisions made by the end of May 2020.

The beta Toolkit will be launched as the new RDA Toolkit on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, but this will NOT be the PCC implementation date for the new RDA. The decision for a PCC implementation date for the new RDA will be made sometime between September and November 2020, after the new RDA workflow documents and policy statements have been loaded and evaluated. A later implementation date will also provide PCC with time to create proper documentation and ensure training materials are in place.

[More information](#) (PDF) regarding LC-PCC policy statements and workflow documents in the beta RDA Toolkit is on the PCC website.

As a reminder, catalogers should continue to use the current RDA Toolkit, which contains the official versions of RDA and the LC-PCC Policy Statements, for their current work.

PCC Guidelines Announcement

Effective January 2, 2020, PCC libraries now have **three options** regarding the use of punctuation when newly authenticating bibliographic records:

1. Fully punctuate any field when descriptive cataloging form is recorded as "ISBD punctuation included" (leader/18=i)
2. Omit final punctuation when descriptive cataloging form is recorded as "ISBD punctuation included" (Leader/18=i)
3. Omit final punctuation and punctuation between subfields* when descriptive cataloging form is recorded as "ISBD punctuation omitted" (Leader/18=c)

*Exception: For MARC fields in ranges 1xx, 240, 6xx, 7xx, and 8xx, only punctuation that **separates** access points from relationship designators can be omitted. The punctuation **within** access points should not be omitted.

Special note: when updating an existing PCC record, catalogers should follow the punctuation pattern **already established** in that record.

Options 2 and 3 are optional, not mandatory. However, to reiterate the benefits of implementing options b or c: creating records with limited punctuation is expected to save time for catalogers, simplify training of new catalogers, make it easier to map data to and from other formats, and allow for an easier transition to linked data or vice versa (e.g., mapping BIBFRAME to MARC).

The [final version of these guidelines](#) (DOC) are available on the PCC website.

PCC News, cont.

Some minor issues with the OCLC macro to remove punctuation have been reported and these are being worked on. Also, please note that when controlling headings in OCLC, the period will be added to the end of the field. In addition, a MarcEdit task has been created that removes punctuation and will be available soon for download from the PCC Standing Committee on Applications (SCA) [Macro and script resources page](#). Finally, training materials and specifications for automatically removing or adding punctuation will be posted to the PCC site as they become available.

As stated above, this policy intends to cover the use of punctuation when **newly authenticating** bibliographic records. It may be extended in the future to facilitate the work of catalogers or batch processes dealing with legacy PCC records.

Please let [Jennifer Baxmeyer](#) know if you have any questions.

PCC SCA Punctuation Clarification

The Standing Committee on Applications (SCA) is working on adding clarifications to a couple areas based on responses received so far and will post the updated policy on PCC website when available.

RE: Comma before the relationship designator

When Leader/18 is coded as “i” and the cataloger is omitting final punctuation, the comma before the relationship designator should be kept since it is considered a medial punctuation.

When Leader/18 is coded as “c” meaning the record is minimally punctuated, the comma before the relationship designator should be omitted

RE: Access point followed by \$2

The period before \$2 in an access point should be omitted when the Leader/18 is coded either as “i” (final punctuation omitted) or “c” (final and medial punctuation omitted), unless that period is integral to the access point proper. The numeric subfields (subfields 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8) along with various other “control” subfields that vary one field to another are not primarily intended for human readable data. The period that precedes the first of these subfields is considered the terminal period whether before \$2 in a subject heading or before something like \$x in field 730 or \$w in 800-830 series access points.

Training: PCC Guidelines for Minimally Punctuated Bibliographic Records

The training slides for Minimally Punctuated MARC records have been updated to reflect the changes which were made to the guidelines in March. Both are now available on the PCC website:

PCC Guidelines for Minimally Punctuated MARC Bibliographic Records (policy effective Jan. 2020; revised April 2020))

[Guidelines](#) (DOC), [Training](#) (PPT), [FAQ](#)

PCC Message from Judith Cannan

from Judith Cannan, Chief of LC's Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs (PTCP) Division

As you know, the Cooperative and Instructional Programs Division (COIN) and the Policy and Standards Division (PSD) merged to form a new division in June 2019 called Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs (PTCP). The division, in addition to the chief, will have two section heads. PTCP is really struggling to keep up with the workload.

PCC News, cont.

Between June 2019 and February 2020, the division lost three staff members and none have been replaced. The biggest loss in terms of PCC Secretariat work was the retirement of Les Hawkins on February 3, 2020. His CONSER and PCC expertise are sorely missed.

An unexpected turn of events in August 2019 resulted in my having to pull the persons most involved with the PCC Secretariat into working on developing policy statements for the Beta RDA Toolkit. Paul Frank, Manon Thérout, and Veronica Ranieri are devoting a significant portion of their time to working on these LC-PCC PSs. As a result, they have little time to devote to answering NACO queries, keeping the PCC website current, etc. We have trained other staff within the division to help keep SACO proposals and NACO issues moving forward, not to mention bibliographic file maintenance. For the time being, probably until after the ALA Annual Conference, we are not enrolling new PCC members with the following exception: We will continue to allow existing funnel projects to add new members, given that the funnel coordinators perform the bulk of this work. Unfortunately, PTCP simply does not have sufficient resources at the present time to accomplish all tasks facing the PCC Secretariat.

CCQ Special Issue for PCC 25th Anniversary

from Jennifer Baxmeyer, Chair, Program for Cooperative Cataloging

The Program for Cooperative Cataloging celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2019, and to commemorate the occasion, a special double issue of *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly* (CCQ) has just been published. This celebratory issue, prepared by Kate Harcourt, Xiaoli Li, Lori Robare, and Joan Schuitema, includes "scholarly articles, reminiscences, oral histories and reflections to celebrate the history and achievements of the PCC" from many of our colleagues and friends in the PCC. The [special issue](#) is available on the Taylor & Francis platform.

I'm excited to read the issue in its entirety, and I extend my sincere appreciation and warmest thanks to Joan (for shepherding the entire process as guest editor), Kate, Xiaoli, and Lori for all of their hard work in making this special issue of CCQ a reality. Thank you, too, to all of the contributors. This publication represents another milestone for the PCC and is a much-needed bright spot at this juncture.

PCC Committee & Task Group Updates

PCC Operations Committee (OpCo) Update

The [agenda for the PCC Operations Committee \(OpCo\) meeting](#) that took place on May 21, 2020 has been posted.

The agenda currently has links to reports that had been scheduled to be presented at the OpCo in-person meeting in early May. An additional webinar also featured presentations on RDA String Encoding Schemes, the PCC Guidelines for Minimally Punctuated Records, the OCLC Entity Management Infrastructure project, as well as a general OCLC Update.

The agenda has been updated with additional links to presentations and reports as we receive the files from our OpCo presenters in the coming weeks. An LC-hosted online CONSER event is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2020--more information to come. The CONSER-specific OpCo presentations will take place during that meeting.

Linked Data for Production (LD4P)

Catalogers in the Linked Data for Production (LD4P2) project have created linked data descriptions for almost 1,000 bibliographic resources using the [Sinopia](#) tool! Now in the last quarter of this two-year Mellon Foundation project, we are focusing on gaining day-to-day experience using Sinopia, and preparing to share best practices and lessons learned. The Profiles Affinity Group is leading work on finalizing a set of base profiles (templates that generate the forms that are used by catalogers in Sinopia) so that catalogers can start cataloging right away without having to first configure the tool, and the PCC Standing Committee on Training's Sinopia Training Task Group is finalizing a set of training modules.

While the majority of Sinopia users come from the 20 LD4P cohort institutions, we've seen many other users try it out, from an unexpectedly wide selection of universities, other cultural heritage institutions, public agencies, and commercial organizations from all over the world. The LD4P partners have received continued funding from the Mellon Foundation to "close the loop" in linked data creation, from both technical and community standpoints. On the technical side, the next phase of LD4P will add new features to Sinopia; create a Sinopia API to enable data flow among different systems; and ensure that Sinopia and the Questioning Authority service are sustainable into the future. Community-wise, priorities include expanding the use of Sinopia beyond the initial cohort and ensuring the continuation of the LD4 affinity groups and annual conference.

Critical to a "closing the loop" phase will be the PCC Data Pool, planned by LD4P and PCC to ensure data compatibility in a hybrid MARC/linked data environment. The PCC data pool will contain a BIBFRAME representation of all PCC cataloging (BIBCO and CONSER) past, present, and future. PCC cataloging expressed in MARC, as well as updates to that cataloging, will be supplied to LD4P for conversion to BIBFRAME via a new pipeline to be established by OCLC. Cataloging expressed in BIBFRAME, whether it is created in Sinopia or a different RDF editor, will be loaded into the same data pool. Through these two mechanisms, a complete representation of all PCC cataloging expressed in BIBFRAME will be made freely available to the world.

As always, visit the [LD4P website](#) to learn more about the current project and past efforts, and to keep up with the latest news.

Report on the Survey on Non-Latin Materials

Linked Data for Production 2 formed the Non-Latin Script Materials Affinity Group to explore different models for dealing with native scripts in Sinopia (the LD4P2 Linked Data editor) and create a community of practice for cataloging non-Latin script materials in the linked data environment in general, and Sinopia specifically. The Group created a survey to answer the simple question: Do libraries still need to provide Romanization for resources they collect? They distributed the survey link to numerous email distribution lists, targeting the non-Latin library and research community primarily in North America and Europe. In short, survey responses answered that question in the affirmative. Larisa Walsh from the University of Chicago presented the survey's findings at the PCC Participants Meeting at ALA Midwinter in Philadelphia. Take a look at the Non-Latin Script Materials Affinity Group's [final report on the survey](#) and view [Larisa Walsh's slides](#) (PDF) from the PCC Participants Meeting.

OCLC Awarded Mellon Grant

OCLC has been awarded a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to develop a shared Entity Management Infrastructure. The two-year, \$2.4 million will be matched by OCLC and will focus on works and persons. It will work with multiple descriptive and encoding standards and is intended to be a collaboration with the wider scholarly and library communities, making use of persistent identifiers.

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OCLC will partner with members of the cooperative, the Linked Data For Production (LD4P) project, Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC), Big Heads, and others to provide feedback and testing.

Included will be consideration of what entity quality means and the creation of workflows. Interested institutions may send a message to linkeddata@oclc.org. See the [press release](#) for more details. A wide range of options for making this infrastructure available to the library community and others is anticipated.

Standing Committee on Applications (SCA) Update

New member: TJ Kao (UC Davis, 3 year term)

SCA revised the “Minimally ISBD punctuated MARC bibliographic record guideline” to clarify certain areas of concerns based on feedback from the community. Revision was approved by PoCo and posted on PCC website.

Standing Committee on Standards (SCS) Update

The following updates come from the PCC SCS:

- PCC has formed a task group on language codes, reporting to SCS, to consider the use of alternative code lists, such as ISO 639-3, that cover a larger number of languages than the MARC list. The group has submitted its interim report.
- SCS has provided input to PoCo on policy issues concerning diachronic works and element labels in the beta RDA toolkit, as well as issues raised by LC concerning treatment of non-human personages and pseudonyms.
- Demonyms have been added to geographical entities in id.loc.gov as a result of a collaboration between LC and SCS.
- SCS has been consulting with LC on DCM Z1 updates affecting 368, 373, 382, 388, 667, and 678.
- Several SCS members are participating in the PCC URIs in MARC pilot, with one SCS member serving as liaison to the pilot.
- SCS met with the chair of the LD4 Wikidata Affinity Group, Hilary Thorsen, and with OCLC’s Nathan Putnam to discuss the potential impact of Wikidata and OCLC’s entity backbone project on cataloging and authority practice.
- SCS received an update at Midwinter on the activities of the SAC Subcommittee on Faceted Vocabularies (SSFV) and plans to continue discussions with SSFV.

Standing Committee on Training (SCT) Update

This report summarizes SCT activities since the ALA Midwinter Conference in January 2020. Please address any questions to SCT chair [Beth Picknally Camden](#).

Minimal Punctuation Training Task Group

Charge: Develop a training curriculum for PCC participants in minimal punctuation.

(Chair: Laura Ramsey; Members: Brian Stearns, Miloche Kottman, Robert Bremer (OCLC – consultant))

With the announcement of the optional omission of ISBD punctuation in PCC records beginning in January 2020, the SCT charged a group to prepare training for PCC participants. The task group completed training slides, which were posted in January 2020, with a revision posted in April 2020.

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The revision addressed a revision to the guidelines that was approved at PoCo in March regarding field 300 \$e and parentheses in standard identifiers. View the [training slides](#) (PPT).

LRM Training Task Group

Charge: Develop a training curriculum for PCC participants in the IFLA Library Reference Model (LRM). (Chair: Nancy Lorimer; Members: Adam Baron, Jackie Parascandola, Richard Stewart, Brian Stearns, Nathan Putnam (ALA liaison))

The group has completed 12 training modules, each meant to be about 5-10 minutes worth of reading. [Modules 1-6](#) are now available on the Catalogers Learning Workshop. Modules 7-12 have been finalized and will be posted soon.

NACO Participants' Manual Task Group

Charge: The task group will revise the NACO Participants' Manual, now in its third edition, primarily to update references to various cataloging standards, such as RDA and the LC-PCC policy statements. It will also revise the document to reflect current policies and practices. Reference will be made to DCM Z1 when possible, rather than duplicating text from that source. (John Hostage (chair), Paul Frank, Everett Allgood, David Van Kleeck, Melanie Polutta)

The task group was formed at a meeting of the Standing Committee on Training at the ALA Midwinter January 2020. The NACO Participants' Manual TG has been proceeding with our revision of the manual. Each member has taken a section to work on. We will bring the sections together to review and prepare our first draft, which is expected by June 2020.

FAST Training for PCC Task Group

At the Midwinter meeting, SCT discussed the formation of a new task group. A draft charge was reviewed during our April call: "Update documentation and develop a training curriculum for PCC participants who wish to use FAST in BIBCO records or in linked data applications". Membership in this group is being finalized, and we hope to charge the group at the June SCT meeting.

Sinopia Training Task Group

Charge: Develop a Sinopia training curriculum for current PCC LD4P cohort members and future PCC users of Sinopia. (Chair: Brian Stearns; Members: Paul Burley, Adam Cohen, Beth Picknally Camden, Lisa Furubotten, Michelle Futornick, John Hostage, Nancy Lorimer, Craig Thomas)

Since Midwinter, the Sinopia Training T.G. has continued to progress, although more slowly than anticipated given the upheaval we have all experienced. We have completed the first half of our modules and are beginning work on the second half of our modules. The first modules have been shared with the Linked Data Advisory Committee for feedback. Recognizing the need for this training documentation, the modules will hopefully be ready for sharing with the LD4P2 community before the end of the grant, so that they will be available to the PCC community for LD4P3.

URI Training Task Group and RWO Training

The SCT URI Training Task Group has three members: Paul Frank (chair), Nancy Lorimer, and Melanie Wacker.

The task group has prepared training materials for use initially by members of the PCC URIs in MARC Pilot. Although this training will be for pilot members only, the intent is that the training materials will have much wider use beyond the scope of the pilot itself. Training slides on Real-World Objects are nearly complete.

RDA 3R Task Group

SCT is in the process of creating a charge for a task group to develop training for using the Beta RDA Toolkit, LC-PCC Application Profile, LC-PCC Policy Statements, and LC-PCC Workflow Documents. The modular training would bring together policies and best practices from various places into an easily accessible location to help catalogers transition to the revised Toolkit. The timing of the task group work is under discussion, since the timing for the new RDA toolkit implementation by the PCC is still undetermined. Chair will be Adam Baron; charge and membership not yet finalized.

LC-PCC Task Group on Aggregates in Beta RDA Toolkit Update

The task group has continued to work remotely, with some delays as members adjusted to their new work lives under COVID-19. We have mostly concluded work on the basic treatment of aggregates and have lately been discussing the WE lock and its influence on how we approach authorized access points and their format.

LC-PCC Task Group on Data Provenance in Beta RDA Toolkit Update

The task group has submitted two interim progress reports to PoCo and is currently finishing up its final report.

LC-PCC Task Group on Diachronic Works in Beta RDA Toolkit Update

The Task Group submitted its final report to the PCC Chair on Jan. 24, 2020, not long before co-chair Les Hawkins retired from the Library of Congress. The report consists of a spreadsheet containing the Task Group's recommendations on individual policy statements, and an accompanying narrative including discussion of the implications of the IFLA Library Reference Model (LRM) for several aspects of the cataloging of diachronic works and recommendations on outstanding questions that will require further investigation and broader consultation. Members of the Task Group have expressed their willingness to continue assisting with exploration of the issues raised in the report, but Les's leadership and essential contributions will be sorely missed. [Charge, Final Report, and Decisions Needed](#)

LC-PCC Task Group on Element Labels in Beta RDA Toolkit Update

The task group turned in their final report to PoCo at the end of December 2019. The report contains a number of recommendations for PoCo to discuss. Recommendations will be made public as PoCo finalizes their decisions. [Final Report, Appendix A, Appendix B](#)

Task Group on Metadata Application Profiles Update

The task group submitted their final report on May 1st for the May PCC OpCo meeting.

Task Group on Identity Management in NACO Update

The Task Group explored the larger issues about subfields \$0, \$1 near the beginning of the moratorium on the 024 field in the LC Name Authority File. Later in the year the TG launched the PCC URIs in MARC Pilot consisting of three dozen institutions, and the TG's members serve as a major part of the pilot's steering committee.

The TG discussed the ARL white paper on Wikidata and Wikibase and a number of the TG members regularly participate in the highly-regarded Wikidata Affinity Group's biweekly virtual meetings led by Hilary Thorsen. The group prepared a list of talking points and suggested several practical project activities for the Wikidata Workshop offered at the May 2019 PCC Operations Committee meeting.

In preparation for an upcoming PCC Wikidata Pilot, the Task Group invited the Wikimedia Foundation's Alex Stinson as a guest to our meeting to provide his advice, reviewed the report of lessons learned from OCLC's Project Passage, weighed the pros and cons of relying on Wikidata versus a separate Wikibase instance and decided in favor of the former, and began drawing up a list of pilot learning objectives. The group hosted John Chapman at a meeting to discuss the newly-announced major grant OCLC received to support entity management infrastructure. LD4P2's Wikimedian-in-Residence, Hilary Thorsen, has also joined the Task Group's most recent Wikidata Pilot planning meetings enabling it to benefit from her deep expertise about the Wikidata community, her ideas for Wikidata training, and her knowledge of Wikidata tools and systems.

Expanding the Task Group's educational role beyond making presentations, two manuscripts were successfully submitted for publication:

(1) Stalberg, Erin; Riemer, John; MacEwan, Andrew; Liss, Jennifer; Ilik, Violeta; Hearn, Stephen; Godby, Jean; Frank, Paul; Durocher, Michelle and Billey, Amber. (2019) "Exploring Models for Shared Identity Management at a Global Scale: The work of the PCC Task Group on Identity Management in NACO," *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01639374.2019.1699880>

(2) Durocher, Michelle; Dagher, Iman; Ilik, Violeta; Long, Chris Evin; Norris, Jeanette A.; Quintana, Isabel del Carmen; & Th  roux, Manon (2020): *The PCC ISNI Pilot: Exploring Identity Management on a Global, Collaborative Scale*, *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01639374.2020.1713952>

Linked Data Advisory Committee (LDAC) Update

Linked Data Advisory Committee members Timothy Thompson and Christine Fernsebner Eslao have transitioned into their co-chair roles, taking over from outgoing chair Steven Folsom. The Committee welcomed four new members: Paromita Biswas, Xiaoli Li, Gabriel Mckee, and Lihong Zhu, while four members cycled off: Steven Folsom, Myung-ja Han, Karen Coyle, and Luiza Wainer. LDAC has since responded to requests for input from PoCo, on RDA element labels and on NARs for fictional characters and non-human personages. LDAC is currently working on a literature review covering the topics of data quality and evaluation criteria for linked data vocabularies; recommendations on proposals for PCC data made by the SHARE Virtual Discovery Environment project; and review and revision of the committee charge and work plan.

URIs in MARC Pilot Steering Group Update

The URIs MARC Pilot project continues. In February 2020, a subset of the group, focused on URIs in NACO headings, staged a conference call to discuss the present and future use of URIs in authority records. Chris Long of the University of Colorado Boulder gave a brief presentation on the "identifier ecosystem" at UCB, which was followed by a discussion of areas the group will explore. Using best practices for URIs issued by the PCC in 2018, the group was able to assemble a few sample records to demonstrate how name authorities will look when seeded with URIs.

PCC Policy Committee (PoCo) Meeting Summary

The PCC Policy Committee (PoCo) met at the Library of Congress on November 7-8 this year. The meeting was chaired by Jennifer Baxmeyer. PoCo meets annually in November for 2 days and while much work is done during the year through conference calls and email, the November meeting is where all the work of the PCC is brought forward for review and action. Typically, progress on the Strategic Directions is reviewed first and action items are modified if necessary. Next the work of task groups, the three Standing Committees, and larger initiatives such as the ISNI Pilot are discussed. Members of the Secretariat and the Library of Congress report on items of interest and answer questions. PoCo members may vote on committee recommendations, seek further input, or assign responsibility for next steps as appropriate.

The Communications Board encourages everyone to read the reports cited in the Agenda and the meeting [Outcomes](#) to learn more. They contain up to the minute information on BIBFRAME, linked data initiatives, LC/PCC initiatives around the RDA 3R project, the Linked Data for Production (LD4P) project, and other areas of interest.

Annual, Interim, and Final Reports Available

The following reports are now available from PCC standing committees, task groups, pilots, and projects:

Linked Data Advisory Committee - [Annual Report](#) (PDF)

Task Group on Engagement and Broadening the PCC Community - [Final Report and Recommendations](#) (PDF)

Task Group on Identity Management in NACO - [Report](#) (PDF)

Task Group on Metadata Application Profiles - [Interim Report](#) (PDF)

Task Group on Linked Data Best Practices - [Final Report](#) (PDF)

Standing Committee on Applications (SCA) - [Annual Report](#) (PDF)

Standing Committee on Applications (SCA) - [SCA Review](#) (PDF)

Standing Committee on Standards (SCS) - [Annual Report](#) (PDF)

Standing Committee on Training (SCT) - [Annual Report](#) (PDF)

Thanks for Reading!



Apropos the time when many students around the U.S. are completing their studies, now participating in virtual commencement celebrations, and moving on to the next steps, the PCC Communication Board is doing the same. This will be the last issue of the *PCC Comm Channel*.

The PCC Communication Board was created in a pilot phase as a result of the PCC strategic plan for 2018-2021, titled [Strategic Directions: January 2018-December 2021](#) (PDF). The PCC made a strategic move to “Maximize PCC’s operational effectiveness” by “appoint[ing] a volunteer PCC Communications Group to explore communication practices and tools to reach out and engage with the broader community.” What began as a one year pilot ([our charge](#) (PDF)) turned into a two year experience working to develop those communication practices and tools resulting in the *PCC Comm Channel*, a quarterly bulletin of news from the Program of Cooperative Cataloging (PCC). We started with a proof of concept to determine whether it was a practical avenue for communication to and about the PCC.

The *PCC Comm Channel* was the intended product of the pilot. The [first issue](#) (PDF) was a primer on the PCC in a way, and we hope readers can continue to refer to it and the subsequent issues, learning more about the program, what it does, how it's organized, and who is involved. You'll find the faces of many of its members in the *PCC Comm Channel's* pages, connecting those faces with the familiar names you see in other communication and events throughout the field. The second volume of the PCC Comm Channel continued the intended product of our pilot.

This ship has run its course, as they say. The PCC Communication Board will be discharged after this issue, but it will not be the last you hear from the PCC. In the future, the PCC will issue an official "From the Chair" communique to the PCCLIST email distribution list at the end of each quarter (November, February, May, and August) instead. Keep your eyes and ears out for a call from the Chair for news items and updates!

The PCC Communication Board



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Thank you to the PCC for this opportunity. I came in with experience and interest in news editing and dissemination, and am leaving with an incredible understanding of the organization and profound gratitude for the friends I have made along the way.



Kate Harcourt is the Director of Original and Special Materials Cataloging at Columbia University. She has been involved in the PCC since 1995 serving as a BIBCO cataloger, trainer, member of numerous committees, BIBCO manual reviser, strategic planner and PoCo voting member. She was PoCo Chair from 2015-2016. Currently Kate is filling Gene Dickerson's term on PoCo and enjoying her appointment to the PCC Communication Board.

Thank you to PoCo and the PCC membership for this opportunity to stay involved with the PCC. Communication and information sharing is important now more than ever and I look forward to seeing what comes next. It was a pleasure to work with the PCC Comm Team and learn a bit about desktop publishing too!



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It's been a great privilege to play a (small) role in this PCC endeavor. Sharing useful information is just about the most librarian-y of activities. The PCC undertakes so many exciting initiatives, and I feel it has been time well spent to compile informative updates for an expert (and time-pressed) audience of respected colleagues.

PCC News & Updates, cont.



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Thank you to the PCC leadership for trying this experiment and to all the people who were kind and generous with their updates and advice. Over the past two years I've learned the PCC is not just words on paper but people - approachable and unselfish people. Thank you also to my co-Comm Board members: Michelle, Casey, Kate and Eric!



Eric Willey is the Special Collections and Formats Cataloger at Milner Library, Illinois State University. He has been creating Name Authority Records since January 2015, and served as NACO coordinator for his institution since May 2017. The Communication Board was his first PCC Task Group.

It was a privilege to help promote the invaluable work of so many talented, dedicated, and knowledgeable members of PCC working groups and task forces. A special thanks to the chairs, co-chairs, and everyone else who so kindly provided timely updates on the work their groups were doing.

The first "C" in "PCC" stands for "Cooperative," and the PCC Communication Board takes that to heart--our "C" for Communication" could not be effective without everyone's cooperation, and we are grateful for the opportunity. We hope you have enjoyed the ride, and will continue to communicate cooperatively with one another as we further the efforts of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging. We close this final issue not with a goodbye, but a "cheers to you, thanks for having us" and we'll see you again soon.

