PCC Standing Committee on Standards
Activity Report for OpCo, May 4, 2023

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Activities

ISO 639-3
The PCC guidelines for the use of ISO 639-3 language codes in MARC records were published in November 2022 and updated in January 2023 based on initial feedback. This task group was chaired by Kelley McGrath. We will report more on this during tomorrow’s OpCo session.

Non-Latin script reference coding
Following on the recommendation from the Standing Committee on Applications, SCS has developed policy revisions to allow name authority records with non-Latin script references to reflect standard coding; that is, when the references are evaluated, the 008/29 fixed field will be coded as a, and the 667 “Non latin script references not evaluated” are omitted. We have drafted revisions to relevant sections of the DCM Z1, NACO Participants’ Manual, and LC Guidelines Supplement, which we expect to be published on August 15, 2023. Therefore we have proposed this as “Day one” for the new practice. This gives us time to work on other documentation and guidance between now and then, so stay tuned for more announcements from PCC and the various non-Latin script NACO funnels and cataloging communities.

We will report more on this during tomorrow’s OpCo session as well. Reports and supporting information can be found on the SCS page on the PCC wiki.

Provider-Neutral Guidelines

SCS is discussing several requests related to potential updates to the provider-neutral guidelines. The committee has been asked to optionally allow an indication of open access availability in field 506 (restrictions on access note), primarily to support functionality in Alma/Primo, but this could also potentially point users to an open access version when it exists. The committee is also considering a related optional exception for Creative Commons licenses.
SCS is also analyzing a request from Library and Archives Canada to allow certain types of accessibility information in provider-neutral records. This has proven to be a thorny question. On the one hand, the strength of the provider-neutral record is that it reduces the number of near duplicate records that both catalogers and end users have to wade through. On the other hand, it is not clear that the discovery needs of end users can be met by records that describe both accessible versions and non-accessible versions of a resource. We are currently planning to charge a task group to identify a solution that retains the positive aspects of provider-neutral records as much as possible, while also supporting selection, limiting and faceting for end users seeking accessible versions of resources.

Recommended Extensions to Related Place of RDA Entity

SCS has worked to develop recommended extensions to the Related Place of RDA Entity. This would allow more specific relationships to places to be recorded in 370 $i$ and $4$, as refinements to related countries and other places recorded in 370 $c$ or $f$. For example, for persons, this includes “education place” “place of employment” or “burial place; for works and expressions this is “filming place,” “performance place” and more. Some of these could also be used in 551 $i$ and $4$, and in bibliographic records. SCS has developed a list of about 30 recommended relationship terms including definitions, labels, aliases, scope and domain, and MARC examples. The recommendations are under review by PoCo and a draft is available on the PCC wiki. SCS is also considering similar extensions to related body of RDA entity, for use in 370 $i$/4 (or 510 $i$/4). We are also considering solutions for hosting these terms, possibly on id.loc.gov, and a mechanism for proposing additions to the lists.

LCDGT Demonyms Project

SCS continues to maintain a spreadsheet that creates links between LCDGT demonyms and the associated places in the NAF and/or LCSH. For example, Greeks is the demonyms for Greece, and Greece has demonym Greeks. NDMSO regularly updates these links in id.loc.gov based on a spreadsheet that SCS maintains.

GNCRT and LCGFT

SCS reviewed several reports issued by the ALA Graphic Novels and Comics Roundtable (GNCRT). We endorsed two reports that recommended establishing Manga and Anime in LCGFT. We also reviewed a report on allowing compound genres in LCGFT (e.g. Paranormal romance fiction) and supported some but not all of the recommendations in that report.

MAC Papers and Proposals

SCS has authored several discussion papers and proposals for MAC:
January 31-February 2, 2023 MAC meeting:

- SCS sponsored a proposal (2023-03) to add subfields $0 and $1 to MARC bibliographic fields 653 and 720 for uncontrolled entities, as well as adding $5 in 653. This proposal was approved. Adding $2 was also considered in the proposal but not approved.
- SCS sponsored a discussion paper (2023-DP03), revising authority 368 $d for titles and terms of rank, honor or office. This was approved as a fast-track proposal.
- SCS also sponsored a discussion paper (2023-DP04) on family attributes in the authority format. This would add a new subfield 376 $d for other designation of family, and redefine several other subfields across the 3xx block to accommodate other family attributes, including address, field of activity, and occupation.

June 28-29, 2023 MAC meeting:

- The previous discussion paper on family attributes has been revised and just yesterday submitted as a full proposal.
- SCS has also just submitted a discussion paper, co-sponsored with the RBMS Bibliographic Standards Committee, which proposes adding relationship subfields $e and $4 to several 6XX fields in the bibliographic format: 647, 648, 653, 655.

The new discussion paper and proposal will be posted on the MARC Development page later this spring.

Task Groups

SCS has formed a new Pilot Task Group on CONSER Policy, to address issues related to the WEM-lock in Official RDA and related concerns. This task group is co-chaired by Robert Rendall and Ed Jones. The preliminary report is posted on the SCS wiki page, and Robert will be reporting more about this later today.

The SCS Task Group on Developing a PCC Entities Vocabulary, chaired by Liz Miraglia, submitted its Final report June 14, 2022. MARC source codes were approved for use in the 075 $2. SCS is now working on guidance for the 075 field and developing use cases for adding Work and Expression to the list of entities.