

Library of Congress
CDS Announcement

Mongolian Cataloging Project

The Library of Congress has begun a short-term project to catalog a backlog of approximately 1,500 Mongolian language items which it has acquired since 2006. The processing of these older items accompanies the start-up of a long-term project to catalog new Mongolian language receipts. Approximately 600 new titles are expected to be acquired and cataloged each year. The bibliographic record for each title will usually include a brief summary note in English, at least one access point based on Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH), and a call number assigned from the Library of Congress Classification (LCC) schedules. Cataloging at the minimal level (level 7) will be avoided as much as possible for these items.

As part of the Mongolian cataloging project, a number of existing Name Authority Records (NARs) for Mongolian personal names and their associated bibliographic records will be updated and redistributed by the Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS). NARs will be updated to correct authoritative forms of name and cross references. The most common change will be to correct the choice of entry element and to adjust indicator values that should identify Mongolian names as forenames. When Mongolian headings and/or references are changed, fuller forms of name and birth/death dates will be added to the heading and references, if this information is available. Qualifying information (in subfield \$q) will be added in cases where an initial representing the patronymic (father's forename) is present in the authoritative form and/or cross references. This situation is common with Mongolian personal names and fuller forms of name are often available and useful for identification.

If a bibliographic record for a Mongolian title is being updated to make corrections to personal name access points, obvious errors in transliteration (mostly diacritics), spelling, punctuation, and spacing will also be made. Due to the use of the Mongolian vertical script in some items, especially those published in Mongolia since 1992, language notes will also be added that identify the script(s) in an item when a record is being updated for some other reason.

CDS customers will notice changed records from this project in MDS Names, MDS Books All, MDS Books English, and MDS Book US.

Any questions about the scope of this project should be directed to:

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