

BCC2004/SAS/1**Subject Analysis Committee**

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The following report represents selected coverage of topics from the SAC meetings in San Diego, January 11-12, 2004.

LC Report (Lynn El-Hoshy)National Audio-Visual Conservation Center (NAVCC) at Culpeper

Plans are underway for construction of the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center (NAVCC) in Culpeper, Va. This new center is being built in cooperation with the Packard Humanities Institute. Phase 1 of the projection will be completed in June 2005. At this time recorded sound, videotape, and safety film collections from the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division will be relocated to the new facility. March 2006 is the scheduled date for the completion of Phase 2 of the project, which will include a new conservation building and nitrate film vaults. MBRS staff and the nitrate film holdings will be relocated to the new facility at this time.

LC ILS (Integrated Library System)

The ILS office has expanded access to the Integrated Library System (ILS), which now has the capability for five hundred simultaneous OPAC users. A second copy of the OPAC on a new, more powerful server that handles incoming Z39.50 traffic makes this possible.

MARC Distribution Service

The Cataloging Distribution Service plans to offer all of its MARC Distribution Services (MDS) in MARC XML beginning this month. These files are offered in addition to the MARC 21 files currently available. For information on obtaining these files go to <http://www.loc.gov/cds/mds.html#test>.

Cataloger's Desktop

A new Web-based course that covers the most important features, contents, and functions of Cataloger's Desktop is now available at no charge. It is found at <http://www.loc.gov/cds/desktop-training>. A web-based version of Cataloger's Desktop is also being developed by CDS. It is expected to be available in June 2004 as a fee-for-service product.

LCSH

Library of Congress Subject Headings, 26th ed., was published in the summer of 2003. It is now in five volumes and includes a new introductory section that lists all of the free-floating subdivisions with usage notes. This information is derived from the subdivision authority records that have been created over the past few years to control the approximately 3,250 free-floating subdivisions. The cumulative microfiche edition of LCSH ceased with the December 2002 issue.

Subject Heading Changes

In consultation with the National Library of Australia, LC changed the subject headings "Australian aborigines" and "Tasmanian aborigines" to "Aboriginal Australians" and "Aboriginal Tasmanians". These changes also included related headings associated with these forms. Approximately 90 authority records and 4500 bibliographic records were changed.

Classification

The Cataloging and Distribution Service's *Classification Web*, introduced in June 2002, now has 1300 subscribers. Annual subscription rates begin at \$375, but 30-day trial accounts are available at no charge. Plans are also underway to provide a link

to the LC OPAC as part of *Class Web*. Recently it was announced that OCLC will also give WebDewey customer access to correlations between DDC numbers and LC class numbers and/or subject headings. Later in 2004 CDS plans to provide name authority records to Class Web as an optional feature at an additional price.

The seventh edition of *LC Classification Outline* is now available, replacing the 1990 sixth edition. The web version of the Outline is available at no charge at <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsolcco/lcco.html>.

The Library has introduced a new method of displaying optional numbers in the Library of Congress Classification Schedules. Optional numbers are those that are not used by LC but are provided for libraries that wish to follow an arrangement different from LC practice. These numbers, like obsolete numbers, have been presented in the schedules in parentheses; they are now differentiated from obsolete numbers by being displayed in angle brackets. These changes are already implemented in *Classification Web* and appear in new printed editions of the schedules beginning with 2003 editions. Also, instructions in the schedules of the type, "Divide like," "Subdivide like," and "Subarrange like" have been replaced with external tables that can be used with the enhanced and hierarchy browsers of *Classification Web* to calculate the appropriate numbers.

The FAST Project

A brief report was made on the FAST Project. FAST stands for Faceted Application of Subject Terminology. It is a new subject heading schema, derived from the Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH), that uses a simplified syntax while retaining LCSH vocabulary. The idea behind FAST is that it can be used by personnel without extensive training. FAST headings can easily be converted from LC subject headings. There are eight distinct facets within FAST: Topical, Geographic, Personal Name, Corporate Name, Form (Type, Genre), Chronological, Title, and Meeting Name. FAST is being developed by a team based in the OCLC Office of Research with support from the Library of Congress. The project is expected to be completed by Summer 2004. All versions are considered alpha versions and are not synchronized with the latest version of LCSH, but resynchronization is expected to take place later in 2004. Personal and corporate name facets do not include name-title entries. The latest version of the FAST authorities can be accessed at <http://fast.oclc.org>.

Sears List of Subject Headings

The new, 18th edition of the Sears List of Subject Headings is now published. The headings are in accordance with the latest Abridged Dewey Decimal Classification, which has also just appeared.

Dewey Decimal Classification Division Reports

The 22nd edition of Dewey Decimal Classification was published in July 2003, and the 14th Abridged Edition will appear in January 2004. DDC 22 is currently available on WebDewey. An ALA Preconference on Dewey 22 was held in Toronto on June 20, 2003.

Subcommittees

The Subject Analysis Committee has a number of subcommittees working on projects. These include the Subcommittees on Semantic Interoperability, Subject Analysis Training Materials, Subject Reference Structures in Automated Systems, as well as a Task Force on Building Names.

Upcoming Programs: ALA Annual Conference, Orlando, Fla., June 24-30

SAC plans to present a Pre-Conference before the 2004 ALA Annual Conference in Orlando. This two-day workshop is entitled "Effective Cataloging with LCSH: An ALCTS/PCC Workshop" and will be held on Thursday and Friday, June 24-25. Featured speakers will be Lori Robare, University of Oregon; Daniel Lovins, Yale University; Adam Schiff, University of Washington; and William Garrison, Syracuse University.

The SAC Subcommittee on Semantic Interoperability will offer a program jointly with the ALCTS Metadata Enrichment Task Force (cosponsored by CCS SAC, LITA, RUSA/MOUSS, CCS CC:DA) entitled "Enriching Subject Access." It will be presented on Saturday, June 26. Scheduled speakers include Judith Ahronheim, University of Michigan; Michael Kaplan, Ex Libris; Deb Bendig, OCLC; Steve Nielsen, Dynix; Lois Mai Chan, University of Kentucky; Jean-Frederic Jauslin, Swiss National Library; Pat Kuhr, Wilson Company; and Dian Vizine-Goetz, OCLC.

SAC and REFORMA plan a program, "SALSA de Topicos = Subjects in SALSA: Spanish and Latin American Subject

Access,” on Saturday, June 26. The program will offer a “dynamic look at the subject analysis and classification for Spanish-speaking library patrons, with an emphasis on the fluid boundary between the ‘domestic’ and the ‘international.’ Many libraries have built valuable collections of Spanish-language materials, but catalog access is hindered by English-only subject headings. The program will feature initiatives to provide culturally appropriate access, and will stimulate thought about what librarians can do to better serve their patrons.” Speakers include Vivian Pisano, San Francisco Public Library; Maria Chavez-Hernandez, Florida State University; and Filberto Felipe Martinez Arellano, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

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