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From the Editor

Meg Wang



Hi everyone,

Spring is the season of new beginnings and blossoms, plus *Flowers* is the song of the year. Allow me to greet you all with blooming purple roses in my garden. In this issue, we truly welcome our candidates, Amanda Mack, Michael Herrick, and Janelle Zetty, to run for the OLAC Executive Board and to serve the OLAC community. Please see their biographies to learn more about them.

In order to provide a better reading experience, I've included headshots of our current officers and liaisons as many as possible. As we have not had many chances to meet in person in the recent years, at least when you read or browse each section, these images can help you relate the text better to the person who wrote it. Meanwhile, our Conference team have been working hard on getting everything ready for October, do check out updates on the OLAC 2024 Conference and Conference scholarship. Please consider joining us in person this October in Minneapolis or virtually.

Our Cataloging Policy Committee (CAPC) had good attendance in the Winter Meeting in January and included lots of reports from liaisons and task forces. In Jan's column, you can find the follow-up liaison reports for MAC and CC:DA. Other detailed reports and updates from SAC, LC and OCLC liaisons are provided in the following individual sections.

Before you go digging into all the reports, remember to sit down first, sip your coffee and read the fascinating story in the Spotlight column with Laurinda Gruber, our long-term OLAC member, who shares her 38 years experience in cataloging as well as in All in a Day's Work column, Tanesa King shares her daily work on implementing New OLAC Unified Best Practices.

As digital technology continues to advance, our reading habits are changing. *The OLAC Newsletter* is published in PDF format, which layout is fixed and won't adjust itself based on the device you use between desktop, tablet or mobile. To facilitate your reading, apart from back to one column layout, I also added 'Returned to [Table of Content](#)' on the bottom of each page. So you can easily go back to the Content page and click on another section you want to read.

Meg Wang

OLAC Editor-in-Chief

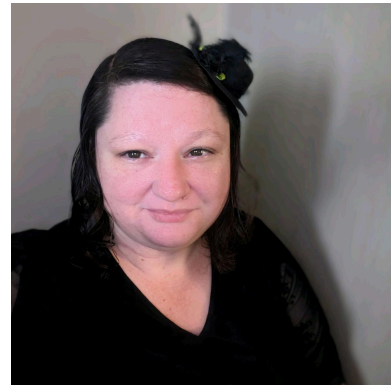
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From the President

Nerissa Lindsey

Spring is just around the corner and I'm excited to be leaving the winter behind to enjoy the warmer temperatures and changes they will bring. I'm looking forward to seeing all of the candidates running for open positions on the OLAC Executive Board. Please make sure you take time to cast your votes when the election comes around in April!



The 2024 OLAC Conference Committee has been busy with planning. Due to some unforeseen circumstances we needed new chairs for the conference program committee. I want to give special thanks to Bobby Bothman and Liza Campbell for stepping in to co-chair that committee. We're also excited to be bringing the OLAC Conference Scholarship back! More details about the scholarship and how to apply will be available soon. Thanks to Laura McElfresh for chairing the local arrangements committee. She's been working very diligently to get the logistics on the ground in Minneapolis covered. Things are coming together and we'll have registration information available soon as well. Please take a look at the conference sneak peek section for more details!

I hope everyone is ready for spring and the renewal it brings. As always, please do not hesitate to share any comments, questions, or suggestions for the organization.

From the Secretary

Amanda Mack

OLAC Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 6, 2024

Time: 8:00-9:15 am PST Via Zoom

Attendees: Bryan Baldus, Meghan Bergin, Emily Creo, Jennifer Eustis, Sarah Hovde, Nerissa Lindsey, Laura K. McElfresh, Amanda Mack, Meg Wang, Alex Whelan



● Board Member Reports

President

Nerissa has been working with the Conference Planning Committee to move everything forward.

Vice President

Laura has been very busy locally with the conference planning. She is getting the OLAC Conference Scholarship committee together. There were two scholarship recipients for the last conference (2020). If both are able to serve on the Committee, Laura will have enough people; if not, she'll find another person to step in. The Board will need to approve scholarship funding. This will be discussed under new business. ALA has sent out a survey for affiliates; Laura would like help filling it out. This will also be discussed under new business.

Secretary

Amanda started handbook revisions and updates.

Treasurer

Our current account balance is stable in the \$57,000 to \$58,000 range. Alex has a more detailed report to include in the newsletter. Alex will be included in discussions for financial plans for the upcoming conference.

Newsletter Editor

Meg reminded the Board that the submission deadline for the next issue is February 16.

Web Coordinator

Jennifer reported that the Web steering team hasn't met recently. Web Coordinator is an appointed position. Would we want to make it elected? That would involve a bylaws change and several other positions are appointed, so it makes sense to leave Web Coordinator as an appointed position.

The Web Steering Committee will take a break from regular meetings and just work on getting conference materials online as they are able. There's a backlog of getting past conferences on the website, but many of the documents are in the repository. We can replicate the structure of the conference on our website. It's easier to change the website than the repository. Could this be a special project for a student? Or possibly a paid internship?

Immediate Past President

We currently have one nominee for the Nancy B. Olson Award. Laura reported that no research grant proposals have been submitted yet, but one may be coming.

President Emerita (Adjunct to the Board)

We have a nomination for Vice President, but nothing yet for Secretary or Assistant Treasurer. Emily will put out some calls to additional list-servs and cataloging social media groups. The only requirement is being an OLAC member. A recently joined member can still run for office.

CAPC Co-Chairs

Sarah and Megan put forth the proposal that OLAC should recommend to LC that the NACO AV Funnel be retired due to lack of participation and leadership. Nerissa made a motion, seconded by Laura to recommend that LC retire the funnel. Motion carries. Nerissa will make the official recommendation on behalf of OLAC. The funnel could always be restarted in the future if there's interest.

The Winter Meeting had good attendance and included lots of reports from liaisons. The Co-Chairs are ready to have a discussion about including the Unified Best Practices in the Official RDA Toolkit when we get to new business.

Outreach-Advocacy & Membership Coordinator (provided in agenda prior to meeting)

Tanesa has been working on matching up mentors/mentees and plans to send out the pairings sometime in February. She needs ideas for the "All in a Day's Work" column. So far, there are no volunteers and Tanesa may need to write it herself this time.

Coffee Talk: Currently brainstorming and awaiting responses from a couple of possible people. Tanesa is aiming to have the next Coffee Talk in April.

Liaisons/Appointees

Current liaison to AMIA (Andrea Leigh) has retired and we need to fill this role. First step could be to reach out to the new head of the Moving Image Processing Unit at LOC to see if they are interested. If not, reach out to the OLAC list. If no one responds to that, we could reach out to AMIA and offer to comp their OLAC membership if they want to serve in this role.

Liaison to OCLC

The news from OCLC column will be in the newsletter but there aren't enough questions yet for the Q&A. The Q&A section can be on an unofficial hiatus until enough questions come in. Bryan thinks Jay got questions directly too, so that may be why he's not seeing as many.

- Old Business

Conference Planning

Nerissa blocked off 15 rooms at the nearby Marriott. Laura has made arrangements reserving meeting space at the University of Minnesota Library.

Programming Committee update: Treshani Perera had to step down as chair; Bobby Bothmann and Liza Campbell will now co-chair the committee. The Conference Planning Committee is currently trying to meet March deadlines in terms of determining pricing.

For the last in-person conference, OLAC created a separate bank account specifically for the conference. Now that we have better money management tools, this doesn't seem necessary, and the virtual conference used one account. The Board decided to just use the main OLAC account to simplify the process.

- New Business

Conference Scholarship Funding

Laura is requesting either \$1000 plus free registration, or \$1250 total. The Board approved \$1500 plus free registration due to increased travel costs. Since the recipient submits receipts for reimbursement, we may not use the entire amount, especially if they attend virtually.

Survey of ALA Affiliate Organizations

As a group, the Board went through the questions to help Laura prepare our response to the survey. Affiliate membership is not expensive, but we may not be seeing as many benefits as we could.

OLAC is more aligned with CORE than ALA as a whole; ALA is a huge organization and we're small, so we may benefit from reaching out to organizations on our own, rather than going through ALA as an affiliate. The change from ALCTS to CORE hasn't really benefited OLAC.

Unified Best Practices and RDA Toolkit

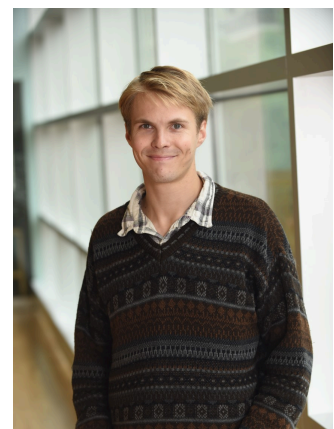
Unified Best Practices in Official RDA TF met with James Hennelly who keeps the RDA Toolkit running. Responses to surveys sent by TF indicate AV catalogers are showing a lot of interest in having integrated policy statements in the Toolkit.

There are still a lot of questions about long term maintenance, such as how updates would happen and who would be responsible for them. May need a liaison between OLAC and the Toolkit. If it's included in the Toolkit, we would still be able to keep our documents in our own repository and provide open access to them. Cost still seems high, but they are willing to negotiate. Nerissa will reach out about negotiation; Alex will be included in the conversation. Sarah has a list of pros and cons she will send them to help with the negotiation process.

From the Treasurer

Alex Whelan

Our current account balance is stable in the \$57,000 to \$58,000 range. Please see the detailed report for the 4th quarter of 2023 (10/01/2023 - 12/21-2023) below.



Online Audiovisual Catalogers Inc FY 2023

Treasurer's Report

10/01/2023 - 12/31/2023

Membership	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/-Less
Membership Dues	\$2,585.00	-	\$4,595.00	\$6,000.00	-\$1,405.00
Membership Due Refunds	-	-	-	-	-
Membership Totals	\$2,585.00	-	\$4,595.00	\$6,000.00	-\$1,405.00
Sponsorship	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/-Less
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Donation Refund	-	-	-	-	-
Sponsorship Totals	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative Expenses	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/-Less
ALA Affiliate Membership Fee	-	-	-	-\$150.00	\$150.00
Awards Fees	-	-	-	-\$500.00	\$500.00
Credit Card Service Fees (Wild Apricot - Affinipay)	-	\$1,587.49	-\$1,701.33	-\$600.00	-\$1,101.33
Bluehost Subscriptions	-	\$20.99	-\$20.99	-\$400.00	\$379.01
Mailing and Postage Fees	-	-	-	-\$300.00	\$300.00
Memorial Library University Archives Fee	-	-	-	-\$100.00	\$100.00
Office Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
Wild Apricot Software Subscription	-	-	-	-\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Newsletter Editor Stipend	-	\$100.00	-\$150.00	-\$200.00	\$50.00
Website Coordinator Stipend	-	\$100.00	-\$150.00	-\$200.00	\$50.00
Money Minder Subscription	-	-	-\$185.86	-\$200.00	\$14.14
Business Bank Account Fees	-	-	-\$4.00	-\$50.00	\$46.00
Misc. business expense	-	\$77.89	-\$209.49	-	-\$209.49
Administrative Expenses Totals	-	-\$1,886.37	-\$2,421.67	-\$3,900.00	\$1,478.33
ALA Conference Affiliated Events	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/-Less
Board Member Attendance Stipend	-	-	-	-\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Board Members Dinner	-	-	-	-\$500.00	\$500.00
Membership Social Hour	-	-	-	-\$400.00	\$400.00
ALA Conference Facilities (Room) Fees	-	-	-	-	-
ALA Conference Facilities (A/V) Room Set Up Fees	-	-	-	-	-
ALA Conference Affiliated Events Totals	-	-	-	-\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00
OLAC Conference	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/-Less
Conference Registrations	-	-	-	-	-
Conference Registration Refunds	-	-	-	-	-
Preconference Registrations	-	-	-	-	-
Preconference Registration Refunds	-	-	-	-	-
Conference Assistive Technology Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Conference Facilities (Room) Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Conference Facilities (A/V) Room Set Up Fees	-	-	-	-	-

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OLAC Conference	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/-Less
Conference Board Members and Liaisons Stipends	-	-	-	-	-
Conference Scholarship	-	-	-	-	-
Workshop Leader Honorariums	-	-	-	-	-
Keynote Speaker Honorariums	-	-	-	-	-
Conference Hotel Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Conference Catering	-	-	-	-	-
Conference Badges and Badge Holders	-	-	-	-	-
Conference Transportation	-	-	-	-	-
Conference Photocopying Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Conference Folders	-	-	-	-	-
Presenter Travel Reimbursement Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Conference Reception Event Catering	-	-	-	-	-
Conference Reception Event Facilities (Room) Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Conference Reception Event Facilities (A/V, Band, etc.) Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Conference Badge Laynards	-	-	-	-	-
Conference Poster Board Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Conference Personal Sponsorships	-	-	-	-	-
Conference Vendor Sponsorships	-	-	-	-	-
OLAC Conference Totals	-	-	-	-	-

Workshops	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/-Less
Workshop Registrations	-	-	-	-	-
Workshop Registration Refunds	-	-	-	-	-
Workshops Totals	-	-	-	-	-

Grand Totals					
	\$2,585.00	-\$1,886.37	\$2,173.33	\$200.00	\$1,973.33

Bank Account Balances	10/01/2023	12/31/2023	Last reconciled	Summary for the Period	
Chase Bank	\$56,913.16	\$57,611.79	Never	Starting Total	\$56,913.16
Totals	\$56,913.16	\$57,611.79		Income	\$2,585.00
<i>Review Reconciled Bank Statement Reports along with this Treasurer's Report to ensure its accuracy.</i>				Expenses	-\$1,886.37
				Ending Total	\$57,611.79

Submitted by:
 Name: Alex Whelan Signature: Date: 2/16/24

From the Outreach/Advocacy & Membership Coordinator

Tanesa King

Hello OLAC Members,

We are over halfway through February as I write this, and if you are like me, you are deep into the year already with projects and planning for the future. I must apply the frequently used saying of “When it rains, it pours” to life right now. While not everyone may be able to have time away from work for spring break, I hope that you can have a rest and some enjoyment away from the hustle and bustle.



One thing I would like to note for this newsletter is that I wrote the “All in a Day’s Work” column. I could not find anyone to write for it this time, and I thought I’d share some highlights from OLAC Best Practices for Cataloging DVD-Video and Blu-ray Discs, Objects, Streaming Media, and Video Games Using the Original RDA Toolkit and MARC 21. I wrote about just a few things from the new Best Practices that I have found helpful for DVD and Blu-ray cataloging.

I have a few updates/requests to share with you:

- Currently planning for another Coffee Talk, hopefully in April. I have a couple of ideas I am considering, but I am always glad to hear about projects that you’d like to share. Feel free to reach out, and if we can’t use your idea right away, we could try again for a later Coffee Talk.
- All in a Day’s Work: I am currently looking for someone who would like to write a short column for the June OLAC Newsletter. This is a chance for you to talk about your job or about a project or accomplishment in which you are proud. We’d love to hear what you are doing!
- OLAC Mentorship Program: I have hit a snag in the process to get the Mentorship Program started for the year. I have one mentorship match made, but I still have a mentee remaining who needs a mentor. If there are any OLAC members out there who would be interested in being mentors, please get in touch with me.

Thank you for your involvement in OLAC and for helping to make it the fabulous organization that it is! I look forward to hearing from you.

Tanesa King

OLAC Outreach/Advocacy & Membership Coordinator

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News and Announcements

Meg Wang, Column Editor

In this issue, we have quite a few announcements for the OLAC community. Please get to know our candidates for the upcoming election, catch up with the OLAC 2024 Conference and make a plan to attend in person or virtually this October, and think about applying for a scholarship to attend the Conference or a grant to help your research.

OLAC 2024 Officer Elections: Meet the Candidates

prepared by Emily Creo

Vice President/President-Elect Candidate

Amanda Mack

Film and Television Catalog Librarian, UCLA Film & Television Archive

Amanda Mack is the Film and Television Catalog Librarian at the UCLA Film & Television Archive where she has been cataloging a wide range of moving image materials since 2009. Locally, she's an active member of the Librarians Association of the University of California, Los Angeles where over the years she has served on several committees and the Executive Board. She currently focuses her broader professional service on the Society of California Archivists (SCA) where she has served as the Chair of the Publications Committee for the past three years, and OLAC where she currently serves as Secretary. Amanda has enjoyed her time as part of the OLAC Executive Board and hopes to continue her service as the Vice President/President Elect.

Secretary Candidate

Michael Herrick

Cataloging and Metadata Librarian, J. Paul Leonard Library, San Francisco State University

Michael Herrick has been working in cataloging, metadata management or systems implementations for three decades. He began his career as a Slavic cataloger at the Center for Research Libraries and then served as a Slavic librarian at Harvard and for what is now the Russian History Foundation/Museum in Jordanville, NY. In the past decade he has worked as a contract cataloger and library consultant as well as in management at the Hoover Library & Archives where he helped to shepherd processes and systems supporting mass digitization of

unique content in many formats. He is currently serving as a faculty cataloging and metadata librarian at San Francisco State University providing general cataloging and metadata to its main library and special collections. He has a BA in Russian regional studies from Columbia University, a MA in Slavic languages and literatures from Yale University and a MLIS from Simmons University.

Assistant Treasurer Candidate

Janelle Zetty

Head of Cataloging, Edith Garland Dupré Library, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Janelle Zetty is an Associate Professor and Head of Cataloging at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She started her career at UL Lafayette as a student worker while attending Louisiana State University's School of Library and Information Science. Her job was to catalog the Cajun and Creole Music Collection, which contains many archival recordings in different formats. After completing her MLIS degree, she worked as an Assistant Cataloger at Shreve Memorial Library in Shreveport, Louisiana, for about ten years. During that time, she had to adapt to changes from AACR2 to RDA and learn to catalog various AV formats, including Playaways, which were new then. Janelle loves cataloging because it is always full of surprises and puzzles, and she enjoys figuring out library software and how to make it all work together. In addition, Janelle wants to advocate for our profession and is working on a collaborative journal article about library censorship in Louisiana. When not cataloging, she likes playing video games, cooking, and attending local festivals. Her daughter is teaching her how to defeat the Ender Dragon in Minecraft! OLAC is an excellent resource with friendly and helpful people, and Janelle wants to contribute to its success by serving as treasurer.

OLAC 2024 Conference Sneak Peek

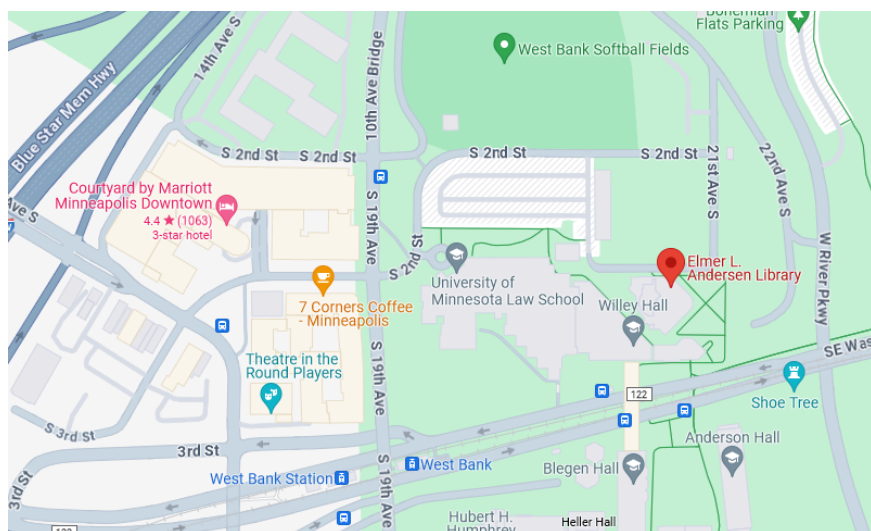
prepared by Laura McElfresh

The Conference Planning Committee has selected Minneapolis, Minnesota as the destination for the 2024 OLAC Conference on October 8-10, 2024. This hybrid conference will host in-person attendees at the University of Minnesota's Elmer L. Andersen Library and virtual participants via Zoom. On-site meetings and events will be held in the first-floor conference space and the atrium at Andersen Library.

The UMN campus offers public transit options, with several bus lines and the light rail Green Line serving the area. The West Bank light rail station, Andersen Library, and the nearby Courtyard by Marriott are each within a 0.3 mile walk of the others. The on-campus Graduate Hotel is one light rail stop away, adjacent to the East Bank station. Minneapolis-Saint Paul

International Airport is an approximately 25-minute drive away from conference locations on the UMN campus, or approximately 45 minutes via public transportation.

Nerissa Lindsey is Chair of the Conference Planning Committee, with Liza Campbell and Bobby Bothmann co-chairing the Program Committee and Laura McElfresh chairing the Local Arrangements Committee. Calls for proposals for workshops, panels/presentations, lightning talks, and posters will be coming soon! OLAC also invites applications for [the Conference Scholarship](#), providing financial support for a member to attend their first OLAC Conference. For more information as it develops, watch [OLAC-L](#) and the [Conferences page](#) on the OLAC website.



(Andersen Library on [Google Maps](#))

Call for OLAC 2024 Conference Scholarship Applications

OLAC will award one Conference Scholarship that will provide funds for a member of Online Audiovisual Catalogers to attend the OLAC 2024 Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 8-10, 2024.

Eligibility

Any personal member of OLAC who has never attended an OLAC Conference is eligible for the OLAC Conference Scholarship.

Award Description

OLAC will provide registration plus financial support for the scholarship recipient. The award amount of up to \$1,500 can be used to cover reasonable estimated costs for lodging, travel, and meals. Reimbursement for mileage will be at the current GSA rate and should not exceed the least expensive airfare. The scholarship will be distributed after the conference in the form of a reimbursement, so the award recipient should save receipts.

Conditions/Requirements

- The recipient must provide confirmation in writing that they will attend the conference.
- The recipient must attend the full conference, including the business meeting where the award will be announced.

- The recipient must write a brief report for the OLAC Board indicating what they gained and found to be most helpful in their work. This report will be published in the OLAC Newsletter.

How to Apply

Applicants must complete the application form on the [OLAC website/About/Grants and Awards](#) and must submit a cover letter and current CV. The cover letter should describe why the applicant wishes to attend the conference, how the receipt/non-receipt of the scholarship will influence their ability to attend the conference, and potential applications to their present and future job responsibilities.

Documents may be submitted via file upload on the application site (requires Google login) or emailed to Scholarship Committee Chair Laura McElfresh (mcelf008@umn.edu).

Applications begin on April 15 and are due by May 31, 2024.

OLAC 2024 Research Grant: Call for Proposals

This grant is awarded annually by the OLAC Executive Board to encourage research in the field of audiovisual cataloging. A committee appointed by the Board will judge proposals based on practicability and perceived value to the audiovisual cataloging community. More information on the OLAC website/About/Grants and Awards ([click here](#)). The grant application must be submitted by email to the Chair of the OLAC Grant Committee (Laura McElfresh, mcelf008@umn.edu).

Below are examples of past OLAC research grant projects:

- [Research Methods for Notes for Music Catalogers: Examples Illustrating RDA in the Online Bibliographic Record](#) (2018)
- [CAVM 5.5 An RDA Companion](#) (2014)
- [Identifying and Clustering Moving Image Works Found in Manifestation-Based MARC Records](#) (2014)
- [From Carrier to Equivalence: Cataloging Reproduction in an RDA/FRBR Environment](#) (2012)
- [PCC Practice for Assigning Motion Picture and Television Program Uniform Titles: LCRI 25.5B, Appendix I and Future Directions in RDA](#) (2012)
- [Describing Reproductions: A Series of Decisions](#) (2010)
- [General Material Designations in the Twenty-First Century: Results of a Survey by Jean Weihs](#) (2001)

In the Spotlight with Laurinda Gruber

Lisa Romano, Column Editor

Kudos to Laurinda Gruber who has been an OLAC member for over 20 years! How did she first hear about OLAC? It has been a while, but Laurinda thinks she may have seen information in an ALAO (Academica Library Association of Ohio) newsletter or ALAO conference, or her supervisor at the time may have mentioned it. Since then, Laurinda has attended conferences and was briefly on the planning committee for the 2020 conference (which was to be held in Columbus, Ohio but was cancelled in person due to the pandemic). *OLAC was one of my first professional memberships which has been extremely helpful with AV cataloging.*



Her current position is the Catalog Librarian at Columbus State Community College. Laurinda started at the library in October 1986, and has had a few different jobs over the years. Her responsibility entails cataloging all materials for the Columbus campus and for the branch library on the Delaware campus. This includes books, audiovisual items, electronic materials, and everything else. She is currently working on several projects including a large discards project (weeding), database cleanup, the migration to a new Ex Libris system, and recently finished a project of removing all VHS tapes from the collection. Additionally, Laurinda is involved in a project reexamining the security of their DVDs in the library in which they are discussing what changes should be made that would most benefit the students.

And what does she most enjoy about her job?

I enjoy cataloging. Whenever I am working in the system with codes, trying to figure out mysteries as to why something wasn't circulating correctly, withdrawing materials and other little demands that occur day to day that might be chaotic, I can just go back to cataloging and become calm again.

One project Laurinda particularly enjoyed was figuring out how to catalog anatomy models and the research that was involved. Also, she has cataloged other interesting items such as Wacom tablets, iPads, laptops, calculators, and computer accessories.

Over her career, Laurinda has encountered a few challenges. During the pandemic, the library accumulated a backlog of cataloging while being gifted with over 1000 art books. *Cataloging*

from home from 2020-2021 was very challenging but as of today there are no backlogs of materials waiting to be cataloged. I had to be able to catalog faster but at the same time I began doing more authority work at the time of cataloging each piece. Laurinda has found that keeping up with authority work is always challenging, and she is especially aware of DEI initiatives on campus and within the library community. *I try to attend any online conference/workshop addressing DEI and what the library can do. As soon as I become aware of the Library of Congress approving new terminology, I make changes in our system.*

Additionally, moving to a new ILS has been challenging. Laurinda has found the terminology is different as she is trying to translate the old system to the new. There are videos that are available that she is currently viewing to help with this challenge.

How did it all start? Laurinda began her library career by shelving magazines or books when she was in junior high (late 70s). During junior or senior year in high school, a teacher asked the students what they we want to be when they grew up. *So why not become a librarian since I already shelved materials. I certainly had no clue what librarians really do.* Also, at the time, Ohio Dominican College (now Ohio Dominican University) had a Library Science program in which Laurinda enrolled. After a year of working in the library at Columbus State Community College, she was encouraged by several other colleagues to enroll in the Kent State Library Science program to earn her MLS. *I had an excellent Cataloging instructor and so I took classes in cataloging, data, and technical services, and thus, a cataloger in waiting was born.*

In fact, Laurinda's first job at the library at Columbus State Community College was as the Reserves Clerk. She oversaw the open Reserves on the top floor of the library and kept the regular stacks in order. Plus, Laurinda supervised the student workers, training them to help maintain the stacks and the Reserves collection.

And when asked if she had one piece of advice for new librarians what it would be, Laurinda responded:

My advice is to be adaptable and to keep learning.



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All in a Day's Work: *Highlights from Using New OLAC Best Practices for Cataloging DVD-Video and Blu-ray Discs, Objects, Streaming Media, and Video Games Using the Original RDA Toolkit and MARC 21*

by Tanesa King (OLAC Outreach/Advocacy & Membership Coordinator)

Part of my primary responsibilities at my institution is cataloging DVDs and Blu-rays, and we use the OLAC Best Practices to inform our cataloging procedures. Since they have been revised, I have begun the work of reading the new Best Practices and revising our procedures as appropriate. The timing of this new document is also impeccable because we made it a project this year to revamp and streamline our procedure and hopefully make our cataloging more efficient but still remain high quality. As we are in the midst of this work, it is a good time to highlight some aspects of the new OLAC Best Practices that have been particularly helpful.

341 Accessibility Content

One thing that is different in the new Best Practices is there is a new field to include accessibility content about the disc in hand. As I catalog and use copy records from OCLC when possible, I have noticed that there are some catalogers on OCLC who are starting to use 341 fields. I have sought out information about proper formatting, codes, and vocabularies from other sources, but I was curious as to what would be best practice according to OLAC. 341 \$a is basically the sense one uses to access the content, which includes textual, visual, auditory, or tactile. 341 subfields b, c, d, and e refer to textual, visual, auditory, or tactile assistive features that are available to help users access the content. Below are some examples from the Best Practices of what this could look like:

341 0\ \$a auditory \$b captions \$2 sapdv

Note: Resource with textual assistive features to access the auditory content of a video with captions and/or SDH

341 0\ \$a auditory \$c signLanguage \$2 sapdv

Note: Resource with visual assistive features to access the content of a video that includes sign language

341 \$2 contains the code for the source of the term for the assistive features. In this case, the vocabulary code "sapdv" stands for Schema.org Accessibility Properties for Discoverability Vocabulary. The Best Practices recommend using a controlled vocabulary like this for the terms to use for the assistive features.

Encoding Multiple Data Elements When They Come from Same Vocabulary

In the past, it was appropriate to repeat multiple data elements in a single field if they come from the same vocabulary, but a new recommendation in the OLAC Best Practices is to encode the terms in separate fields to support linked data. Luckily, this is already a practice that we were following. I have seen other catalogers in OCLC records repeat data elements in the same field, but I typically split these out into separate fields. Here is an example from the Best Practices for how to do this:

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347 \\\$e region A $2 rdare
347 \\\$e region B $2 rdare
(NOT: 347 \\\$e region A $e region B $2 rdare)
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532 Accessibility Note

We were already including 532 notes in catalog records regarding subtitles for the deaf and hard of hearing (SDH) and descriptive video service (DVS), but I was excited to see information regarding other uses of the 532. I have begun seeing more DVD and Blu-ray packaging and introductory screens including warnings for content that could trigger seizures. It is very helpful that the Best Practices include an example of a note that could be used for these kinds of warnings:

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532 8\$\a Warning: If you have a history of epilepsy or seizures, consult a doctor before use.
Certain patterns may trigger seizures with no prior history.
Note: A resource that has no identified assistive features to access the content, but does have a
potential accessibility hazard, a video game which has a seizure warning listed on the container
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This particular example was for a video game, but a similar note could be used for videos as well. Wording is free-text and can be customized to suit the situation. Other uses for this note are to describe more fully the accessibility features used. For example: captions, sign language, braille. The 532 note expands on the encoded data elements in the 341 field.

I hope this column is helpful to you! Kudos to the whole committee responsible for creating the *OLAC Best Practices for Cataloging DVD-Video and Blu-ray Discs, Objects, Streaming Media, and Video Games Using the Original RDA Toolkit and MARC 21*. And thank you to Marcia Barrett and Josh Hutchinson for presenting the Coffee Talk about the new Best Practices and drawing attention to some of these important changes to notice.

Link to presentation: <https://cornerstone.lib.mnsu.edu/olac-presentations/2/>

Link to Best Practices: <https://cornerstone.lib.mnsu.edu/olac-publications/28/>

Full MARC Examples: <https://cornerstone.lib.mnsu.edu/olac-publications/27/>

Cataloging Policy Committee (CAPC) Updates

The purpose of the Cataloging Policy Committee (CAPC) of the Online Audiovisual Catalogers, Inc. is to represent the concerns of AV catalogers in matters relating to the formation, interpretation and implementation of national and international cataloging standards, rules and related matters.

Co-chaired by Sarah Hovde and Meghan Bergin



CAPC 2024 Winter Meeting Minutes

The CAPC 2024 Winter Meeting took place in January 24th from 2-4 pm via zoom. Click to see [the list of attendees](#).

- **Welcome and introductions** (Sarah Hovde)
 - [Roster of CAPC membership](#) / voting members
 - Approval of [Minutes](#) from meeting at Annual 2023
 - approved by consensus
 - Call for new incoming CAPC co-chair
 - CAPC will be recruiting a new co-chair for a two-year term, July 2024-June 2026 - watch for an official announcement on OLAC-L soon!
- **Reports** (Meghan Bergin)
 - [Liaison Reports](#)
 - CC:DA Liaison (Kelley McGrath)
 - Will have two meetings Friday February 2nd (2-5 pm EST) and Monday February 5th (12-3 pm EST)
 - [Draft agenda](#) and [Zoom registration link](#)
 - Official RDA Toolkit - PCC has announced a rolling implementation, 2024-2027
 - Q:timeline for RDA implementation for authority records?

- A: CC RDA Implementation Task Group will have more information soon - will have to be a one-time implementation, not rolling; LC will adopt during rolling implementation period but not before LCAP project complete, probably 2026
 - [PCC Introductory RDA training modules](#)
 - NARDAC Fall update forum 2023 - [recording and presentations](#)
 - Watch for more information on RDA pre-conference at next ALA Conference
 - Bobby Bothmann presented an RDA webinar for PCI webinars
- [MAC Liaison](#) (Yoko Kudo)
 - Meetings Wednesday Jan 24 (10:30-1:30 pm EST) and Thursday Jan 25: [agenda](#)
 - Discussion paper on refining 341 returned as fast-track proposal
 - [Proposal No. 2024-01](#): passed as written
 - [Proposal No. 2024-02](#): passed with minor amendments around use of \$0 and \$1
 - OCLC and RBMS submitted proposal on adding \$5 to [linking fields](#), discussion paper on adding \$5 to [580](#) - proposal passed, discussion paper fast-tracked
 - RBMS submitted [discussion paper](#) on providing harmful language statement in new 245 \$i field
 - Responses generally supportive of principle, but pointed out that there are already solutions in MARC such as 5xx note fields or \$7 data provenance
 - Recommended revising and returning as discussion paper at next meeting
- [LC Liaison](#) (Jami Judge Almeida), see linked report for notes
- OCLC Liaison (Bryan Baldus)
 - WorldCat Entities URIs were added to MARC records in December
 - controlled 100s and 700s fields, FAST headings in 6xx fields
 - from BIBFRAME update forum: will be adding 758 fields for work entities to WorldCat records soon
 - December WorldShare Record Manager special release, in addition to regular update with features and bug fixes
 - WorldCat Discovery launched Arabic language option in fall 2023
- MOUG Liaison (Autumn Faulkner)
 - MOUG annual meeting 2024, held in a split format this year
 - Virtual meeting February 16, 11am - 5pm
 - In-person meeting February 28, 9am - 4pm, Cincinnati, OH
 - Registration fee covers both virtual and in-person days, \$140 for MOUG members, \$170 for non-members (MOUG membership is \$40, you can join [here](#))
 - Details and registration, click [here](#).
- SAC Liaison (Michelle Cronquist)
 - will meet next Monday Jan 29 through Wednesday Jan 31, 2-4 pm EST each day
 - [Zoom registration link](#)

Task Force Reports (Meghan Bergin)

- Joint MLA/OLAC Media Devices RDA Best Practices Task Force (Bruce Evans)

- revised draft has been submitted to advisors for review
- [Video Game Title Task Force](#) (Alex Whelan), see linked report for notes
- [Unified Best Practices in Official RDA task force](#) (Sarah Hovde), see linked report for notes
- LCGFT update (Dorie Kurtz and Amy Phillips)
 - in 2023, put together internal LCGFT specialist group, also external Advisory Board
 - still exploring ways to share outcomes - will continue sharing summary decisions after LCGFT lists released
 - after approval of Video games LCGFT in August, LC received a number of genre-specific proposals
 - needed to figure out whether to accept piecemeal regardless of hierarchy, or build hierarchy from start
 - looked to OLAC VGGT as example and reached out to CAPC
 - CAPC supported adoption of OLAC terms into LCGFT; Comics & Fiction SACO Funnel will be taking the lead on proposing video game LCGFT based on OLAC VGGT
 - preparing LCGFT training modules: first for LC staff starting at the end of February, will get feedback and evaluate, then will be released to wider public
- **Old Business** (Sarah)
 - [AV Funnel](#) report
 - After discussion at several CAPC meetings, no one has stepped forward to lead NACO AV Funnel, and participation has been low.
 - Proposal officially submitted to OLAC Board in December 2023: *CAPC recommends that the Library of Congress retire the NACO AV Funnel. In its place, CAPC will revisit the possibility of community-based NACO programming at future OLAC conferences / coffee talks.*
- **New Business** (Sarah)
 - Announcement: OLAC newsletter "All in a Day's Work" column is looking for catalogers to feature their work! Contact Tanesa King (Tanesa.King@unt.edu) if you are interested or would like to recommend someone else.
 - Announcement: Kelley McGrath, Janelle West, Casey Mullin, and Jason Thomale will be presenting on the use of faceted vocabularies for music cataloging at the upcoming MLA Conference in February - check out their session "A Subject, a Genre, and a Medium Walk into a Search Bar... "
 - Kudos to Rebecca Belford for the session title!

Conference Reports from the 2024 Midwinter Meeting

Jan Mayo, Column Editor

MARC Advisory Committee (MAC) Report Updates

submitted by Yoko Kudo

MAC meeting took place virtually on January 24 and 25. [Click here](#) for the meeting agenda. Four MARC proposals and five discussion papers were discussed. Below is a summary of the discussion and recommendations.

One fast-track proposal was approved since the last meeting:

[2023-FT03](#): ***Adding Subfield \$3 to Field 532 in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format*** (OLAC co-sponsored this paper).

[Proposal No. 2024-01](#): Recording Numeric Designation of Musical Expressions in the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Authority Formats

Related discussion paper: [2023-DP07](#)

Results: Approved as submitted

This proposal would expand the definition and scope of field 383 (numeric designation of musical work) to allow for recording designations for expressions. There was general support for expanding the scope of the field; however, some communities expressed concerns about using the field to record work-level designations in authority records for expressions, as it would make the distinction between work and expression authority records less clear. In the end, it was agreed that the concerns would be mitigated by applying the proposed indicator values (0 for work and 1 for expression) and community best practice guidance outside the MARC documentation.

[Proposal No. 2024-02](#): Refinement of Accessibility Field 341 in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format

Related discussion paper: [2023-DP05](#)

Results: Approved with amendments

This paper proposes expanding the definition and scope of field 341 (accessibility content) to accommodate not only primary and alternative modes of access but also all other accessibility features. Based on the discussion of [2023-DP05](#), the paper would remove the prescribed values

for subfield \$a, and allow any vocabularies (controlled or uncontrolled) to be used in the subfield. In addition, it proposes defining subfields \$0 (authority record control number or standard number) and \$1 (real-world object URI) for the field. The proposal received general support. It will be edited to clarify and guide the use of subfields \$0 and \$1 in a multiple-value situation.

[Proposal No. 2024-03](#): Adding Subfield \$1 to Fields 082 and 083 in the MARC 21 Formats

Related discussion paper: [2023-DP09](#)

Results: Approved with amendments

This proposal would add subfield \$1 to the two Dewey classification number fields, 082 (Dewey decimal classification number) and 083 (additional Dewey decimal classification number). Based on the discussion of [2023-DP09](#) as well as the general discussion on subfield \$0 vs. \$1 during the 2023 Annual meeting, this paper proposes using subfield \$1, instead of subfield \$0, for recording URIs for DDC numbers. Pre-meeting comments were divided about which subfield would be more appropriate for classification numbers, illustrating ongoing confusion about the definitions and application of the two subfields. In the end, MAC recommended defining both subfields \$0 and \$1, as already done for many other fields.

[Proposal No. 2024-04](#): Adding Subfield \$5 to Linking Entry Fields 773, 774, and 787 in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format

Related discussion paper: [2023-DP08](#)

Results: Approved as submitted

This proposal would add subfield \$5 (institution to which field applies) to selected linking entry fields. During the discussion of [2023-DP08](#) at the 2023 Annual meeting, MAC recommended that the addition of the subfield should be limited to the fields with clear use cases, rather than linking entry fields across the board. In response to this recommendation, this proposal focuses on three fields, 773 (host item entry), 774 (constituent unit entry), and 787 (other relationship entry), as they have real use cases in the rare book community. No concerns or questions were raised from MAC.

[Discussion Paper No. 2024-DP01](#): Adding Subfield \$5 to Field 580 in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format

Results: Proceed to fast-track process

This paper seeks to add subfield \$5 (institution to which field applies) to field 580 (linking entry complexity note). It argues that it is logical to add the subfield because field 580 may be paired with linking entry fields, some of which will have the subfield once [Proposal No. 2024-04](#) passes. There was no objection, and the paper will be fast-tracked.

[Discussion Paper No. 2024-DP02](#): Adding Subfield \$i to Field 245 in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format

Results: May return as a revised discussion paper

The paper discusses issues around harmful or culturally insensitive language that may be in the transcribed title statement and suggests a solution. Specifically, it recommends defining a new subfield \$i for field 245 (title statement) to give the field the ability to indicate the source of title in a readily visible way to catalog users. While all comments unanimously acknowledged the importance of the language issues, many questioned the proposed subfield \$i. Some pointed out that subfields \$7 and/or \$8 could be used for the purpose, and there would be no need to define a new subfield. There was also a discussion on the broader issue of how to determine what language is harmful or inappropriate. A straw poll showed a preference for another discussion paper at a future meeting.

[Discussion Paper No. 2024-DP03: Addition of Relationship Subfields in Fields 647 and 648 in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format](#)

Results: Proceed to fast-track process with amendments

This paper seeks to give the two subject fields, 647 (subject added entry - named event) and 648 (subject added entry - chronological term), the ability to refine subject relationships. Specifically, it suggests defining subfields \$e (relator term) and \$4 (relationship) in the fields to allow for recording relationship designators such as “depicted” and “setting.” A few communities suggested that there should be other relationships appropriate in these subfields, which could be presented later in community best practices. LC also expressed a concern in relation to BIBFRAME that the subfields would add another complex layer to the subject relationship indicated by field 647 or 648. However, the subfields have already been defined across many subject fields, and the paper received general support. The paper will be fast-tracked.

[Discussion Paper No. 2024-DP04: Adding Subfields \\$0 and \\$1 to Fields 506 and 540 in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format](#)

Results: Return as a proposal

This paper would add subfields \$0 and \$1 to fields 506 (restrictions on access note) and 540 (terms governing use and reproduction note). The majority of comments were favorable. Pre-meeting comments included clarifying the scope of the subfields in relation to subfield \$u (uniform resource identifier), which is already available in the field. Even though subfield \$u was originally added to record external sources of information, it has been used for other purposes these days, making its distinction from subfield \$0 and \$1 difficult. Additional examples will address this issue when the paper is turned into a proposal.

[Discussion Paper No. 2024-DP05: Modernization of Field 055 in the MARC21 Bibliographic Format](#)

Results: Proceed to fast-track process with amendments

This paper seeks to update the definition of the field 055 (classification numbers assigned in Canada) to reflect the current cataloging environment and usage of the field in Canada. Specifically, it suggests removing or rephrasing obsolete phrases from the definition of the field as well as that of the second indicator. A question was raised about using an asterisk with classification numbers in the field. The paper's author explained that the asterisk would intentionally leave the numbers incomplete to meet the needs of Canada's dual language situation. The paper received support for fast-tracking with minor edits.

Other Business:

The 2024 Annual meeting will be held virtually on June 25 and 26.

Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA) Report Updates

submitted by Kelley McGrath

CC:DA met via Zoom on February 2 and February 5. [Click here](#) for the agenda with links to relevant reports. You click and listen the recording of [February 2 meeting](#) and [February 5 meeting](#).



LCC and PCC are planning a rolling implementation of the Official RDA Toolkit from May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2027. The one-year countdown for the end of life of the original RDA Toolkit will begin in May 2026. The web version of the original toolkit will be removed from the RDA website in May 2027. After that, the content will only be available as PDF files. Training materials to help catalogers handle the transition are beginning to be issued. For example, the PCC has recently posted [some training modules](#) for the new official toolkit. The PCC Task Group to Test the Official RDA Toolkit has also issued its [final report](#).

OLAC's own Bobby Bothmann gave a webinar on the official toolkit for [PCI Webinars](#) on January 17. Unfortunately, the recording is not publicly available. When I contacted them, they provided me with information on [how to access it as Oregon library staff](#), so you may have access through your local library association or state library.

The North American RDA Committee (NARDAC) held its fall update form in November (see [slides and recording](#)). The presenters discussed developments in RDA and RDA-related cataloging work and introduced the RSC working groups, their current work, and their future plans. NARDAC and CC:DA are considering developing a preconference for ALA Annual. The RDA board will meet just before Annual, and they hope that some of the board members will present at the preconference.

IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) has been working on updating manifestation-related information in its ISBD standard to align with LRM. Kathy Glennan has provided [some background information](#) and there will be a worldwide review period later this year. CC:DA is forming a task force to prepare a response. If you are interested in volunteering and are a current ALA Core member, contact Amanda Sprochi at sprochia@missouri.edu.

In other news, the PCC has made revisions to [the provider-neutral cataloging guidelines](#) to provide more guidance for identifying open access resources, including the use of \$0 in 856 and an optional 506 indicating that at least some versions are open access.

LAC-SAC Liaison Report (Subject Analysis Committee) Updates

Michelle Cronquist



SAC held its semiannual meeting on January 29-31, 2024.

- The Library of Congress is temporarily limiting the number of subject proposals on each monthly list to 200-250 in order to process the list more quickly.
- A reminder that monthly LCSH editorial meetings are open to outside attendees.
- Hiring is in progress for the program specialist who will lead changes to LCSH for Indigenous headings. Until this work begins, interim guidelines are available on LC's site to assist in subject and demographic group proposals for Indigenous group names.
- A new LC Genre Advisory Group, which works with Library of Congress staff on evaluating proposals for LCGFT terms, began meeting in the summer of 2023. SAC has two representatives on the group.
- SAC proposed changes to the Library of Congress Classification for Holocaust denial literature, based on a request from the World Jewish Congress. The Library of Congress did not approve the proposed changes.
- [RBMS controlled vocabularies](#) are now available. New and revised terms for prejudicial materials are also available; note that the most up-to-date versions may not yet be on id.loc.gov. The prejudicial terms have been broadened from "literature" terms to "works" terms (e.g., Anti-Catholic literature is now Anti-Catholic works) so that they can be applied more broadly for non-textual works.

- The SAC Working Group on the Devaluation of Cataloging has created materials aimed at library students and library administrators promoting the value of metadata work.
 - SAC agreed to create a new working group to look at the “question” headings (such as Armenian question) that many catalogers consider problematic.
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Updates from LC (Library of Congress)

Jami Judge Almeida

Jami is the LC representative to OLAC (featured in the *OLAC Newsletter* [2023 March issue](#)) and gave LC updates in the CAPC 2024 Winter meeting. Below are her detailed report.



Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division (PTCP) General Updates

Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH)

- A temporary limit to the number of subject proposals that can be scheduled to each LCSH monthly list began in August 2023. Once the cap of 200 proposals is reached each month, only proposals associated with Cataloging in Publication (CIP) cataloging will continue to be scheduled for the list. Other proposals will be held until the following list.
- The [2024 LC subject editorial meetings calendar](#) is available online. These virtual meetings continue to be held the third Friday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET. These meetings are open to members of the library community and the public at large. Open discussion is encouraged for any of the subject proposals on the current monthly list.

Policy documentation

- [New procedures](#) for maintaining policy documentation were announced in July 2023 ahead of the August 2023 implementation of consolidated access to this documentation through Classification Web Plus:
 - Updates to documentation will be made as needed and will not necessarily conform to a set schedule.
 - A spreadsheet for each type of documentation will include information about the latest updates.
 - These spreadsheets will be posted in PDF on the [LC Cataloging and Acquisitions website](#) and be available for searching via [Classification Web Plus](#).

Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC)

- The [PCC Participants' Meeting](#) is held virtually on February 15, 2024, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. ET.
- New Task and Consultation Groups formed:

- [PCC Task Group on Strategic Planning for AI and Machine Learning](#) (charge, Dec. 2023)
- [SCS Task Group on Privacy in Name Authority Records](#) (charge, Nov. 2023)
- [PCC RDA Implementation Task Group](#) (charge, Nov. 2023)
- [PCC Consultation Group for Library Systems and Vendors](#) (charge, Oct. 2023)
- [SCS Task Group on Accessibility Information in Provider Neutral Records](#) (charge, Sept. 2023)
- [SCS Task Group on Evaluation Guidelines for Non-Latin Script References in Name Authority Records](#) (charge, Aug. 2023)

Official Resource Description and Access (RDA)

- The [PCC Task Group to Test the Official RDA Toolkit](#) issued its [Final Report](#) on October 10, 2023, which includes detailed results of the Test carried out in 2022-2023. The PCC Policy Committee (PoCo) accepted the recommendations in the final report and discharged the group on November 17, 2023.
- The [PCC RDA Implementation Task Group](#) was charged on November 9, 2023. PoCo has decided that the PCC will have a rolling implementation of Official RDA from May 1, 2024, to April 30, 2027. This multiyear group will develop and assess these implementation plans; track the work of other PCC groups working on policies and Metadata Guidance Documentation (MGD) related to Official RDA; and identify and address barriers to implementation raised in the PCC Test of the Official RDA Toolkit and elsewhere.
- The forthcoming issue of the [RDA Bulletin](#), issued by the RDA Communications Committee, will recap and expand upon these updates.
- A small group of PTCP and LC support staff are working on updating MGD and LC-PCC Policy Statements (PSs) based on Final Report and test results.

PTCP Inclusive and Reparative Description Updates

Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) and Library of Congress Demographic Group Terms (LCDGTs)

- In July 2023, PTCP issued [interim guidelines and a webpage](#) to assist catalogers who wish to make proposals for Indigenous peoples LCSH and LCDGT headings and provide ongoing information about this project. LC welcomes [feedback](#) to improve these guidelines.
- LC published a [revised classification for Ukraine](#) in subclass DK (History of Russia. Soviet Union. Former Soviet Republics). The revised classification scheme is found at DK5001-DK5995 and replaces the previous classification at DK508. Use of the revised classification began immediately; LC will not reclassify existing collections. This project is a joint effort between LC's Germanic and Slavic Division and PTCP, and this published revision closes the first phase in an ongoing initiative to systematically review and revise classification for the so-called "former Soviet Republics" at subclass DK. LC welcomes [feedback](#).

Presentations

- PTCP Cataloging Policy Specialist Heidy Berthoud presented at the webinar [Less Talk, More Action: Adventures in Inclusive Metadata](#) hosted by Atla on October 11, 2023.
- PTCP Cataloging Policy Specialists Veronica Ranieri and Heidy Berthoud presented at the webinar [The ABC's of LCDGT](#) hosted by the ALA Core Authority Control Interest Group on November 2, 2023.

LC and NAVCC Technology Updates

BIBFRAME and MARC

- The Network Development and MARC Standards Office (NDMSO) [announced the release](#) of update [2.3](#) to the BIBFRAME Vocabulary and update 2.4 to [MARC-to-BIBFRAME](#) (specifications [here](#)) and [BIBFRAME-to-MARC](#) (specifications [here](#)) conversions on December 1, 2023. Update [2.5](#) was released on January 19, 2024.
- NDMSO is working closely with EBSCO staff to implement BIBFRAME in FOLIO, which is part of LC's upcoming migration to FOLIO. The existing BIBFRAME editor, Marva, has been added to the FOLIO environment and select LC staff have started testing Marva within FOLIO.
- The virtual [BIBFRAME Update Forum](#) presentation on January 22, 2024, included guest speakers from ExLibris and OCLC discussing BIBFRAME activities at their institutions with an emphasis on how maintaining standardization in BIBFRAME is a key to our community's integrated environments.
- NDMSO also continues to manage the twice-yearly updates to the MARC format, and the next [meetings of the MARC Advisory Committee \(MAC\)](#) will be held on January 24-25, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET.

Library Collections Access Platform (LCAP)

- The [LCAP project](#), which includes LC's implementation of the FOLIO library services platform as well as the EBSCO Discovery Service discovery layer and Locate catalog, is on track for an October 2024 implementation of purchased Acquisitions workflows in FOLIO. The remaining functionality will be rolled out in a phased implementation over the spring of 2025.
- Over 250 LC staff across divisions have contributed to identification, refinement, and prioritization of the features that are required to extend FOLIO to support LC's needs during this landmark transition.
- All FOLIO software development will be contributed back to the public as part of the community release. Notable features include significant enhancements to MARC cataloging and authority management as well as the integration of the Marva editor and extension of FOLIO to support BIBFRAME.

NAVCC Audio Visual Collections Management System (AVCMS)

- The official launch of AVCMS with MAVIS data live in production occurred in October 2023. MAVIS had been the NAVCC's collections management system since the late 1990s. A collections management system is vital for NAVCC's digitization and preservation workflows; for capturing detailed format-specific technical information, item inspection details and

reports, and document and image files; and for tracking processed and unprocessed collections materials.

- For post-go-live, the focus is ongoing end-user training, new system configurations and features, and remediation for previously identified tasks.

General LC Updates

Strategic plan

- The [FY2024-2028 strategic plan](#) was released recently. Goals and objectives are to expand access, enhance services, strengthen capacity, and foster innovation.

Usage survey

- LC is looking to improve how its patrons search for resources online. A [survey](#) to provide feedback is open through January 31, 2024.

Staffing Changes

- Andrea Leigh, NAVCC Moving Image Section MMDC Unit Supervisor, retired.
- Moving Image Section Head and MMDC Unit Supervisor positions will be posted to [USAJOBS](#).

Links to LC Services, Programs, Reports, and Updates

[ALA 2023 Annual Conference Update](#)

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News from OCLC

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OCLC Products and Services Release Notes

Find [the most current release notes](#) for many OCLC products and services as well as links to data updates and to dynamic collection lists.



WorldCat, Cataloging, and Metadata

OCLC linked data services transform metadata management and connect library resources to wider knowledge streams

OCLC, the worldwide leader in library cataloging and metadata services, is developing linked data services, products, and datasets that provide the descriptive resources needed to curate data at scale and across workflows. This work connects library resources to the knowledge streams that inform our everyday lives.

WorldCat bibliographic records are now enriched with WorldCat Entities uniform resource identifiers (URIs), establishing a bridge between MARC data and linked data—connecting data across local systems and workflows. Current cataloging applications have been and will continue to be enhanced to add valuable linked data elements into existing workflows. And new, innovative services will be rolled out later this year to further enable libraries to manage and integrate linked data at a pace that's right for them.

As libraries continue to focus on new ways to facilitate the creation and sharing of knowledge, and as the volume and variety of information increases, metadata and metadata expertise are more important than ever. The move to linked data expands librarians' role as knowledge workers to enhance discovery. It also embeds the library more deeply in knowledge creation and sharing on campus and in the community.

Evolving library data into linked data allows unique, valuable library metadata to be represented in other sources on the web, through smart devices, and for use in technologies like artificial intelligence (AI). OCLC has the infrastructure, tools, and community-informed expertise to support libraries through this metadata transformation.

Visit oclc.org/linkeddata for more detailed information, and to subscribe to stay informed of how OCLC is supporting libraries with new linked data initiatives.

WorldCat Entities linked data URIs added to WorldCat MARC records

Linked data builds rich connections across library resources, making those resources more discoverable, providing opportunities to improve workflows, and supporting easier integration of valuable library data into other systems and services.

As announced on the OCLC Community Center, we're taking an important step in preparation for significant, upcoming advances in integrating linked data into your cataloging and metadata workflows. We've started adding WorldCat Entities URIs (Uniform Resource Identifiers) to WorldCat records as \$1 links in 100, 600, 647, 651, and 700 MARC fields. There's no action you need to take—the new data will be included in WorldCat records you export using OCLC cataloging applications.

As an example, the WorldCat record OCN 316483 now includes the following data:

- 316483, 100 1_ \$a Severeid, Eric, \$d 1912-1992, \$e author. \$1 <https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/entity/E39PBJrWWTFrcRkh4GtcffTHC>

- 316483, 600 17 \$a Severeid, Eric, \$d 1912-1992. \$2 fast \$0 (OCoLC)fst00037345 \$1 <https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/entity/E39PBjYrWWTFrcRkh4GtcffTHC>
- 316483, 647 _7 \$a World War \$d (1939-1945) \$2 fast \$0 (OCoLC)fst01180924 \$1 <https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/entity/E39Qhp4vBbhpRH9XvjbDFXtxhb>
- 316483, 651 _7 \$a United States. \$2 fast \$0 (OCoLC)fst01204155 \$1 <https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/entity/E39PBjtxgQXMWqmjMjjwXRHgrq>
- 316483, 700 1_ \$a Stein, Gertrude, \$d 1874-1946, \$e contributor. \$1 <https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/entity/E39PBjhhpHr4vrM87p4BrDHjYP>

Enriching WorldCat MARC records with WorldCat Entities URIs establishes a bridge between MARC data and linked data, providing a starting point for connecting data across local systems and workflows and for using linked data functionality in local discovery systems. Next month, we'll share more information about enhancements that will further integrate linked data into your existing workflows.

Libraries and their partners interested in building new linked data applications and services can reference these URIs by exploring more than 150 million WorldCat Entities at entities.oclc.org.

[WorldCat Validation Installation, February 2024](#)

- OCLC-MARC Validations of New MARC Codes Announced September 12-December 05, 2023
 - Classification Scheme Source Codes
 - Genre/Form Code and Term Source Codes
 - Standard Identifier Source Codes
 - Subject Heading and Term Source Codes
- MARC 21 Bibliographic Update No. 37 (Announced December 2023)
- MARC 21 Authority Update No. 37 (Announced December 2023) to the Validation Rule Set that Includes All Valid Elements of MARC 21 Authority Format
- MARC 21 Holdings Update No. 37 (Announced December 2023)
- Edit Change to Encoding Level (Elvl) 8 Bibliographic Records
- Bug fixes
 - Correction to drop-down for Subfield \$2 in Holdings Field 506
 - Correction of MARC relator code dcg to dgc

[WorldShare Record Manager Installation, January 2024](#)

- The ability to search WorldCat Entities and insert linked data identifiers in bibliographic records within your cataloging workflow
- The maximum number of records that can be added to a single export list was increased to 500
- Bug fixes:
 - User preferences for Exclude Bibliographic Data did not work for all fields/subfields

[WorldShare Record Manager Special Installation for WorldCat Holdings Audience Levels, December 2023](#)

- In WorldShare Record Manager and WorldShare Circulation:

- o The ability to set WorldCat holdings audience levels, allowing WMS libraries to control who can see if they have specific titles or copies of an item in their collection. By assigning a specific level to a holding, you can suppress the holding from the general public. You can specify at the title or copy level which of your holdings are displayed to:
 - Library staff
 - Library staff and library patrons
 - Everyone within a library’s instance of WorldCat Discovery
 - All WorldCat libraries
- o In WorldShare Collection Manager:
 - Control Holding Audience Level at the Institution Level
 - Control Holding Audience Level at the Collection Level
 - Option to control Holding Audience Level for Data Sync Collections (OCLC staff only)
- o In WorldShare Acquisitions:
 - Support for different audience levels when receiving and ordering
 - Support for audience levels when receiving and binding serial issues
- o In WorldCat Discovery:
 - Consider the audience level in combination with the user’s role/permissions when displaying search results
 - Enable IP authentication ranges to show suppressed holdings
 - Enable a sign-in prompt for a more personalized experience

[WorldShare Record Manager Installation, December 2023](#)

- Filter by branch and shelving location on Copies screen
- Filter by institution, branch and shelving location on Copies screen (for WMS libraries with group aware)
- Bug fixes:
 - o Expiration date decreased when records were removed from export list
 - o An extra 049 field was added to the export file when exporting local data as a user with the Simplified role
 - o Error when applying Dewey Cutter to a bibliographic record

Discovery and Reference Services

[WorldCat Discovery Installation, February 2024](#)

- View a notification when your query exceeds the maximum supported length
- IEEE Open Access database now available as part of the open access filter
- Configure the order of “Other” and “All” database groups for Advanced Search
- Bug fixes:
 - o Leverage clustering options in the search alerts (beta) new results view

[WorldCat Discovery Installation, November 2023](#)

- Specify authority source when re-mapping subject headings with locally preferred subjects

OCLC launches Arabic Discovery Catalog to increase discoverability, access to Arabic library collections (View [this news release in Arabic](#))

OCLC has introduced the [Arabic Discovery Catalog](#), a new initiative that brings together bibliographic records from libraries located in Arab countries into one catalog to enhance the discoverability and visibility of these collections for international research.

The Arabic Discovery Catalog currently includes records of more than 3.8 million Arabic resources and continues to grow, making it one of the most comprehensive bibliographic resources of Arabic culture.

OCLC staff have indexed records in Arabic and taken steps to ensure that sorting and searching of results are accurately displayed to deliver an intuitive and seamless discovery experience using Arabic script. The Arabic Discovery Catalog is built on the [WorldCat Discovery](#) platform, the discovery solution developed by OCLC that makes it possible for people easily find and get resources available in libraries worldwide through a single search.

Similar initiatives using the same OCLC solution—such as [WorldCat España](#) and the [Art Discovery Group Catalog](#)—have been emerging in other parts of the world where libraries seek to gather together specific bibliographic records, by geography or subject matter, to improve discoverability and online visibility.

As part of OCLC's web visibility program, library collections that are part of the Arabic Discovery Catalog are more visible on the web through [WorldCat.org](#), and through a variety of search engines and other popular websites.

A webpage in both [Arabic](#) and [English](#) is now available with the catalog search box, information about the catalog, and a request form for libraries that want to learn more about the initiative.

Resource Sharing Services

[Tipasa Installation, February 2024](#)

- [Take advantage of improved bibliographic matching to fill requests more quickly and save staff time](#)
- [Utilize License Manager enhancements to specify and view more accurate ILL license terms](#)

[Tipasa Installation, December 2023](#)

- [Define pickup location codes for improved integration with your Circulation system](#)
- [Use the Resource Sharing Request API to extend your library's ability to create and retrieve requests](#)

[WorldShare ILL Installation, February 2024](#)

- [Take advantage of improved bibliographic matching to fill requests more quickly and save staff time](#)
- [Utilize License Manager enhancements to specify and view more accurate ILL license terms](#)

[WorldShare ILL Installation, December 2023](#)

- [Use the Resource Sharing Request API to extend your library's ability to create and retrieve requests](#)
- [Utilize ILLiad's Connection Manager improvements to gain full Automated Request Manager borrowing functionality](#)

Management Services

18 more libraries sign on to OCLC's WorldShare Management Services platform to close 2023

In the closing months of 2023, 18 new libraries signed on to use OCLC's [WorldShare Management Services](#), the fully integrated library services platform designed to meet the needs of modern libraries.

WorldShare Management Services (WMS) is the first cloud-based library services platform and only WMS is built with WorldCat as its foundation. By focusing on library efficiency, WMS allows library staff to better meet the learning and research needs of onsite, hybrid, and remote users. With cataloging, circulation, acquisitions, e-resource management, and resource sharing capabilities, WMS makes it possible for libraries to direct their limited resources to create the greatest impact and easily extend their reach beyond their own electronic and print collections.

Among the libraries that recently signed on to use WMS:

- [Bennington College](#), USA
- [Fachhochschule Gesundheitsberufe OÖ GmbH](#), Austria
- [Haigazian University](#), Lebanon
- [New York Institute of Technology](#), USA
- [Reinhardt University](#), USA
- [University of Balamand](#), Lebanon
- [The University of Tulsa](#), USA

Libraries worldwide continue to select WMS, with many going live on the platform in 2023, renewing their commitment to OCLC and WMS, and selecting additional services that enhance their users' experience with the WorldShare platform.

[EZproxy 7.3 release notes, February 2024](#)

EZproxy version 7.3 is an incremental release designed to improve the security of EZproxy and provide new functionality. New features and enhancements include:

- Added Wiley to the pseudonymous identifier
- Updated EZproxy with OpenSSL 3.0.11t. This version is the LTS (Long Term Support) version.

- Email notifications for security rules will now display the EZproxy server name. This will allow institutions that run multiple EZproxy servers to understand which server is sending the email notification.
- Cookie Filter directive has been enhanced to allow more granular control over which cookies are passed to a website
- LDAP now supports StartTLS which allows an application to serialize secure and plain requests against an LDAP server on a single connection

Bug fixes include:

- Resolved an issue with security database migration command causing slow startup
- Resolved an issue where EZproxy was not cleaning up temporary files that are created when EZproxy retrieves SAML metadata from a URL. If there is a failure retrieving the metadata, EZproxy may leave a temporary file named xl####.xml behind during each failure. EZproxy now cleans up these files.
- Resolved a bug that potentially caused EZproxy hosted on Linux to crash. Previously if there were no logged in users and a specific URL was used to access the server EZproxy would become unresponsive. This has been resolved.
- Remedied a vulnerability where EZproxy session identifiers were previously included in the URLs presented on tables in the EZproxy admin status page. These values have been randomized to prevent identifying a user's specific session.

Known issues include:

- Potential for rules to trip if site uses Shibboleth authentication and usernames are not set in shibuser.txt.
- Rules with longer watch periods will consume more disk space.

[WorldShare Acquisitions Installation, December 2023](#)

- Enabling future budgets for use
- New "Will Not Receive" receipt status
- Restrict automated retrieval of files by file prefix

[WorldShare Circulation Installation, February 2024](#)

- Preview the modernized staff interface
- Use an improved interface for checking in items*
- View more item and request data and update holds directly from the title's hold queue*
- Send an ad-hoc, custom email notification to a patron*
- Monitor patron notifications more effectively with enhanced notification history*
- Automatically bill a patron that has created a borrowing request (PFL) in ZFL-Server
- Configure your integration with ZFL-Server to accept alternative title identifiers in lending requests (AFL)

Features marked with an asterisk () can only be accessed in the [modernized interface](#).*

[WorldShare Collection Manager Installation, January 2024](#)

- Limit collection searches using the new proxy enabled or disabled filter

- To prevent duplicate title information in global collections, new titles can no longer be added to global collections via KBART file upload. Users are still able to add new titles via KBART to local collections.
- Updates to proxy settings will now update correctly, with no delayed updated view for proxy settings in Collection Manager

Member Relations, Advocacy, Governance, and Training

Ginny Steel elected Chair, Tim Robinson takes seat on OCLC Board of Trustees

Ginny Steel, the Norman and Armena Powell University Librarian, University of California, Los Angeles, has been elected Chair, and Tim Robinson, Chief Executive Officer of Nationwide Children's Hospital, took his seat on the OCLC Board of Trustees today during the Board's November meeting.

The OCLC Board of Trustees guides the vision of OCLC, shaping its strategy and goals. The Board also fulfills the fiduciary duty of protecting OCLC's shared assets and investments. In addition, the Board is responsible for recruiting and working with the OCLC President and CEO, and for monitoring the organization through a dedicated audit process.

Full details are available in the [news release](#).

OCLC named 'Best Place to Work in IT' by Computerworld

[OCLC](#), the leading library technology and research organization, has been named the best place to work in IT among midsize global organizations on [Computerworld's 2024 Best Places to Work in IT](#) annual list. It is the second consecutive year that OCLC has been recognized as best in its class. With its staff of 1,200 worldwide, OCLC placed first in the category of midsize employers (1,001 to 4,999 employees).

This is the 14th time that OCLC has been selected among Computerworld's top workplaces for information technology (IT) professionals. The recognition is part of the IT publication's annual selection of the Best Places to Work in IT. While in past years the survey has been offered only to U.S.-based companies, the last two years Computerworld welcomed participation by organizations worldwide.

In addition to placing first overall in the midsize category, OCLC placed first for its diversity strategies programs, first for its exceptional benefits, seventh for hybrid work experience, and ninth for IT growth.

The Best Places to Work in IT list is an annual ranking of the top work environments for technology professionals by Computerworld. The list is compiled based on a survey of company attributes in categories such as benefits, career development, compensation, DEI, future of work, training, and retention. In addition, the rankings are reviewed and vetted by a panel of industry experts.

More about [careers at OCLC](#) is on the [OCLC](#) website.

Información Científica Internacional to distribute OCLC services in Mexico and Central America

OCLC is partnering with Información Científica Internacional ([ICI Cloud](#)), a leading library services organization based in Monterrey with offices in Mexico City, as a new distributor of OCLC services in Mexico, Guatemala, Panama, Honduras, and El Salvador.

ICI Cloud specializes in providing and supporting a wide range of library programs and services to academic, public, corporate, and government libraries. It is now representing OCLC for institutions interested in cataloging, resource sharing, WorldCat Discovery, CONTENTdm, WorldShare Management Services, WebDewey, and EZproxy services in these countries.

This new partnership represents a significant step forward in bringing libraries in Mexico and Central America into the global library community.

The ICI Cloud team has been working with libraries for more than 25 years in different capacities, such as IT, customer support, and sales.

More about [OCLC in Latin America](#) is on the website.

[Centering Community VOICE](#)

Are you looking to deepen or expand your library's outreach services for children and families from underserved communities, or would you like to build your library's outreach efforts but don't know where to begin? Have you been looking for ways to incorporate social justice principles into your outreach efforts? Would you like strategies for how to thoughtfully and compassionately provide outreach in communities whose identities and values are different from yours? Then we have the right course for you!

Centering Community VOICE includes in-depth, approachable content that guides you through a value-focused, outcomes-based process for developing, delivering, and assessing outreach programs for children and families from underserved groups. The self-paced course is designed for library staff at all levels who are interested in providing outreach services for children and families.

The course leads you through every step of the process from beginning to end. You'll learn how to begin this work, including methods for building internal buy-in and connecting with community partners, steps for uncovering and understanding the values your community holds, and methods for working with your community to identify and create outreach outcomes centered around their values. You can then measure those outcomes and use that data to demonstrate and communicate the impact of all that you do. Developed in partnership with 20 library staff conducting community outreach around the country, practitioner-tested tools and strategies guide each step of this process in a downloadable and printable workbook.

Additionally, the course provides modules on social justice principles and trauma-informed practices that you can apply to ensure your outreach programs and services are offered in an equitable and empathetic way with and for families in underserved communities.

OCLC Research

OCLC researchers co-author new publication: [Improving the Usability of Archaeological Data through Written Guidelines](#)

New publication out from *Cambridge University Press & Assessment*: [Improving the Usability of Archaeological Data through Written Guidelines](#) by Anne Austin (University of Missouri-St. Louis), [Ixchel M. Faniel](#) and [Brittany Brannon](#) (OCLC), and Sarah Witcher Kansa (Open Context).

Archaeologists frequently use written guidelines during excavations to create usable data within and across projects, but previous research has demonstrated that the resulting datasets are often difficult to (re)use. This study examined how archaeological excavation teams used and implemented written guidelines. The authors offer recommended best practices to improve the quality and usability of archaeological data and a Written Guidelines Checklist to help project directors improve their written guidelines before, during, and after fieldwork as part of a collaborative process.

New OCLC research report: [Building RDM capacity through strategic library collaboration](#)

OCLC Research has published the new report *Building Research Data Management Capacity: Case Studies in Strategic Library Collaboration*, which provides actionable recommendations based on real-world case studies that libraries can apply to make their own collaborations successful and sustainable.

Research data management is an increasingly vital strategic interest for academic libraries, and many collaborate with other libraries to scale resources and meet institutional RDM needs. Library collaboration is a strategic decision that can transform your institution's RDM capabilities, but successful and sustainable collaboration is not guaranteed and requires careful consideration. The report shares experiences and insights from the Texas Data Repository, Portage Network, and Data Curation Network to illuminate the challenges, opportunities, and considerations of building RDM service capacity through collaboration.

University of Utah Libraries join [the OCLC Research Library Partnership](#)

The University of Utah Libraries—including the J. Willard Marriott Library, Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, and the James E. Faust Law Library—have joined the OCLC Research Library Partnership.

The OCLC RLP supports focused programming and research in four areas crucial to research libraries:

- Research support
- Unique and distinctive collections
- Resource sharing
- Next generation metadata

Across these four areas, the RLP seeks to support libraries through the challenges of COVID-19 and to advance equity, diversity, and inclusion efforts. The RLP currently comprises 124 Partner institutions around the world.