

CMC Spring 2025 Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2025, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

CMC Members Present: Jen Hossack, Sydnie Tallman, Angela Claver, Jodie Moore, Paulette Parpart, Lyndy Parke, Elizabeth Fellerer, Kat Wilson, Aaron LaFromboise, Courtney Lujan, Anders Johnson

MSC staff present: Amy Marchwick, Laura Tretter, Mel Carroll, Melody Karle, Keiley McGregor

Guests present: Katie Burkhalter, Hannah Mundt, Hilary Woodward, Don Casey, Monika Wiger, Michelle Dorrence, Megan Thomas, Janet Livingston

Discussion Items

No Library Announcements

Minutes from 9/26/2024 meeting

No additions or changes to the CMC Fall Meeting. Final minutes will be posted to the MSC [Meeting Minutes and Recordings](#) KB article.

MSC Update

Will have session at MLA to discuss upcoming member meeting agenda and answer general questions. Member meeting will be held online after MLA, date TBD. Amy is waiting for final budget numbers to set the meeting date. MSC will also present a metadata session at MLA.

Discussion about best way to schedule CMC meetings. Looking at shorter more frequent meetings with a set consistent schedule. This will allow for more ease in scheduling and could open up participation for more MCS members. MSC staff will look at scheduling options. Please share input on the value of the committee to your professional life and on scheduling. Will continue to use Google Group listserv.

MARC 856 Tag Cleanup Progress

Melody reports that she has removed about 12,000 unnecessary 856 tags since the last meeting and will continue this work. The tags being removed are links that take patrons to irrelevant or inaccessible content. Legitimate 856 tags linking to useful resources are being kept. Melody will continue this cleanup work as an ongoing task without regular updates unless the committee requests them.

Enterprise Responsive Theme Discussion

Laura presented Enterprise responsive theme bundle, an enhancement package offered by SirsiDynix. The bundle includes features like a static search bar, collapsed facets, enhanced thumbnail views, hover over menus, Wikipedia integration, and improved responsiveness when

resizing the window on a desktop computer. While it offers aesthetic improvements, it does not add significant new functionality. Discussion about whether to pursue implementing this paid enhancement, considering that the new OPAC Discovery is expected within 1-2 years. The group liked the visual improvements and saw patron value in them, but question if it is enough to justify the cost and work at this time. MSC staff will continue monitoring free enhancements from SirsiDynix and implementing the most beneficial ones.

Enterprise Author Facet

Laura reviewed the improvement to the author facet in Enterprise made last year and demonstrated the ongoing issue with punctuation that splits authors in the facet. She has been working on a solution and hopes to make progress soon. We prefer to not go the route of regular batch updates in bib records to attempt to make punctuation more consistent, but can look at that if needed. The group agreed that removing the relator term from the facet is better than before but would still like to push additional improvements.

Manga/Series, Call Number Analytics & Related Issues

Melody presented a solution to address the issue of monographic serials and manga records, which are causing problems in attaching items to different bibs, applying call number analytics, and placing holds. MSC will split out these serial records into individual records for each volume. TV series and DVDs are not part of this split. MSC will remove the forced subfield Z functionality for the Dewey classification scheme. Catalogers will no longer add a space in between V. and the volume number in the call number [i.e. V.1] She also mentioned that they will be working on normalizing some of the series titles of manga records. The changes are expected to be implemented in May.

MSC next steps include:

- Continue splitting manga and monographic serial records into individual records
- Create and publish knowledge base articles and flow charts explaining when subfield Z is needed in a call number before May implementation
- Announce changes to the full membership via GovD and provide documentation for the new cataloging procedures
- Implement system update to Dewey class scheme to no longer automatically insert subfield Z in call numbers
- Batch remove spaces between V. and numbers in call numbers
- Identify and move periodicals using Dewey to Dewey Per classification
- Contact libraries using non-Dewey/non-Dewey Per class schemes to verify if intentional
- Check again with SirsiDynix about acquisitions parts and sets forcing bar Z

SmartPort Match Points

Laura discussed the problem of inadvertent overlays of bibliographic records, which could be resolved by matching only on OCLC numbers. Specifically, Laura shared plans to update SmartPort match points to match on OCLC number and remove ISBN, LCCN, ISSN, or UPC as match points. ISBN, etc. was added as match points to reduce the number of duplicate bib records for the same items. However, cleaning up duplicates is an easier problem to fix than overlays. And OCLC has

significantly improved their duplicate merging so we expect duplicate records will not be as big of an issue as it was in the past. MSC admins will meet with SirsiDynix representative next week to confirm the proposed change to match only on OCLC numbers.

Functional Item Type Review and Current Progress

Melody discussed the move towards a functional item types, which would replace the current format-based item types. Melody confirmed that item type works best when it reflects circulation, and Item Cat 1 can be used to reflect format. We continue to encourage libraries to switch to using functional item types. MSC admins look at your policies, review the changes, and make batch updates.

MSC admins are identifying VHS and audio cassette items that libraries hold and will reach out to individual libraries to update the item type and item cat 1 for those materials. For example, if your library circulates VHS for 14 days, we would update the item type for those items to 14DAY and Item Cat 1 to VHS.

Bib Records and Attachment Rules for Kits, Games, and Library of Things

Laura shared the need to expand attachment rules and cataloging guidelines to include library of things items, board games, puzzles, literacy kits, and media storage equipment (toniebox, yoto). The group agrees there is a need for more guidance on these items. We discussed the challenges of cataloging unique items like cake pans and the possibility of using generic shared records versus single records. Also discussed adding individual images in the catalog. MSC will investigate a Library of Things icon for Enterprise.

We will add creating documentation and guidelines for cataloging library of things, board games, puzzles, literacy kits, and new device types to the next meeting agenda.

URIs in MARC Records Update

Do not remove URIs [Uniform Resource Identifiers] from the various MARC tags they are found in. These are being added to MARC fields to pave the way for Linked Data and future developments with bibliographic data.

MSC will continue to work on suppressing URI displays in various workflow screens and Enterprise. Let MSC know if it is displaying in new MARC fields or in new places outside of the bib records in WorkFlows or Enterprise.

Laura will publish a new KB about URIs and their proper handling in the system.

Questions about Individual MARC Tags

We looked at specific MARC tags that CMC members had questions about, including the [655](#), [653](#), [650_4](#), [385](#), and [386](#) tags. Laura and Melody discussed the importance of maintaining newer MARC tags in the system, even if those tags are not currently in use in our system. They clarified that these tags are essential for future developments and should not be deleted. We also discussed the [019 tag](#), which is used when OCLC records are merged.

Two great places to look for information about specific MARC tags are:

[OCLC Bib Formats and Standards](#)

[Library of Congress Bibliographic Data](#)

Continue to reach out to MSC if you have questions about specific tags and how they work in the system, or possible errors.