Separate Form/Genre Thesaurus to be Established

The Policy and Standards Division (PSD) of the Library of Congress announced plans on June 17, 2010 to formally separate form/genre terms from the Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) list. The title of the thesaurus will be the *Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms for Library and Archival Materials* (LCGFT), and it will be published later this summer in the *Supplemental Vocabularies* volume of the 32nd edition of LCSH. In MARC21 bibliographic records, the genre/form terms will appear in the 655 field with a second indicator of “7” and the source code “lcgft” will be placed in subfield $2 (e.g., 655 -7 $a [Term], $2 lcgft). In MARC21 Authority records, the 008/11 will be coded “z” (Other), and the 040 $f field will be coded “lcgft”. LCCN’s for the genre/form terms will contain the prefix “gf”. The timeline for implementation will be late 2010 or early 2011. Further details can be found on the PSD Web site (http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/genreformthesaurus.html).

OCLC Webinar: Karen Smith-Yoshimura on Transitioning from and Beyond MARC

OCLC has posted links to the webinar (63.6 MB/1:28 min.) and slides (4.2 MB/42pp.) of Karen Smith-Yoshimura’s presentation to the 2010 RLG Annual Partnership meeting held in Chicago June 10, 2010 at http://www.oclc.org/research/events/20100610marc.pptx. The webinar can be viewed by visiting http://www5.oclc.org/downloads/research/webinars/20100610marc.m4v. She reviews the findings of working groups that analyzed MARC tag usage and its import for metadata practices.

Online Audiovisual Catalogers (OLAC) Conference

If you catalog audiovisual materials and have a yearning to go to Georgia, you may be interested in attending the next OLAC conference, which will be October 14-17, 2010 in Macon, Georgia. Online registration is available now. Details are on their Web site (http://www.olacinc.org/drupal/conference/2010/index.html).

LYRASIS Educational Opportunities

The following online courses are being offered soon. For a complete list of Summer 2010 courses offered by LYRASIS, see their PDF schedule at http://www.lyrasis.org/~/media/Files/Lyrasis/Classes%20and%20Events/Class%20Schedules/LYRASIS%20Summer%202010%20Schedule%202010.ashx.

LibraryThing for Libraries and You (10 AM-noon, August 17)
Basic MARC Tagging for Serials (10 AM-noon, August 17-18)
Koha Advanced Functions (10AM-noon, August 18)
Evergreen Cataloging Module (2-4 PM, August 18-19)