Did You Know…?

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Update on 3R Completion Project

The 3R work on the English language version of the LRM-based RDA Toolkit is complete. The current Beta Site will become the official site on December 15, 2020. While an end date for the original RDA Toolkit site has not been announced, an agreement for the start of the year-long countdown clock to begin will be determined sometime in 2021. Both the evaluation, writing, and review of policy statements and the resumption of a way to submit proposals to improve RDA are the factors that will influence when the countdown clock will start.

When the switchover takes place, the URL for the LRM-based RDA Toolkit will become access.rdatoolkit.org and the URL for the current version will become original.rdatoolkit.org. Libraries will then have over two years to become familiar with the new version of RDA before the original version is removed from the web. To read the full announcement, visit https://www.rdatoolkit.org/node/202.

WorldCat Validation

On November 14, 2019, OCLC installed changes to WorldCat validation, including the following new features and enhancements:
- OCLC-MARC validations of new MARC codes that were announced in the May 31, June 28, July 19, August 9, September 13, and October 4 and 11, 2019 Technical Notices.
- OCLC-MARC Bibliographic update 2019, Part Two.
- OCLC-MARC Authority update 2019, Part Two, to the validation rule set that includes all valid elements of MARC 21 Authority Format.
- OCLC-MARC Holdings update 2019, Part Two.
- More bibliographic fields that may be added to or edited in non-CONSER PCC Records.

Bug fixes include:
- Correction of relationship rules between bibliographic field 022 first indicator and the presence of field 042.
- Correction of relationship of authority field 034 subfield $2 to the Cartographic Data Source Codes List.
- Correction of bibliographic field 040 subfield $b to not repeatable.
- Correction of validation for MARC authentication action code "lacderived".
- Correction of validation error when ISSN is bracketed in bibliographic field 490 Subfield $x.

Visit https://tinyurl.com/w4jlld8 for links to the Technical Notices for the new MARC codes as well as Source Codes lists.

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No More Support for Windows 7

Due to Microsoft no longer supporting Windows 7, as of January 1, 2020, OCLC no longer supports Connexion client or the Label Program on Windows 7. If you use these programs and have not upgraded to Windows 10, it is time to do so in order to have continued support, updates, and fixes for these products.

URIs in MARC Pilot

Characterized by Paul Frank as a "ground-breaking pilot", the PCC launched a pilot program to "road test" the work that several PCC task groups have done to develop the concepts and policies around linked data. Primarily, participants will be adding identifiers to bibliographic and/or NACO authority records and will test and develop PCC best practices. A call for participants went out in October and the kickoff meeting was on December 3, 2019. The Pilot is estimated to last for six months and will be reevaluated by the PCC Policy Committee to determine if an extension is needed.

In addition to the 35 institutions involved in the Pilot, the Steering Group includes members from the Linked Data Advisory Committee, the Standing Committee on Applications, the Standing Committee on Standards, the PCC Task Group on Identity Management in NACO, and OCLC.