

LSTA Cooperative Cataloging Project

November 2022 Update

NWLS staff held an initial meeting with the WiLS consultants, Melody and Kim, to discuss the timeline of survey and focus groups. We will be working on an accelerated timeline since the grant approval came later than expected. Targeted survey launch will be mid-November.

This project will result in a final report outlining findings related to public library cataloging, with the potential to include academic libraries. The overarching goals of the project include:

1. Making cataloging data cleaner utilizing standards to support library catalog users having a more consistent experience discovering materials.
2. Making cataloging materials more consistent through the development of baseline best practices and/or standards.
3. Preparing for the potential future of a shared discovery layer.

Survey: Our survey will be the key data collection method and the majority of this work.

Inclusive subjects: Questions on the survey and follow up focus groups will help us establish mapping of inclusive subject headings to standardize the use of alternative vocabularies where deficiencies exist in Library of Congress Subject Headings.

Native content creators: NWLS staff have made contact with librarians at Hennepin County (MN) who created a pilot program to improve name authority records for Native content creators. We will work on partnerships with these librarians as well as the Wisconsin NACO Funnel and the Wisconsin Historical Society to further the accessibility of Native American content in our catalogs.

Systems involved in this collaboration include:

- Bridges Library System (Bridges)
- IFLS Library System (IFLS)
- Milwaukee County Federated Library System (MCFLS)
- Monarch Library System (Monarch)
- Northern Waters Library Service (NWLS)
- Outagamie Waupaca Library System (OWLS)
- Winding Rivers Library System (WRLS)
- Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS)