

V-Cat Bibliographic and Interface Committee Report - November 2022

Meeting October 18, 2022

Topics discussed:

- Diacritics
WVLS ILS Administration staff is continuing to identify records needing improvement. They are working with Backstage to create and test a profile that will allow a batch overlay of the bibs, similar to the subject headings project.
- Larger print
The recommendation on Large Print Materials was most recently viewed by V-Cat Council in September 2021, prior to Aspen implementation. We have since learned that Aspen pulls information from multiple fields in the MARC record when determining whether to label an item large print. The committee discussed the means by which we can align our MARC records (and thus our Aspen display) with the current recommendation. Further research is ongoing.
- Blu-ray/DVD combo format display in Aspen
Blu-Ray/DVD combos do not always display correctly in Aspen. They may display as “Blu-ray/DVD combo” or “Blu-ray” or “DVD”. Just as with “larger print” this is due to Aspen pulling information from multiple fields in the MARC record. It is not a “flaw” in Aspen so much as it is a product of our incomplete understanding of Aspen. The committee discussed the multiple possible edits that will produce the desired (correct) display, with an eye toward producing a simple instruction for all V-Cat catalogers. Research continues.
- On Order item records
In an effort toward more inclusive language, the Bib committee agreed to rename “Dummy” items to “On Order” items. These are “temporary” or “placeholder” item records added to a bib to allow holds to be placed before the actual item is cataloged.
- Memorial 959 field indexing
WVLS staff have been working to make the 959 field searchable in Aspen (as it has always been in Sierra). However, storing item-level information at bib-level is not ideal. There is no automatic process to remove it when the item is withdrawn. Retaining the information is not harmful, except possibly for reasons of customer service. Consensus of the committee was that individual libraries with concerns are always free to reach out to WVLS staff, but the committee is taking no action at this time.
- Subfield |1 author name in 100 field
Author 100 1 Eliot, Marc, |eauthor. |1<https://isni.org/isni/0000000116037033>. This ISNI number will be retained in newly imported records as it may be important for linked data in the future. It displays in Sierra but not Aspen.
- Reports of the ILS Administrator and ILS Support Specialist
- ISBN 979 prefixes
The United States ISBN Agency (operated by Bowker) has begun assigning ISBNs starting with the prefix element 979.
- Next meeting: January 24, 2023

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