

# V-Cat Bibliographic and Interface Committee Report - January 2023

Last meeting Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Topics discussed:

Aspen update

- Larger print  
OCLC (from which V-Cat obtains most of its bib records) rules allow anything carrying a “large print” or “larger print” label to be coded “large print.” Aspen pulls from these codes, resulting in a number of non-large print records displaying as “large print” in the V-Cat catalog. The committee believes the best approach is to work toward training catalogers to edit the bibs to the correct format at the point of cataloging. The cleanup process for older bibs is still being determined. It may be possible to use Global Update, or it may need to be done individually.
- Blu-ray/DVD combo format display  
Best advice at present: 250 Edition **Blu-ray + DVD [combo pack]**  
Rachel will request a meeting with Aspen to learn what needs to be done to facilitate correct display.
- Board books/Big books  
Aspen recently added a “Board book” format, but does not have a “Big book” format. It groups “Big books” with “Books”. Aspen does display book dimensions (“Big books” are generally 35 cm and up), but no other information serves to differentiate regular-size from “Big book” editions. Rachel will ask Aspen to add a “Big book” format. Meanwhile, we will rely on patron education to prevent unwanted holds.

Diacritics update

- BackStage has completed mapping of the diacritics to be corrected.
- Next step: Review of the mapping by Rachel.

Report of the ILS Support Specialist

- Added to list of monthly cleanup tasks:
  - Items marked for deletion (approx. 6000/month): Rachel is exporting the items’ location codes in order to help V-Cat libraries track the types of items they are discarding.
- Update on LSTA Cooperative Cataloging Grant
- V-Cat Cataloging Training Schedule 2023 – In-person training is being planned for October 5. All other trainings will be virtual.

March 8	Items	September 20	Items
March 15	MARC alerts	September 25	MARC alerts
March 22	Z39.50	October 5	Z39.50

2023 Meeting dates: March 7, May 9, August 8, October 3, December 5.

Other: Rachel will send out instructions on retaining alternate ISBNs in imported bib records.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2023

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