

September 2024

Last meeting Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Split Blu-ray/DVD combo update

The instructions for splitting Blu-ray/DVD combo packs into separate bibs are being revised to make them work better with Aspen.

Easy reader boxed sets keyword search

Easy reader boxed sets are more easily searchable by keyword with the addition of a local subject heading to the bib record: **Subject 690 _ 7 Easy reader boxed sets.** Interested libraries can ask Rachel for more information.

ISNI numbers/WorldCat Entities

As these numbers may have future usefulness in linked data and do not create display issues in Aspen or Sierra, we will retain them.

979 ISBN prefix

ISBNs with a 979 prefix do not have a 10-digit equivalent. Nevertheless, these “false equivalent” 10-digit ISBNs have come into our catalog (one possible source: vendor records) and may potentially causes issues. The committee is investigating and creating a plan to deal with them.

Aspen updates

- “Force re-index” function improved.
- Aspen can be slow to update when a large number of records are being edited at once. Report issues lasting more than a few minutes to help@librarieswin.org
- In Staff View, click “Diagnostics” to see why Aspen chose to assign the format it did. (“bib level format Book based on 300 Physical Description” . . . “based on Leader” . . .)
- Aspen sandbox is set up and instructions are forthcoming.
- Saved searches retained only 24 hours.
- Alternate titles and authors – if you see errors, please report them.
- Aspen is stripping [graphic novel] from titles and now has a “Manga” label separate from “Graphic Novel”.
- Subject searches with punctuation now work.
- Aspen introduced an Accesible Layout Browse Category option to increase accessibility for users who navigate with a keyboard instead of a mouse. Not enabled on V-Cat library sites yet – will be tested on Aspen test site.

Report of ILS Support Specialist

Update on work of the grant-paid catalogers. Backstage update: records sent to Backstage to improve them for matching in the event of a migration: Insertion of Physical Description (300 field) and Insertion of OCLC numbers and overall updating to current OCLC record, in addition to regular quarterly Backstage work.

Report of ILS Administrator

V-Cat Training Topics Survey. High demand – turnover to sharing-Item types – help is available to libraries who need it.

Future meeting dates: October 8, December 3.

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