

V-Cat Bibliographic and Interface Committee Report

November 2024

Last meeting Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Series information to consider removing

The group reviewed a list of “series-which-are-not-actually-a-series” headings for possible removal. They are mainly publishers’ series, for example: “Aladdin classics”, “Bantam classic”, “Brilliance audio on compact disc”. They appear to be of little use to our patrons and contribute to clutter in the catalog. The list may not be complete, but it is a start on the work. Committee members are asked to:

- Share the list with their colleagues for feedback.
- Add additional series to the list as needed.
- Consider headings which might be helpful to move to other places within a bib record such as a 500 note or subject heading.
- Report back to WVLS staff by November 6.
- It is not yet known what the removal process will look like – Global update, BackStage?

Aspen update

The Aspen test server is live. The url for each library’s test site begins with “test-“. Katie is waiting for clarification from Bywater on the interaction/syncing of the test sites and the live site and will share when she receives it. In general, with a test server, Aspen Administration settings can be adjusted and viewed without having to worry about library users’ experience on the live site. This includes global settings which affect all libraries’ sites or system variables that are unique to an individual library’s site. WVLS will make most changes and V-Cat libraries are invited to provide feedback. A list of possible future projects was viewed.

Katie & Rachel then presented a proposal to edit the order by which formats display within a grouped work. Currently Aspen displays all formats alphabetically, but we may wish to sort them in a way which is more intuitive, with physical formats sorted by most common to least common first, and all digital formats at the bottom. A screenshot showing the current sort order on the live site vs. the proposed order on the test site was displayed. Library staff members who work with Aspen are invited to seek out examples on their own, think about what their patrons would want, and offer feedback. The changes made will be highlighted at the V-Cat Council meeting on 11/14.

Procedure review and edit

Cataloging of single Tonie figurines.

Other items

Set 2025 meeting dates. 3/11, 5/13, 8/12, 10/14, 12/9.

NOTE 11/4/2024: due to a scheduling conflict, the 3/11/2025 meeting is tentatively changed to 2/25/2025.

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