

V-Cat Bibliographic and Interface Committee Report

February 2025

Last meeting Tuesday, December 3, 2024

653 Subject headings

653 – Index Term – Uncontrolled (not derived from a controlled thesaurus or subject heading system)

Example: b18526846 Sam Squirrel / by Suzanne Selfors ; illustrated by Ramona Kaulitzki.

Subject 653 ADVENTUROUS|aMOTHER NATURE|aCRITTERS|aDEDICATION
|aPERSISTENCE|aSPRING|aWHIMSICAL|aTEAMWORK|aBESTSELLING AUTHOR
|aRISE OF THE GUARDIANS|aSQUIRREL|aANIMALS|aWEDGIE AND GIZMO
|aIN OVER THEIR HEAD|aENCOURAGEMENT|aSPIRITED CLEVER HEROINE
|aWOODLAND CREATURES|aQUAINT|aSWEET|Aforest

- Searchable as Keywords
- Do not display in Aspen (visible in staff view only)
- Possible options for removal, applies to new records only:
 - Global Update
 - BackStage processing
 - Sierra load profile
- Future importance for BIBFRAME?
- Research and discuss February meeting

Series information to consider removing- update

We reached out to library staff members for feedback on the proposal to remove “not-actually-a-series” entries from our bib records to clean up the Aspen series links and discussed the responses. There seemed to be general agreement that they create a cluttered appearance in the catalog AND are also occasionally useful.

- Moving genre-based series headings (“LT”, “Harlequin”) to 500 notes field would retain Keyword searchability
- Staff could be trained to find them in Create Lists or Browse Query
- All options require maintenance – new records
- Group decided to explore options to HIDE display of certain series in Aspen. Wouldn't require change to every bib, low maintenance
- Discuss next meeting

Request for agenda items

Red fields in bib records

Additional Sierra Material Types

Upcoming Meetings

2025 meeting dates: 2/25, 5/13, 8/12, 10/14, 12/9

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