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Catapult : newsletter of the LIANZA Cataloguing Special Interest Group

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Editorial comment

Catapult is the quarterly newsletter of CatSIG (Cataloguing Special Interest Group). The responsibility for editing Catapult is shared around libraries or individual committee members. I am the editor for this edition and the next. I am currently a cataloguer at Upper Hutt City Library, but in April I am moving self and family to Hastings to be a cataloguer at Hasting District Libraries.

Jessie Moir, editor

Catapult online

Archived issues are available on the Describe NZ wiki:
http://www.describe.org.nz/

CatSIG news

CatSIG sponsored Rachel Black from the Shepherd's Bible College in Hawke's Bay to attend the LIANZA Conference held in Dunedin. Below is her report.

Exciting opportunity

Working in a small academic library in the regions, being sole charge, the only library in the region using LCC or Koha ILS, it is easy to feel isolated - out of the loop. It has been exciting and rewarding building a library from scratch in a new college. However there have been many challenges too – not least of which is – how do I stay current in a field with so many changes? Until our latest project (upgrading the ILS - all in-house) I would have said ninety percent of my work was cataloguing. There are big changes happening in cataloguing. We are not resourced enough to be Te Puna affiliated so access to RDA training is going to be limited. I rely on open source and peers for my training.
Imagine then, the excitement of learning I had won a scholarship to conference via CatSIG. Even more so when I discovered the cheapest from of

travel allowed me to visit other libraries on the way. I found the Timaru Public Library particularly interesting – unusual modern architecture making full use of natural light.

The conference itself was great. I did have trouble finding it but once there found it really relaxing walking amongst the old buildings, along the river amongst the greenery. The trade stands were well laid out and easy to explore. It was easy to see the changes in technology as e-books and their related hardware were well represented. A lot was packed into the conference and timing was important. I had to choose between two conflicting AGMs and was late despite skipping lunch altogether due to a previous session running over. Fast walking between venues was essential too. Certainly anyone with shorthand skills would have better notes but I wrote furiously as our learned speakers shared their knowledge. The overall calibre of speakers was high. I did manage to get some information on RDA though not as much as I expected. I realize not all librarians are cataloguers but it is an area going through change.

The tour of the university library was interesting. I was really encouraged to see the study spaces were not rabbit warrens but more like birds nests with a view of huge spaces.

It was helpful to have presentations on revalidation of professional journals including a practical session. Where are libraries going now? It seems the issues of the future will be digital vs hard copy and trained staff vs unskilled supervisors.
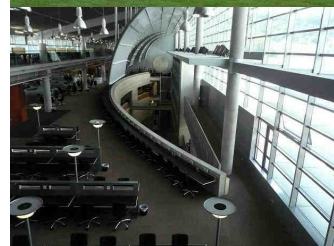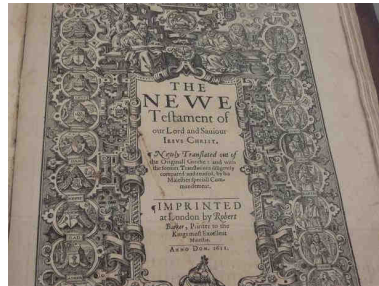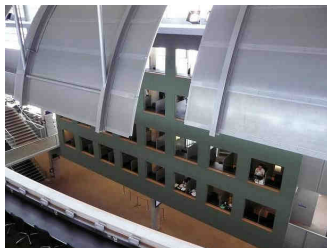
Not all speakers were directly library related. One of the sessions I found most inspiring was "Dare to dream" presented by former Telecom CEO Teresa Gattung. The general public know little about her, other than she seemed to be in the hot seat while Telecom went through huge changes. She was a very inspiring speaker, with nothing special about her background other than a drive to work hard and succeed. She is well practiced at picking herself up when things don't work and encouraged us not to let failures determine who we are but rather to persevere all the more. If one wants something badly enough, it can be achieved. "You can start with nothing and do anything, or you can start with nothing and end with nothing". Attitude determines a lot. Till then I had believed that she was a hard businesswoman but by the end of the session I deeply admired her as a real woman who has overcome the odds – and an inspiration to all who heard her speak.

It is good that some presentations from conference are usually available on the site later. Many can't get everything down, or even attend at all. Yet, the thing most enjoyable about conference was the people. It felt good to be surrounded by people with like interests and similar skills, to chat with others who face the same challenges, getting to know new people. We had some relaxing times too, on a train journey or dinner at Larnach's Castle (read their history – real life can be more lurid than a soap opera) – another chance to make new friends. It was also great finally meeting people who were previously names at the bottom of an email, almost like meeting an old friend. I was disappointed to miss one person I knew was there but could not find. Yes, I did feel a little embarrassed walking around staring at other people's chests, trying to identify names. Perhaps future conferences could have a message board for attendees to leave notes for each other.

Another special treat, particularly for a theological librarian, was to discover that the Dunedin Public Library was hosting a display of old biblical manuscripts. I managed a brisk walk one evening and caught a short visit before the library closed for the evening. I was really pleased to learn we were permitted to take photographs though they are of limited value with the glass between. I would never have seen this display at all if I was not already in town for the conference. As I looked at those ancient books published many hundreds of years ago, I thought about how they were not just information but detailed works of art. I also considered that we can still read them. Those who promote digital storage over hard copy must remember that technology is changing so fast we may be locking our information into a fixed time zone. I can no longer access information on my floppy disks or audiocassettes because I don't have the technology to read them. Imagine in five hundred years whether anything I load into my computer now can be accessed or not. Yet, the hard copy book published today will still be readable, sans technology.

After all that, was it a worthwhile exercise travelling so far? Definitely! Do I appreciate the opportunity afforded to me by this sponsorship? Definitely. I thank the SIG very much indeed for this chance.

Rachel Black
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Presentations on RDA from the LIANZA Conference

The following presentations given at the LIANZA Conference in Dunedin are available on the RDA presentations page on the DescribeNZ wiki http://www.describe.org.nz/

RDA coming (not so) soon to a catalogue near you – presented by Chris Todd
DIY RDA @ NLNZ – presented at the CatSIG meeting by NLNZ cataloguers

Māori Subject Headings (MSH) Update Feb 2011

49 new MSH have been added to the thesaurus, Ngā Ūpoko Tukutuku, as of February 2011. (http://mshupoko.natlib.govt.nz/mshupoko/recent.htm). 25 established terms have also had some changes made to them, including clearer scope notes in English and Te Reo Māori. (http://mshupoko.natlib.govt.nz/mshupoko/changedtermsFebruary2011.htm).

In 2011, the MSH project team are looking to expand headings under **Ohaoha** (Economics) and **Tōrangapū** (Politics) as well as a host of other areas based on requests made for new headings. We are also researching *Taonga* (Treasured items, artefacts, property, etc), to see whether it can become a Top Term in the thesaurus.

If you have a new term you would like the project team to work on, please email reo@dia.govt.nz and tell us what you want, and what you were cataloguing which generated the request. We're also happy to answer questions about usage of the headings.

Auckland Name Changes

On Nov. 1, 2010, the Auckland "super city" was created under the authority of the new Auckland Council. Authority work has been carried out on the associated geographic and council name headings based on recently received publications and websites containing relevant information.

Geographic subject headings

Auckland (N.Z.) is the geographic name heading for the new city, which now covers a much larger area than before.

Auckland (N.Z. : Region) no longer exists as a subject heading or a geographic subdivision because the area it covered is more or less the same as the area covered by the new Auckland city (see the Library of Congress Subject headings manual, H708). We have asked the Library of Congress to add a subject usage note to the geographic name authority record saying that this heading is no longer valid for use as a subject.

If you are now cataloguing an item that covers the Auckland region, the subject heading to use in the 651 is Auckland (N.Z.) with the subdivision $z New Zealand $z Auckland in the 650.

Because this applies to items that have been published both before and after the name change, we will be making changes to existing bibliographic records but these will take place over a long period of time.

Manukau (N.Z.), North Shore City (N.Z.), Waitakere (N.Z.), Papakura District (N.Z.), Franklin District (N.Z.) and Rodney District (N.Z.) have all been absorbed into the new Auckland city. However, these headings can still be used as geographic subject headings and geographic subject subdivisions for areas corresponding to one of the pre-merger jurisdictions.

If you are cataloguing an item on house prices in the former North Shore City area, the subject heading to use in the 651 is North Shore City (N.Z.) with the subdivision $z New Zealand $z North Shore City in the 650.

This may seem strange but it is explained in the Library of Congress Subject headings manual, H710, which tells you to assign the heading for the pre-merger jurisdiction even if the jurisdiction no longer exists or the heading is not valid for descriptive access for that time period.

Headings for suburbs

Changes are being made to the qualifiers used for suburbs in the new Auckland city. For example, Howick (Manukau, N.Z.) is being changed to Howick (Auckland, N.Z.).

If you are cataloguing an item on Howick, the subject heading to use in the 651 is Howick (Auckland, N.Z.) with the subdivision $z New Zealand $z Auckland in the 650.

Council name headings

On Nov. 1, 2010, Auckland Council was created, replacing the regional council and the seven local councils. The heading to use for the new Auckland Council is **Auckland (N.Z.). Council**. Earlier/later name references have been added between it and the previous regional and local council name headings. All these name headings can be used in bibliographic records depending on the name appearing on the item in hand.

If you are cataloguing an annual report of the Auckland Regional Council, the heading Auckland (N.Z. : Region). $b Regional Council can be used in the 110, 610 or 710 fields.

We will keep you informed of any future developments. In the meantime, if you have any queries or require more information, please contact:

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Items in brief

Analysis of MARC fixed fields

Karen Coyle has developed a wiki in which she presents her analysis of the 007 and 008 fixed fields. She says "Note that these files, in fact the whole project, is basically an attempt at a proof of concept. Treat it as totally BETA and make any comments, suggestions, etc. that you want. If you see this as being useful, feel free to volunteer some time to make it better."
http://futurelib.pbworks.com/w/page/29114548/MARC-elements

[Source: Coyle's Information Blog, January 22, 2011]

Cataloguing artefacts

Not how to catalogue artefacts, but rather a wonderful display of the same. Janet Swan Hill has a powerpoint of photos of the various cataloguing artefacts that she and others have collected; worth a look at how things used to be.
http://spot.colorado.edu/~hilljs/Cataloging%20artifacts%20OLA.pdf

[Source: AUTOCAT, December 16, 2010]

Code4lib conference 2011

The links to the archived sessions from this conference held in February are now available. Diane Hillman's keynote address found in Session 1 has been recommended.
http://www.indiana.edu/~uits/code4lib/program/sessions.php

[Source: Autocat, February 8, 2011]

Dept. stays

The Library of Congress will not undertake changing headings with the abbreviation "Dept." to the fuller form at this time. Between August 20-October 1, 2010, the Library requested comments from the library community on

changing "Dept." to "Department" to follow the longstanding AACR2 provision (which is also incorporated into RDA: Resource Description and Access) of not abbreviating "department" in headings unless it is abbreviated by the body on the resource from which the name has been taken.

The few comments received by the Policy and Standards Division, Library of Congress, via email showed a clear preference for making this change but the limited response did not constitute a mandate. In addition those opposed to the change had solid reasons for not undertaking the change at this time. Consequently, the Library's Policy and Standards Division will NOT proceed with implementing the change now. The issue will be reviewed again, following a decision regarding implementation of RDA.

[Source: Catalogablog, December 22, 2010]

Digital Curation and Preservation Bibliography

Version 2 of this bibliography is now available from Digital Scholarship as an XHTML website with live links to many included works. The bibliography includes over 500 articles, books and technical reports that are useful in understanding digital curation and preservation. All included works are in English. It is available under a Creative Commons Attribution-Noncommercial 3.0 United States License.
http://digital-scholarship.org/dcpb/dcpb.htm

[Source: AUTOCAT, January 17, 2011]

Ebooks

Christine Schwartz makes some interesting comments about ebooks in her blog, Cataloging Futures, but also highly recommends Eric Hellman's blog as an excellent commentary on the subject.
http://www.catalogingfutures.com/catalogingfutures/2011/01/ebooks-this-cataloging-futurist.html
http://go-to-hellman.blogspot.com/2010/12/2010-summary-libraries-are-still.html

[Source: Cataloging Futures January 21, 2011]

First instalment of US RDA test records posted

The following was posted by LC: A new Web page has been established to post test records submitted by those institutions involved as formal and informal test participants of the US RDA Test at
http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/RDAtest/rdatestrecords.html

As more records are received, the files on that page will be updated, so please check back for additional records-- so far the records are all MARC 21 and must be viewed with software capable of handling MARC records (you may need to change the file extension to use the records in your favorite software). Some non-MARC records will be posted soon.

While any institution is welcome to download and analyze the records, we ask that you send a short email indicating you have done so to lchelp4rda@loc.gov<mailto:lchelp4rda@loc.gov to help the US RDA Test Coordinating Committee gauge the level of interest in the test records.

The testers are a dedicated group and have been hard at work, but certain caveats should be kept in mind when viewing the records-- they are identified at the link given above.

[Source: AUTOCAT, December 2, 2010]

FRBRizing an E-Library : Migrating from Dublin Core to FRBR and MODS

Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado, developed an open-source eCataloger Framework, based on Dublin Core metadata, on Google's App Engine to manage and serve electronic resources to the library's patrons. Pressed to find new solutions for failing manual workflows for serials and government document resource management, the eCataloger Framework was extended to FRBR to automate and enhance serials management and government documents receiving. Based on successfully FRBRizing the eCataloger, Western State College converted their e-Library management from Dublin Core to FRBR and MODS. This paper examines the processes of each of these implementations using Python, AJAX, and jQuery, the details of the FRBR data model, including using FRBRoo, and the successful user interface supported by a FRBRized catalog.
http://journal.code4lib.org/articles/4357

[Source: The FRBR Blog January 15, 2011]

IMDB to MARC

David Bigwood draws attention to a tool created by Charles Ledvina that converts IMDB information to MARC. He has already done one for use with Amazon. The prototype is located at http://amazon.libcat.org/cgi-bin/imdb2marc.pl.

[Source: Catalogablog, January 22, 2011]

LCGFT for Moving Image Material

Library of Congress is constantly updating the genre/form terms for moving image material. Cataloguers of AV items may want to peruse these updates available from LC. An example is provided at
http://olacinc.org/drupal/capc_files/GenreFormHeadingsList.pdf

[Source: OLAC, December 21, 2010]

LibraryThing tackles FRBR

LibraryThing is increasingly drawing on FRBR concepts, particularly for relationships. These are some examples:
is a retelling of
is a (non-series) sequel to
is a (non-series) prequel to
is an adaptation of
is an unabridged version of
is an expanded version of
is a parody of
is a reply to
was inspired by
is a study of
reference guide/companion to
is a supplement to
is a commentary on the text of
is a concordance to
is a student's study guide to
is a teacher's guide to
http://www.librarything.com/wiki/index.php/HelpThing:Work/Relationships

[Source: The FRBR Blog, February 18, 2011]

Mod Librarian blog

Tracy Guza started a blog fairly recently. She sums up her subject matter as covering "such topics for the modern library [as] digitization, metadata, taxonomy, social media, design for seamless user experience, marketing and sometimes, just books..."
http://modlibrarian.posterous.com/

[Source: Cataloging Futures, February 9, 2011]

New book: Blogging and RSS : a Librarian's Guide

David Bigwood mentions a new book, Blogging and RSS : a Librarian's Guide by Michael P. Sauers, in which he features as one of the people interviewed. http://catalogablog.blogspot.com/2011/02/blogging-and-rss-librarians-guide.html

[Source: Catalogablog, February 4, 2011]

New book: Conversations with catalogers in the 21st century

In her blog, Christine Schwartz reviews this book to which she contributed. It is edited by Elaine Sanchez, and contains essays by several of today's cataloguers who regularly discuss cataloguing issues in blogs and listservs. http://www.abc-clio.com/product.aspx?isbn=9781598847024

[Source: Cataloging Futures, January 4, 2011]

RDA, AACR2 and You: survey results

Last year, Elaine Sanchez undertook a survey to gain an understanding of respondents' feelings about and knowledge of RDA's structure and its implementation. The 668 responses included some from New Zealand. The survey results can be viewed at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/sr.aspx?sm=lyKPc8gLqpITF_2fK8K127v7qTJG7nV8ODAEclJJOthnQ_3d
Her initial analysis can be viewed at: http://ecommons.txstate.edu/libstaff/25/
She also has a slide show of a presentation on the survey that she gave at the RDA@Your Library webinar presented by Amigos on February 4: http://www.slideshare.net/es02/sanchez-presentationfinalrev5

[Source: AUTOCAT, February 10 & 15, 2011]

RDA for dummies

There are an increasing number of requests for basic resources describing RDA. If you feel in need of something like this, one resource recommended can be found at: http://www.rda-jsc.org/rdapresentations.html

[Source: AUTOCAT, January 13, 2011]

RDA test results

The results of the Continuing Resources Cataloging Committee's Informal RDA Testing Task Force are now available.

http://connect.ala.org/files/26885/20110105_informalrdasummary_pdf_20407.pdf

[Source: AUTOCAT, January 8, 2011]

Reorganising DDC

A lengthy discussion on this topic in Autocat produced a couple of interesting links to articles about different approaches being adopted by public libraries to make their collections more user-friendly.
http://library.ryde.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/OPAC/COLLECTION
http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2011-02-18/news/ct-met-drop-dewey-20110218_1_dewey-decimal-system-main-library-newer-books

[Source: AUTOCAT, February 28, 2011]

Report: The Survey of Library & Museum Digitization Projects

Primary Research Group has published a report that "looks closely at how academic, public and special libraries and museums are digitizing special and other collections." For more information check their website.
http://www.PrimaryResearch.com/

[Source: AUTOCAT, December 3, 2010]

The role of the cataloguer in the 21st century

A guest post in the High Visibility Cataloguing blog discussed this topic. It contains the link to an article written by Lynne Dyer a couple of years ago, and Lynne's recent update of the material.
http://highvisibilitycataloguing.wordpress.com/2011/01/25/guest-post-the-role-of-the-cataloguer-in-the-21st-century/

[Source: Cataloging Futures, February 8, 2011]

What skills should a cataloguer have in 2010 and beyond?

This question on Autocat in early December generated some interesting replies. Check them out in Week 1 of December 2010.

[Source: AUTOCAT, December 1, 2010]

Dewey Blog

Dewey 23 sneak preview webinar

The "DDC 23: Sneak Preview" webinar presented twice on March 10 (and attended by 800+ Dewey users from around the world) is now available for playback or download: **http://littleurl.info/d9r**

[Source: Dewey Blog, March 17, 2011]

Canine anatomy

A query about a book on dog anatomy prompted an explanation of the distinction between domesticated animals in 630 and animals in general in 570.
http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2010/12/canine-anatomy.html

[Source: Dewey Blog, December 4, 2010]

Siblings, family and personality

This entry looks at aspects of family relationships and how these are classified, and discusses which works to classify in social psychology and which belong in pure psychology.
http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2010/12/siblings-family-and-personality.html

[Source: Dewey Blog, December 7, 2010]

Food allergies: medicine and cooking

The release of new guidelines for the diagnosis and management of food allergies prompted an entry discussing the different classification numbers for various aspects of this topic.
http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2010/12/food-allergies-medicine-and-cooking.html

[Source: Dewey Blog, December 21, 2010]

Patchwork and quilting

Public library cataloguers can testify to the popularity of books on this topic. This entry looks at classification for patchwork and quilting and other similar crafts.
http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2010/12/patchwork-and-quilting.html

[Source: Dewey Blog, December 30, 2010]

Indian, Italian and French cooking

This entry reviews the classification numbers for a variety of different cookbooks.
http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2011/01/indian-italian-and-french-cooking.html

[Source: Dewey Blog, January 4, 2011]

Floods in Australia

In the previous Catapult, we highlighted the Dewey Blog's item about floods and other disasters triggered by the Pakistan floods. The Australian floods have led to an entry about Queensland, coalmining and greenhouse gases.
http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2011/01/floods-in-australia.html

[Source: Dewey Blog, January 5, 2011]

Elections: political parties

A follow-up to an earlier item on campaigns and voting, this one concerns political parties and other political organisations
http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2011/01/elections-political-parties.html

[Source: Dewey Blog, January 13, 2011]

Harps

The Dewey treatment for books about harps and of music for harps is discussed in this item.
http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2011/01/harps.html

[Source: Dewey Blog, January 15, 2011]

Electric and hybrid electric automobiles: technology

This is a topical subject as the world grapples with impending fuel shortages. Much more is being written on the topic, so the Dewey numbers for various aspects of the subject are discussed in this item.
http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2011/01/electric-and-hybrid-electric-automobiles-technology.html

[Source: Dewey Blog, January 19, 2011]

Seeds for gardens:

takes a look at various aspects of seeds from both the botanical and the gardening/agricultural angle.
http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2011/01/seeds-for-gardens.html

Chemistry

2011 is the International Year of Chemistry. This has sparked an item covering the Dewey treatment of many aspects of chemistry.
http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2011/02/chemistry.html

[Source: Dewey Blog, February 11, 2011]

Evolution and ecology

The classification of various aspects of both evolution and ecology are covered in this item.
http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2011/02/-evolution-and-ecology.html

[Source: Dewey Blog, February 19, 2011]

Personal finance: debt management

This item looks at the Dewey numbers for debt management, be it business, personal or public debt.
http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2011/03/personal-finance-debt-management.html

[Source: Dewey Blog, March 5, 2011]