WorldCat Validation release notes, December 2018

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Introduction

This release of changes to WorldCat validation involves the following:

- OCLC-MARC validations of new MARC codes announced August 2018 through October 12, 2018
- New bibliographic field 040 subfield $b validation requirement
- Library and Archives Canada subject headings and authorizations
- Correction of Relationship Rules for bibliographic field 046

These enhancements are the result of announcements of new MARC Codes by the Library of Congress and user feedback.

New features and enhancements

Library and Archives Canada subject headings and authorizations

Before the changes to validation, Canadian Subject Headings added to the Canadiana authority file, accessible through WorldShare Record Manager, were generating validation errors because of their alphabetic prefix “cash”.

After the changes to validation, Canadian Subject Headings with the alphabetic prefix “cash” are passing validation.

Additionally, LAC (OCLC symbol: NLC) is now able to add and change fields 015, 055, and 084 in bibliographic records.

New bibliographic field 040 subfield $b validation requirement

Before the changes to validation, a bibliographic record was not required to include a language of cataloging in field 040 subfield $b.

After the changes to validation, field 040 subfield $b must be supplied for all bibliographic records, including derived records. This brings validation into alignment with the mandatory input standards for field 040 subfield $b (Language of Cataloging). See the definition of field 040 subfield $b in BFAS here. If you are cataloging within the United States, it is most likely that your cataloging language is English, so you will use the “eng” code. If you are cataloging in Spain, it is most likely that your cataloging language is Spanish, so you will use “spa” as your code, and so on.
OCLC-MARC validations of new MARC codes announced August 2018 through October 12, 2018

Full details of the new MARC Codes announced in three Library of Congress Technical Notices issued between August 2018 and October 12, 2018, are available in the following LC Technical Notices:

- Additions to Source Codes for Vocabularies, Rules, and Schemes (October 12, 2018)
- Additions to Source Codes for Vocabularies, Rules, and Schemes (September 21, 2018)
- Additions to Source Codes for Vocabularies, Rules, and Schemes (August 31, 2018)

Bug fixes

Correction of relationship rules for bibliographic field 046

Before the changes to validation, bibliographic field 046 could not contain both subfields $c and $e.

After the changes to validation, both subfields $c and $e can coexist in the same bibliographic field 046, with the presence of subfield $a. All other bibliographic 046 subfield relationships were double-checked to assure their appropriateness.

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