WorldCat Validation release notes, March 2020

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Introduction

This release of changes to WorldCat Validation is the first of a series related exclusively to the OCLC-MARC Authority Validation Rule Sets for the Library of Congress Name Authority Cooperative (NACO) and Subject Authority Cooperative (SACO) Authority Files.

Included are selected Authority elements previously documented mostly in the following MARC 21 Format for Authority Data Updates issued by the Library of Congress:

- Update No. 2 (October 2001)
- Update No. 3 (October 2002)
- Update No. 17 (September 2013)
- Update No. 18 (April 2014)
- Update No. 19 (October 2014)
- Update No. 20 (April 2015)
- Update No. 21 (September 2015)
- Update No. 22 (April 2016)
- Update No. 23 (November 2016)
- Update No. 24 (May 2017)
- Update No. 25 (December 2017)
- Update No. 26 (April 2018)
- Update No. 27 (November 2018)
- Update No. 28 (May 2019)
• Update No. 29 (November 2019)
  ◦ There were no changes to the MARC 21 Format for Authority Data included in Update No. 29 (November 2019).

The corresponding “Authority Record Changes” sections of the following OCLC Technical Bulletins have also documented most of these selected Authority elements for WorldCat:

• OCLC Technical Bulletin 228 (December 1998) [Not available online]

• OCLC Technical Bulletin 249 (April 2003)

• OCLC Technical Bulletin 264 (August 2014)

• OCLC Technical Bulletin 265 (July 2015)

• OCLC Technical Bulletin 266 (July 2016)

• OCLC Technical Bulletin 267 (August 2017)

• OCLC Technical Bulletin 268 (September 2018)

• OCLC Technical Bulletin 269 (July 2019)

The new Geographic Area Codes and Language Code listed below were announced in the respective LC Technical Notices that are referenced.

All MARC Authority elements listed below may now be implemented in NACO Authority records. The next quarterly updates of the LC Descriptive Cataloging Manual Z1: Name and Series Authority Records, DCM Z1 for short, and the LC Guidelines Supplement to the MARC 21 Format for Authority Data, 2002 Edition with Subsequent Updates, also known as "The Blue Pages," are scheduled for April 6, 2020, and will incorporate the listed Authority elements. For MARC Authority elements not listed below, continue to follow the instructions in these documents. LC will also soon announce the availability of revised NACO Training documents, which are in progress.

Both LC and OCLC will distribute follow-up announcements in coming weeks about the implementation of additional MARC Authority elements. In the meantime, please continue to follow the current instructions in DCM Z1 and the LC Guidelines Supplement for elements that are not listed below.

Newly validated MARC Authority elements

• Existing Authority subfield $c, "Location of Meeting," previously Nonrepeatable, is now Repeatable in the following MARC Authority fields [Update No. 18 (April 2014)]:
  ◦ 110 (Heading-Corporate Name)
  ◦ 111 (Heading-Meeting Name)
  ◦ 410 (See From Tracing-Corporate Name)
• Existing Authority subfield $d, previously Nonrepeatable under the name "Date of Meeting," has been renamed as "Date of Meeting or Treaty Signing," been redefined, and been made Repeatable in the following MARC Authority fields [Update No. 25 (December 2017)]:
  ◦ 111 (Heading-Meeting Name)
  ◦ 411 (See From Tracing-Meeting Name)
  ◦ 511 (See Also From Tracing-Meeting Name)
  ◦ 711 (Established Heading Linking Entry-Meeting Name)

• Existing Nonrepeatable Authority subfield $h, “Medium,” originally defined in 1976 as “Media Qualifier,” has now been implemented in the following MARC Authority fields:
  ◦ 100 (Heading-Personal Name)
  ◦ 110 (Heading-Corporate Name)
  ◦ 111 (Heading-Meeting Name)
  ◦ 130 (Heading-Uniform Title)
  ◦ 400 (See From Tracing-Personal Name)
  ◦ 410 (See From Tracing-Corporate Name)
  ◦ 411 (See From Tracing-Meeting Name)
  ◦ 430 (See From Tracing-Uniform Title)
  ◦ 500 (See Also From Tracing-Personal Name)
  ◦ 510 (See Also From Tracing-Corporate Name)
  ◦ 511 (See Also From Tracing-Meeting Name)
  ◦ 530 (See Also From Tracing-Uniform Title)
  ◦ 700 (Established Heading Linking Entry-Personal Name)
  ◦ 710 (Established Heading Linking Entry-Corporate Name)
  ◦ 711 (Established Heading Linking Entry-Meeting Name)
  ◦ 730 (Established Heading Linking Entry-Uniform Title)

Note: Authority fields 700, 710, 711, and 730 were first defined in 1993 and included subfield $h.

• Existing Authority subfield $s, “Version,” previously Nonrepeatable, has been changed to Repeatable in the following MARC Authority fields [Update No. 25 (December 2017)]:
  ◦ 100 (Heading-Personal Name)
  ◦ 110 (Heading-Corporate Name)
  ◦ 111 (Heading-Meeting Name)
In existing Authority field 020, “International Standard Book Number,” new Repeatable subfield $q, “Qualifying Information,” has been defined for use in series authority records for multipart monographs only. Prior to the definition of subfield $q in 2013, qualifying information was contained in subfield $a, “International Standard Book Number,” and subfield $z, “Canceled/Invalid ISBN.” [Update No. 17 (September 2013)]

In existing Authority field 043, Geographic Area Code, new Repeatable subfield $c, “ISO Code,” has been defined for use in geographic name authority records to accommodate ISO 3166 country codes. [Update No. 2 (October 2001)]

In existing Authority field 055, “Library and Archives Canada Call Number,” the definition and scope have been revised and new Nonrepeatable subfield $2, “Number Source,” has been defined for use in series authority records by Canadian agencies only, in consultation with LC. [Update No. 27 (November 2018)]

New Repeatable Authority field 065, “Other Classification Number,” may now be used in personal name authority records, by Canadian agencies only, in consultation with LC. Use is limited to classification numbers in the PS8000 schedule for Canadian literature. [Update No. 3 (October 2002)]

In existing Authority field 382, “Medium of Performance,” new Repeatable subfield $e, “Number of Ensembles of the Same Type,” new Nonrepeatable subfield $r, “Total Number of Individuals Performing Alongside Ensembles,” and new Nonrepeatable subfield $t, “Total Number of Ensembles” have been defined for use by NACO-Music Project participants only. Additionally, subfield $r, previously “Total Number of Performers,” has been redefined to its current name “Total Number of Individuals Performing Alongside Ensembles.” [Update No. 20 (April 2015), Update No. 22 (April 2016), Update No. 26 (April 2018)]

The following new “Geographic Area Codes” may now be used in Authority field 043, “Geographic Area Code”, subfield $a, “Geographic Area Code”. [LC Technical Notice (April 19, 2018)]

- e-gg--- Guernsey
- e-im--- Isle of Man
- e-je--- Jersey
  ◦ cnr Montenegrin

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