



Aspen Discovery

Aspen Catalogers Meeting

Meetings are monthly on the third Thursday at 2:00-3:30pm eastern, 1:00-2:30pm central, noon-1:30pm mountain, and 11:00-12:30am pacific. Join Here: [Zoom Link](#)

Sep 18, 2025 Meeting

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Conversation Topics and Notes

1. Adding series title into 245\$b for fiction series. One of the libraries that will migrate into our consortium copies the 490 series title into the 245\$b for fiction series (they still keep the 490 also). They did this to make it easier for their patrons to search and browse their catalog in their ILS. They want to keep doing so after migration. We were open to this for the same reason. However, it seems like it will cause problems with grouping our Overdrive eBooks and eAudio with the print titles in Aspen, since Aspen looks at 245\$b and there may be variations with the data we get from the vendor. We use an API to pull from Overdrive. I wanted to toss this out there to see if there are any alternative options. We want to decide what to do. I'll add some examples soon. (Jeanne from MAIN. We need to table this for one more meeting. Unfortunately I'll be away again on the 18th)

2. [Language Facet](#). “The language facet is pulled from the 008 in position 35-37.” This does not necessarily take into account material in multiple languages. While Aspen recognises *mul* when (infrequently) used in that position, patrons cannot filter searches further to find all of a library’s English-Spanish bilingual books by selecting the Spanish language facet. Pulling from the repeatable 041\$a (Language code of text/sound track or separate title) would include multiple languages. (Carol, C/W MARS)
3. DIS-414 Using 245b of graphic novel to help determine ~~format~~ grouping category. (Mark, Grove, Elaine MLN)
[This was actually not to determine format directly but to set the underlying grouping category to comic. The description in the Jira is correct.]

Use “graphic novel” in the 245b to set the format grouping category to comic - this would help grouping digital e-comics with the physical graphic novels. See

DIS-414: Use the graphic novel within titles/subtitles to determine if a title should b...

Noted that some books about graphic novels could be assigned the wrong format - but this is an edge case. We’re hoping that by limiting this to the subtitle, this will be somewhat mitigated. Bryan from Nashville found a few in subfield a, and those will be missed (but there are just a few).

This will be both for “a graphic novel” and “the graphic novel” - not just “graphic novel”

We’ll start with subfield b only, and see if any other adjustments are needed.

4. Revisit DIS-839: 'light novels' confuse Aspen in light of OverDrive declining to make the requested change (Jordan added from Bryan (Nashville) convo from triage meeting on 9/15)

Metadata from OverDrive was inconsistent, so we decided a few weeks ago to look at the editions field. Bryan followed up with OverDrive, and they said it should only be in the series name and they will not add it to the editions. Do we want to update Aspen? Do we know where it will be in the series name? At the end? Not in the response from OverDrive.

Do we want to update to look for “light novel” in the series instead of the edition for OverDrive titles when determining format? - We decided to do this.

Looks like OverDrive is fixing these moving forward, but not older ones.

5. Aspen Catalogers Group at AspenCon - 1:45 on Wednesday, Oct 8th
6. Aspen Library Software Foundation - nominations for board members
 - a. [Nomination form](#)
 - b. [Bylaws with board responsibilities \(ARTICLE V\)](#) - deadline for voting to approve these is Saturday - [survey here](#)

Aug 21, 2025 Meeting

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| Paula Doty | Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records |
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Conversation Topics and Notes

1. The Aspen Triage Group asked this group to weigh in on <https://aspen-discovery.atlassian.net/browse/DIS-135> (Jordan)

Notes: Proposal to call these Manually Grouped Title/Author Variants - folks are good with this and the setting is renamed!

2. Adding series title into 245\$b for fiction series. One of the libraries that will migrate into our consortium copies the 490 series title into the 245\$b for fiction series (they still keep the 490 also). They did this to make it easier for their patrons to search and browse their catalog in their ILS. They want to keep doing so after migration. We were open to this for the same reason. However, it seems like it will cause problems with grouping our eBooks and eAudio with the print titles in Aspen, since Aspen looks at 245\$b and there may be variations with the data we get from the vendor. We use an API to pull from Overdrive. I wanted to toss this out there to see if there are any alternative options. We want to decide what to do. I'll add some examples soon. (Jeanne from Main Library Alliance - can we table this until the September meeting. I realized I am going to be away on 8/21)

3. Aspen should use the coding in the leader field before using what is in the 300 tag for kits. Currently, it uses the 300 field and will display Book + CD instead of KIT.
<https://catalog.swanlibraries.net/Record/a3210986?searchId=215871643&recordIndex=1&page=1&referred=resultIndex> (Cynthia, SWAN)

- a. Notes from meeting
 - Aspen does this for some other things - music for example.
 - No objections!
- b. Entered as DIS-1291 - completed for 25.09

4. Can ISBN qualifiers in subfield \$q display with the ISBNs in the full record display? (Elaine–MLN)

Qualifiers include info such as hardcover, paperback, volume numbers, etc. and help identify what different ISBNs are for. Aspen does show qualifiers when they are in the subfield \$a, but newer records have the qualifier in a subfield \$q, and that info/subfield does not display.

Example where ISBN display includes qualifiers (from subfield \$a):

| ▼ More Details | |
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| Format | Book |
| Language | English |
| ISBN | 9781434241887 (library binding), 1434241882 (library binding), 9781434248831 (paperback), 1434248836 (paperback) |

<https://catalog.minilib.net/Record/.b3062051x>

Example where ISBN display does not include qualifiers (because in subfield \$q):

| ▼ More Details | |
|----------------|--|
| Format | Book |
| Language | English |
| ISBN | 9781728285184, 1728285186, 9781728290362, 1728290368 |

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| 020 | a 9781728285184 q (trade paperback) |
| 020 | a 1728285186 q (trade paperback) |
| 020 | a 9781728290362 q (hardcover) |
| 020 | a 1728290368 q (hardcover) |

<https://catalog.minilib.net/Record/.b42214464>

Notes from meeting: Great idea, we approve! Elaine will put in a Jira and Mark will finish the coding.

- a. Entered as DIS-1246 completed for 25.09

5. Records with emojis (Carol, C/W MARS)
 - a. Various displays: some displayed, some stripped out, some replaced with question marks, some replaced with question mark emojis, some replaced with text (including the now classic: "Would Elizabeth call Mr. Darcy a poop emoji?")
 - b. Can vary between patron/staff display
 - <https://springfield.cwmars.org/Hoopla/17804164>
 - <https://springfield.cwmars.org/Hoopla/11963775>
 - <https://springfield.cwmars.org/Hoopla/18475892>
 - <https://springfield.cwmars.org/Hoopla/18509367>
 - c. Notes from meeting: Emojis are searchable in Aspen. Would be nice to have consistency if they are displayed. Would be nice to have the option to turn them off. Once example Carol found displays text instead of an emoji. Not displaying them would require translating different emojis into text. Do we want to try talking with the Hoopla folks - the emojis might not be coded properly from Hoopla. Emojis can be encoded in a variety of ways. Talking to Hoopla would be a good next step.

Sometimes this is Aspen not treating it correctly as well.

Need a Jira on this

We want these to be searchable and display correctly - although there are mixed feelings on whether or not they display.

Making displaying emojis optional would be difficult. Could we use the names that screen readers use?

Zachary shared <https://unicode.org/emoji/charts/full-emoji-list.html>

First step will be to get emojis to display consistently.

6. The removal of words from a series title when creating a series page. (Lucas - SWAN)
 - a. I would like to request that words are not removed from a series title, even if they are generic words like "series." These pages rely so heavily on authorized headings, and removing the word can hinder the finding of these series when those words are removed in Aspen but used in the search process.
 - b. As an example with the word "series" being removed: "Alex Cross series" by James Patterson. <https://catalog.swanlibraries.net/Record/a824658>
 - The Authorized heading is "Patterson, James, \$d 1947 - \$t Alex Cross series."
 - The display in the series on the record group is "[Alex Cross](#)"

- [A title search "in Series"](#) for Alex Cross series does not bring up this result.
 - [A keyword search "in Series"](#) for Alex Cross series does not bring up this result.
 - c. Another example with the word "novel" being removed: "Gone novel" by Michael Grant. <https://catalog.swanlibraries.net/Record/a1914173>
 - The authorized heading is "Grant, Michael, \$d 1954- \$t Gone novel."
 - The display in the series on the record group is "[Gone](#)"
 - A title search "[in Series](#)" for Gone novel does not bring up this result.
 - A keyword search for "[in Series](#)" does have this as a result (unlike the previous example)
 - d. Notes from meeting: This is only for Series for now, downside would be that a record might link to two series instead of one (Alex Cross and Alex Cross Series, for example). Could we do this only for ebook? - potentially. We could do this only for folks using the Series module or make it a configuration option. Shouldn't be getting rid of the word Novel (that needs to be fixed). We'll make this a configuration option so libraries can choose whether or not to group series this way. This will only apply to the word "series."
 - e. Created DIS-1294 for this, done for 25.09
7. Can we customize what sections on a record individual patrons can see? Like hide novelist because I'm a cataloger and I don't want to see those. - Could be done!
8. (related to #6) We have been stripping "the graphic novel" from titles, but now graphic novels are a separate format, so we could add displaying those words back. - No objections.
- a. Created DIS-1295 for this, done for 25.09
9. Question on #2 above (that we skipped) - Using the 130 should override this, we'll talk more at the next meeting.
10. Copy tags in Evergreen have an option to add a URL. It is possible to have multiple tags. In the case of multiple tags, there would be no way to determine which URL goes with which tag. Could be added in 852z. Aspen uses the copy tag, but not the URL. To do something with the URL, work would need to be done in Aspen and Evergreen. This is probably a matter of updating the export to get the URLs and then work in Aspen to get it to display. There might be a few different ways to export these so Aspen can understand what they are and do something with them. Could also put the URL in the tag field - this needs testing.
- a. Added after Carol's testing:
- An URL is displayed if it is in the Tag value, although not as a link.
 - Item Notes and Item Tags are both displayed in the Notes column (both exported as separate 852\$z). If an item has both, only the Item Notes \$z

(all of which are in the first 852\$z) are displayed, although text in the Tag value \$z is still searchable.

- If an item contains multiple Tags, the last word of the first tag will be joined with the first word of the next tag, etc. (e.g. Classic fiction and classic non-fiction**Donated** by the Friends of the Library)

11. What is determining the series facet? Should be the series records - there might be a bug here where the wrong series title is displaying or a hidden series title is displaying. Example here

<https://catalog.swanlibraries.net/Union/Search?view=list&showCovers=on&lookfor=dark+series&searchIndex=Series&searchSource=local>

More

Search

Or select from these filters.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Books4pocket. Romántica | <input type="checkbox"/> Dark rise (Series) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buffy the vampire slayer (Series) (Dark Horse Comics) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dark series (Audio) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buffy the Vampire Slayer season 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dark series (Spanish) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dark breaks the dawn (Series) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dark shores (Series) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dark Breaks the Dawn Duology | <input type="checkbox"/> Thorndike Press large print romance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dark knight rises (Series) (Spanish) | <input type="checkbox"/> Titania fantasy |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Titania luna azul |

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a. Fixed as part of DIS-1280 for 25.09

12. Talked about the difference between regular series and the series module in Aspen.

<https://help.aspendiscovery.org/help/catalog/searchresults#Cell-2954-PanelBody>

Jul 17, 2025 Meeting

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| Chris Amorosi | NOBLE |
| Esther Melander | ByWater Solutions |
| Miranda Nero | Ocean State Libraries |
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Conversation Topics and Notes

1. How long should this meeting be? We frequently don't get through the agenda. (Jordan, Grove)

Group decided to extend this meeting to 90 minutes and end early if needed.

2. (carried over from last meeting)

The subfield q from an 800 field is showing up in the series title. It is important for \$a and \$q to be taken into account for deciding which series is which, but not actually for displaying (if/when series pages take author into consideration) (Lucas - SWAN)

- a. <https://dgs.swanlibraries.net/Series/4993>

- i. 800 field:

1. White, Karen #q (Karen S.). #t Royal Street novel

- b. <https://dgs.swanlibraries.net/Series/2029>

- i. 800 field:

1. Tolkien, J. R. R. #q (John Ronald Reuel), #d 1892-1973. #t Lord of the rings

Notes: The title that displays for the series is the display title and there is also the title that comes from the grouped work (which is hidden). This shouldn't impact the automated creation, do we want to remove those extra fields? They're valuable in distinguishing

series when they have the same name. Do we want Aspen to not display the \$q? We can update to not display the \$q.

3. (carried over from last meeting)

Switch 2 was just released - can we add a format filter that is Switch 2 (similar to other video game console editions?) (Lucas - SWAN) ([DIS-1053](#))

Notes: This has been done!

4. My library uses the Book format for all physical books, physical graphic novels, and physical manga. Sometimes, this causes problems because graphic novel adaptations of chapter books may get grouped as editions of the chapter books. We *do* have eComics as a separate format from eBooks. I have found that I can ungroup a physical graphic novel adaptation from the physical chapter book, and then regroup the physical graphic novel with the related eComics without specifically removing the ungrouped designation for the physical graphic novel. So, I was able to move the physical graphic novel from this grouping –

<https://catalog.deerfieldlibrary.org/GroupedWork/ee8d49de-63f1-7ca6-0842-7bbd1e2350ef-eng/Home?searchId=9103337&recordIndex=1&page=1&searchSource=local&referre d=resultIndex> to this grouping:

<https://catalog.deerfieldlibrary.org/GroupedWork/78acc2b7-42d9-87c9-c42d-bf07cab4e910-eng/Home?searchId=9103341&recordIndex=2&page=1&searchSource=local&referre d=resultIndex>

In the latter case, the staff view still shows the Book as being ungrouped, but the item is indeed displaying as part of a group. I actually like this grouping, but I'm curious about the implications of having an item in a group when it is simultaneously considered ungrouped in the staff view. (Tom W - Deerfield Public Library)

Edited because we no longer have the ebooks that were in the original links. I replaced the links with different examples- Tom

Notes: This is a side effect of what titles we allow to group and which Aspen does not allow to group. This is safe to do, it won't work for everything, but it works in this case because it is being grouped on to a comic book. You have to ungroup the physical material and then group on the comic. This works specifically for comics or other formats that are grouped onto books. We don't see a need to shut this down, we'll let it work for now.

5. Revisiting older discussions (Carol - C/W MARS)

a. [Author authorities improvements](#) - C/W MARS ticket [122054](#)

Notes: Nothing has been done with this to date. It will require development.

b. Update on [DIS-449](#) re: [505\\$r](#)? - C/W MARS ticket [138784](#)

Notes: The 505\$r is also added as an author, from what we can tell, this is

working. If folks have examples of it not working, they should be shared.

- c. [880 tags appearing in fields](#): will this be resolved with the work being done on 880 fields ([DIS-614](#), [DIS-633](#))? - C/W MARS ticket [127143](#)

Notes: 25.07 will handle a lot of the 880 fields (subjects, notes) plus some additional fields. We believe all of the 880s in the record linked to above will work. [Here's another example from SWAN](#).

6. Revisiting DIS-1015 (Online Resources) (Mark - Grove)

- a. This is causing issues for sideloads i.e. Kanopy records <https://add.swanlibraries.net/Kanopy/kan16049370>.

Notes: The fix from this works well for physical materials from the ILS, but not for sideloaded materials. We're not seeing that it's a video because it's only seeing that it's online material. These records then get can suppressed when the Online material format is not translated. We can separate out the logic for this fix to ignore sideloaded materials. We could also take into account the check box that says something is online material. This is only showing in 25.07 (where the original fix was).

7. Search auto correction (Yanjun - ByWater)

- a. Issue: Actual title "Didion & Babitz", searching misspelled title "Dideon and Babitz" returns an autocorrect title "Dillon and Babies", this title doesn't exist in the catalog.
- b. Potential Solution: Change *maxEdit* in SolrConfig from 2 to 1, this case Solr SpellChecks can only make 1 character change -> Fewer suggestions, fewer false positives, higher accuracy
- c. Trade-off: fewer false positives vs. potentially missing some legitimate corrections that require 2+ character changes

Notes: Aspen might have several search suggestions, and it's selecting the first one. We should work on which one is suggested. It would be better to base this off of how close they are to the original search (rather than which suggestion is first or how many search results there are for a suggested search). So we are re-ranking the suggestions rather than changing the solr configuration.

8. Series entries on the Series Page for two or more volumes within the same series gets two entries but 1 volume number (Cynthia - SWAN)

For Cataloging, these volumes (9 and 14 respectively) should appear in two separate 800 fields.

- a. 800 1_ Thayne, RaeAnne.|tCowboys of Cold Creek ;|v9.
- b. 800 1_ Thayne, RaeAnne.|tCowboys of Cold Creek ;|v14.

Example of manually putting on one line 9 & 14

<https://catalog.swanlibraries.net/Series/6963?page=%d&page=2>

Example of two entries with the same volume

<https://aspentest.swanlibraries.net/Series/9736?page=%d&page=2>

Notes: Next step is to mock up some interface displays to make sure this will look the way we want it to. Small bug: When a title is 9 & 14 for example, its functioning as 9 and displaying the number 14.

9. Grouping isn't an option on author page (Miranda - Ocean State Libraries)

Notes: This is just an update that needs to be made - Miranda will put in a ticket on this and send to Mark to fix.

Jun 26, 2025 Meeting

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Conversation Topics and Notes

1. Blu-Ray and 4K Blu-Ray format improvement (continued from Apr 17 meeting's Agenda item #3) - Emily MPL - carry over from April meeting

Possible solutions

Treat as a known issue: Catalogers/Aspen libraries need to review and clean-up *blu-ray* records to remove "Playstation" from the 538 field so they are not incorrectly displayed as PlayStation games.

Pro: no changes from developers

Con: "Playstation" is often included in the 538 for blu-rays because it is a way to play the disc and may be useful for patron access; removing may affect this.

Refine Playstation determination:

- Use 008 position 26: If 008/26 is G for game + 250a or 538a have Playstation [#]
- Use 380: If 380 is Videogame + 250a or 538a have Playstation [#]
- Use 007 to determine resource type in conjunction with 250a and/03 538a:
 - 007 for video games should indicate "electronic resource"
 - 007 for films should indicate "videorecording"

Pro: allows 538 to stay intact for blu-rays for maximum accessibility (and it's a field that may be slightly harder to clean up since it is a note/free text field)

Con: may still require cataloging intervention to ensure records have accurate 007, 008 and/or 380 fields.

Carol (C/W MARS): a related issue arose this month for us. "[Format Display: 4K Blu-ray](#)": "If the 300, except for contains "4k" AND "blu-ray" or "bluray"". This misses many records (and doesn't make sense). Use 347\$b 4K Ultra HD Blu-ray in conjunction with 007/008? (I won't be able to attend June 26)

- Is there precedence for this, we are looking at the 347\$b now, but only for DVD and Blu-Ray
- Also considered the 347\$d

Looking for a consensus on what needs to be changed

- All of the solutions above require cataloger intervention to work
- We will look for 4K Ultra HD Blu-ray in the 347\$b
 - <https://www.oclc.org/bibformats/en/3xx/347.html>
- Blu-rays: 347|b4K Ultra HD Blu-ray
- 007 position 0 - look at this to determine whether its a video or a game if we identify it as both a video game and and DVD/Blu-Ray

2. Should the "Start of title" search include additional fields? (continued from Apr 17 meeting's Agenda item #5) - Emily MPL - carry over from April meeting

Currently only looking at the 245

Some folks would like additional fields indexed, but this should be an option

- a. Main Title 245
- b. Title plus alternate titles
(130adfgklnpst:240a:246abfgnp:700tnr:730adfgklnpst:740a:505t)
- c. All titles all titles from b plus the 785s or 780s

Consensus: The group could do this as an experiment for the libraries that

want to try it

3. Continue discussion from May meeting. We found that Aspen was ignoring symbols in titles when grouping a computer programming series. Link below is to the record set we found. Some possible fixes that Mark provided for us to discuss follow. (Lucas - SWAN)
<https://dgs.swanlibraries.net/GroupedWork/b226c2c8-660b-0967-d566-784a72fd3df9-eng/Home?searchId=178915523&recordIndex=1&page=1&searchSource=local&referred=resultIndex>
 - a. We can allow the + and # symbols within grouping titles.
 - b. We can translate + to plus and # to sharp, pound, or hash
 - i. Either of these would be similar to what we do with the ampersand symbol which we translate to and for grouping. However, this could cause issues if the + and # symbols are not used consistently.
 - ii. Concern is what do we translate the # to? Hash, pound, sharp, number???
 - iii. Could we translate to alternate+similar but not reserved unicode?
 1. + + # # #
 - c. 3) We can look specifically for C# and C++ and translate those to C Sharp and C Plus Plus within the record
 - i. Option 3 would be a narrower solution with less chance of causing problems, but it also wouldn't correct other problems.
 - d. This change would only be for grouping titles
 - e. We could ignore the # only before a number/digit.
 - f. Solution - Combine options a and e above?

Consensus - This is the only example we can find for now, so we'll go with the most narrow solution above (option c).

4. Can we add a bib level format rule for online resource records? (Shantry - WYLD)

- a. We have over 11,000 bibliographic records for online resources. Our Internet items display well in Aspen when we also have a physical format (example: <https://wsl.wyldcatalog.org/Record/a658379>), but the format defaults to Book when we don't have a physical format (example: <https://wsl.wyldcatalog.org/Record/a2596192>)
- b. We would like the addition of a bib level format rule that says a record containing "online resource" in 300\$a should have a format of Online Content.
- c. <https://aspen-discovery.atlassian.net/browse/DIS-1015>

In the example above, the 300a has the number of pages. Aspen should ignore the fact that there are pages when it says that it is an online resource.

Example from [OCLC](#):

- i. 300 ###a1 online resource (1 score (2 volumes)) : #b facsimile, portrait
5. 520 fields not displaying |3 or |b (any subfields aside from |a and |c?) (Lucas - SWAN)
 - a. <https://catalog.swanlibraries.net/Record/a3353393?searchId=201023769&recordIndex=1&page=1&referred=resultIndex>
 - i. You can see in the staff view that the |b (second 520 field) and |3 (third and following 520 fields) are used but do not display in the description field.

Consensus: Is there any reason not to display all of the 520 subfields?

-Not subfields u, 6, 7, 8

-Show a, b, c, 2, 3,

6. Book + CD format vs. CD + Book format - be able to manually group (Cynthia - SWAN)

- a. <https://catalog.swanlibraries.net/Union/Search?view=list&lookfor=henry+and+mudge+in+the+sparkle+days&searchIndex=Keyword&searchSource=local>

- i. The way the CD + Book delineates the CD as the primary work makes it impossible to manually group these items since they are different categories of works.

Consensus: Allow manual grouping of CD+Book with Book

Note - there was not time for the agenda items below, they will be at the beginning of the next meeting.

- 7. The subfield q from an 800 field is showing up in the series title. It is important for \$a and \$q to be taken into account for deciding which series is which, but not actually for displaying (if/when series pages take author into consideration) (Lucas - SWAN)

- a. <https://dgs.swanlibraries.net/Series/4993>

- i. 800 field:

- 1. White, Karen #q (Karen S.). #t Royal Street novel

- b. <https://dgs.swanlibraries.net/Series/2029>

- i. 800 field:

- 1. Tolkien, J. R. R. #q (John Ronald Reuel), #d 1892-1973. #t Lord of the rings

- 8. Switch 2 was just released - can we add a format filter that is Switch 2 (similar to other video game console editions?) (Lucas - SWAN)

May 15, 2025 Meeting

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Conversation Topics and Notes

1. Blu-Ray and 4K Blu-Ray format improvement (continued from Apr 17 meeting's Agenda item #3) - Emily MPL (cannot attend) - will move to next meeting

Possible solutions

Treat as a known issue: Catalogers/Aspen libraries need to review and clean-up *blu-ray* records to remove "Playstation" from the 538 field so they are not incorrectly displayed as PlayStation games.

Pro: no changes from developers

Con: “Playstation” is often included in the 538 for blu-rays because it is a way to play the disc and may be useful for patron access; removing may affect this.

Refine Playstation determination:

- Use 008 position 26: If 008/26 is G for game + 250a or 538a have Playstation [#]
- Use 380: If 380 is Videogame + 250a or 538a have Playstation [#]
- Use 007 to determine resource type in conjunction with 250a and/03 538a:
 - 007 for video games should indicate “electronic resource”
 - 007 for films should indicate “videorecording”

Pro: allows 538 to stay intact for blu-rays for maximum accessibility (and it’s a field that may be slightly harder to clean up since it is a note/free text field)

Con: may still require cataloging intervention to ensure records have accurate 007, 008 and/or 380 fields.

9. Should the “Start of title” search include additional fields? (continued from Apr 17 meeting’s Agenda item #5) - Emily MPL - will move to next meeting

10. Can we add spaces between subfields in the title display? (Shantry - WYLD)

a. Examples of lacking a space:

- i. <https://wyld.wyldcatalog.org/Union/Search?view=list&showCovers=on&lookfor=39092009255367&searchIndex=Keyword&searchSource=local>
- ii. <https://wyld.wyldcatalog.org/Union/Search?view=list&showCovers=on&lookfor=39092090097389&searchIndex=Keyword&searchSource=local>

b. Jira was created (<https://aspen-discovery.atlassian.net/browse/DIS-658>) and approval from the catalogers’ group was suggested.

c. This might be a duplicate of another issue Mark is working on. That was [DIS-666](#)
- this is in production in 25.05

11. ‘Light novel’ vs. manga versions. Do we need a new format? (Bryan – NPL)

<https://catalog.library.nashville.org/OverDrive/8b5779a8-7013-4c55-9a5b-0518cf04a0a3>

<https://school.library.nashville.org/Record/CARL0000900799>

These need to be manually ungrouped. The catalog item is a light novel. The school item is manga proper. There is a lack of consistency on OD’s part but with our config Aspen is setting the format to eComic when a CGN BISAC code is present. Table is all volumes of the same series. Second column is Aspen format, the rest is culled OD metadata.

Everything in the following table is a light novel

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tasks.org - GNU Emacs at NLMNBIONEST
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1  ** IN PROGRESS Investigate how Aspen treats 'light novels' :ASPEN:
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3  | volume | Aspen format | edition | subject | seriesId | series | bisac code | mediaType |
4  |-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
5  | 1 | eComic | Light Novel | Comics and Graphic Books | 1578436 | The Apothecary Diaries Light Novel | CGN004100 | eBook |
6  | 2 | eComic | Light Novel | Comics and Graphic Books | 1578436 | The Apothecary Diaries Light Novel | CGN004100 | eBook |
7  | 3 | eComic | Light Novel | Comics and Graphic Books | 1578436 | The Apothecary Diaries Light Novel | CGN004100 | eBook |
8  | 4 | eBook | n/a | Comics and Graphic Books | 1578436 | The Apothecary Diaries Light Novel | FIC022000 | eBook |
9  | 5 | eComic | n/a | Comics and Graphic Books | 1578436 | The Apothecary Diaries Light Novel | CGN004100;FIC022000 | eBook |
10 | 6 | eBook | Light Novel | Comics and Graphic Books | 1578436 | The Apothecary Diaries Light Novel | FIC022000 | eBook |
11 | 7 | eBook | Light Novel | Fiction; Mystery; Short Stories | 1578436 | The Apothecary Diaries Light Novel | FIC022000;FIC029000 | eBook |
12 | 8 | eBook | Light Novel | Fiction; Mystery | 1578436 | The Apothecary Diaries Light Novel | FIC022000 | eBook |
13 | 9 | eBook | Light Novel | Fiction; Mystery | 1578436 | The Apothecary Diaries Light Novel | FIC022000 | eBook |
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15 | 11 | eBook | n/a | Fiction; Mystery | 1578436 | The Apothecary Diaries Light Novel | FIC022000 | eBook |
16 | 12 | eBook | n/a | Fiction; Mystery | 1578436 | The Apothecary Diaries Light Novel | FIC022000 | eBook |
17 | 13 | eBook | n/a | Fiction; Mystery | 1577092 | The Apothecary Diaries Manga | FIC022000 | eBook |

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- We could say that if the series includes “light novel” from OverDrive it is not an ecomic?
 - There are some series where the words “light novel” appear together
 - <https://discover.cuyahogalibrary.org/GroupedWork/282f2ac2-b33e-5bc0-03ac-4f693eb0d06d-eng/Home?searchId=26256075&recordIndex=1&page=1&searchSource=local&referred=resultIndex>
- There is a Genre/Form field 655\$aLight novels.\$2lcgft, Aspen could look at that. It might not be used by OverDrive.
- Light novel probably doesn't need to be its own format, but it would be appropriate to call these books
- Has anyone contacted OverDrive? There has been reluctance from OverDrive to be the intermediary between libraries and publishers. Nashville is currently fixing this by editing the display info to say “Light Novel”
- This seems to be limited to OverDrive titles, physical titles aren't having the same issues
- For manual grouping, you can't regroup once you've ungrouped - it would be good to be able to do this.
- Potential fix: For OverDrive eComics only, when the series has the words “light novel” then the format should be eBook and not eComic. We could ask OverDrive to start adding “Light Novel” to the edition to differentiate, some (about 50%) already indicate “Light Novel” in the edition, we could at least look at that.

Mark updated the code to look at the edition statement and if it includes “Light Novel” (not case dependent) it will be a book.

12. Local Use status on Grouped Work when other non-local items are available.

<https://newprovidence.aspendiscovery.org/Record/139454> (Mike - MLA)

- a. If you can make it "library use only" then Aspen will prefer it. There is a status in the status map and tagging it in the status map as library use only should fix this.
- b. This sounds like a bug, but need to trace through the data to know where it's going wrong.

13. [DIS-493](#) (Prioritize Available Titles over On-Order Titles for Koha) and [DIS-834](#) (Add "In Processing" Facet for Polaris ILS Users). (Leo S. - BWS)

- a. DIS-493 - No objections to the solution in the Jira work item!
- b. DIS-834 - No objections from the group, developers will figure out a solution!
 - i. Do we want to make this easier to use for other ILSs?
 - ii. The primary issues are that this wasn't displaying in the feeds and it was showing up as available when it wasn't available

14. We found that Aspen was ignoring symbols in titles when grouping a computer programming series. Link below is to the record set we found. Some possible fixes that Mark provided for us to discuss follow. (Lucas - SWAN)

<https://dgs.swanlibraries.net/GroupedWork/b226c2c8-660b-0967-d566-784a72fd3df9-eng/Home?searchId=178915523&recordIndex=1&page=1&searchSource=local&referred=resultIndex>

- a. We can allow the + and # symbols within grouping titles.
- b. We can translate + to plus and # to sharp, pound, or hash
 - i. Either of these would be similar to what we do with the ampersand symbol which we translate to and for grouping. However, this could cause issues if the + and # symbols are not used consistently.
 - ii. Concern is what do we translate the # to? Hash, pound, sharp, number???
- c. 3) We can look specifically for C# and C++ and translate those to C Sharp and C Plus Plus within the record

- i. Option 3 would be a narrower solution with less chance of causing problems, but it also wouldn't correct other problems.
- d. This change would only be for grouping titles
- e. We could ignore the # only before a number/digit.
- f. Solution - Combine options a and e above?

Apr 17, 2025 Meeting

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Conversation Topics and Notes

1. Punctuation Junction: Can we fix the display of names in subject headings?
(Elaine-MLN)

Currently Aspen displays subject headings with a dash between every subfield, but name entries should display as a single string, without dashes between each element.

<https://catalog.minilib.net/Record/.b15963019>

Byatt, A. S. -- (Antonia Susan), -- 1936-2023 -- Criticism and interpretation.

vs.

Byatt, A. S. (Antonia Susan), 1936-2023 -- Criticism and interpretation.

<https://catalog.minilib.net/Record/.b25655693>

King, Martin Luther, -- Jr., -- 1929-1968 -- Juvenile literature.

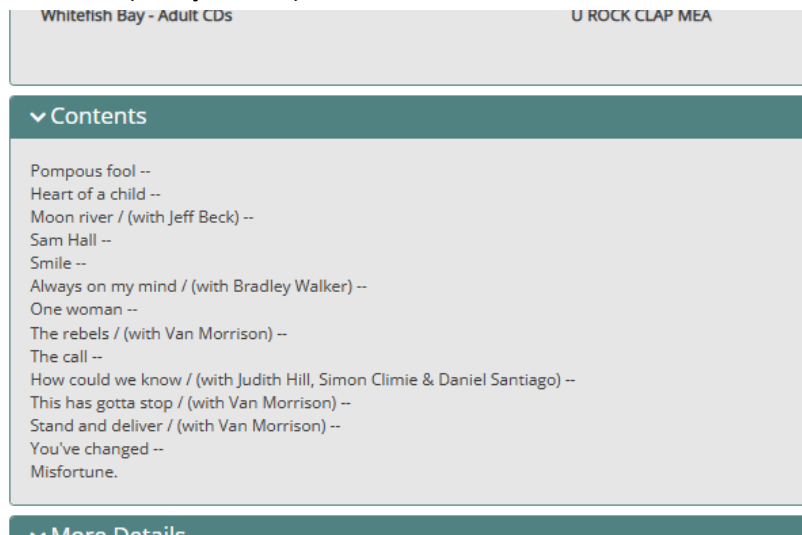
vs.

King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1929-1968 -- Juvenile literature.

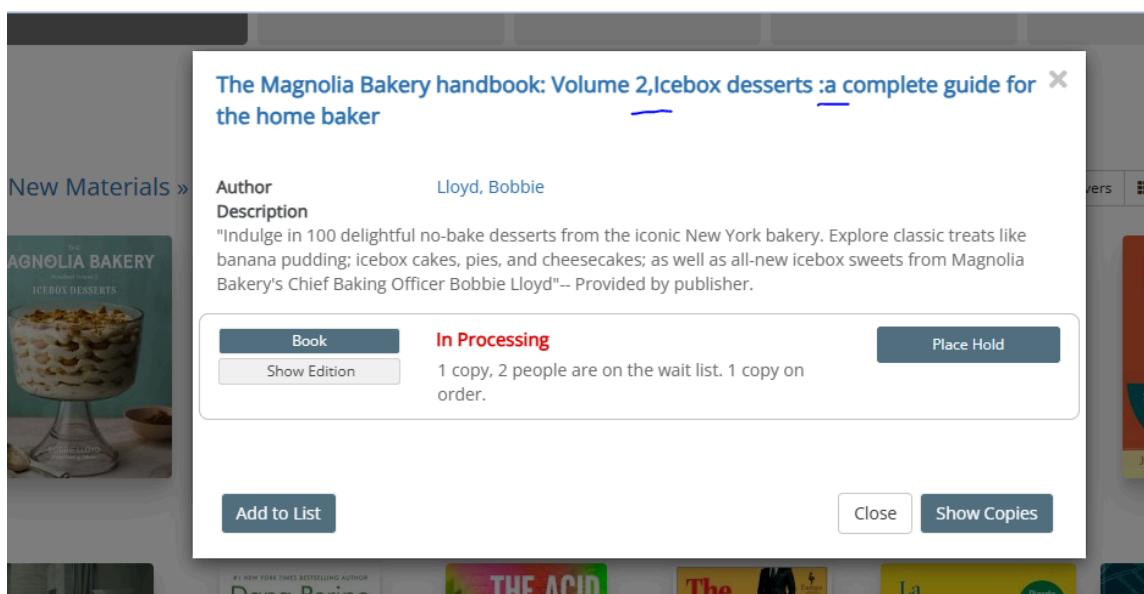
Dashes added before subfields x, y, z, v.

Notes from meeting: Is this only in the full MARC record view or other places too? Maybe facets? Yes, needs to be fixed as part of the MARC record display as well as indexing. This was done during the meeting, Elaine will add the Jira issue, Mark did the fix.

2. Punctuation Junction Part Deux: Adjustments for spacing and punctuation in titles and tables of contents. (Emily - MPL)



Notes from meeting: We can get rid of the dashes. Emily will put in a Jira for this. Mark will look into this for 25.05 (time dependent).



Notes from meeting: Is it ignoring the subfields as a space? This is only happening in this view. This is fixed for 25.05 (preserving the order of the subfields). Emily will put in a Jira for this.

3. Blu-Ray and 4K Blu-Ray format improvement: having "Playstation 3" in 538 field (included because blu-rays can be played on certain Playstations) causes blu-rays to display as Playstation 3. Can more emphasis be put on the 347 field? Can that be added

as a format determiner for 4K blu-rays? (Emily - MPL)

Examples - <https://metrolibrary.aspendiscovery.org/Record/CARL0000560392> and <https://metrolibrary.aspendiscovery.org/Record/CARL0001124044?searchId=14336692&recordIndex=2&page=1&referred=resultIndex>

Notes:

- a. Add 347|b as format determiner for 4K blu-ray
 - b. Need further work on determining how to filter/sort out the Playstation and blu-ray discs: Playstation discs are blu-ray discs, 007 does not differentiate, 008 position 33 could help (g for game)!
 - c. Emily will send an email to the catalogers' listserv to gather more examples
4. Accessibility Concern: Including subfields beyond \$a in the 245 when hovering mouse/screen readers in carousels (\$p, \$n, \$b in particular)(Jace - SHARE/IHLS)

The screenshot shows a library catalog interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'books', 'Movies & TV', and 'Music'. Below these are buttons for 'Covers', 'Grid', and 'Hide'. A carousel of book covers is displayed, with the first cover titled 'Cox Family: Marriages, Births, Deaths' and the second cover titled 'JANE AUSTEN'S GARDEN' by Molly Williams. A tooltip points to the second cover, stating 'Jane Austen's garden by Williams, Molly'. To the right of the carousel, the title 'Jane Austen's garden: a botanical tour of the classic novels' is displayed. Below the title, the author 'Williams, Molly' is listed. A 'Description' section follows, providing a detailed summary of the book's content. At the bottom of the right panel, there are buttons for 'Book', 'On Shelf', 'Place Hold', and 'Show Edition'.

Notes: This is fixed for 25.05 and Jace will put in a Jira issue.

5. Another one from Emily at MPL: Does the "Start of title" search also include the 240 field? Should it include 130 (or not because often those omit the leading article so results may be skewed since "start of title" is an exact match situation)?

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- Item Type

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Books (1)

Search All Libraries (1) Milwaukee Public Library (1) Items Available Now in a Library (1)

Sort by Title Hide Covers Covers List Search Tools

1) **Dragons are the worst!**

Author Willan, Alex
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 Pub. Date [2021]
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 Language English

Book Available at Our Libraries Place Hold

Show Edition

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Where is it?

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- Publication Date
- Author
- Lexile Measure
- Shelf Location
- Item Type

Browse » Catalog Search » Showing 1 - 4 of 4

Books (4)

Search All Libraries (4) Milwaukee Public Library (4) Items Available Now in a Library (4)

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Where is it?

Description Read Description

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2) **¡Los dragones son lo peor!**

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 Series The Worst!
 Pub. Date 2022
 Physical Description 1 volume (unpaged) : color illustrations ; 29 cm

Title:

Notes: Do we expand to the 505\$T too? 246 too? 700 and 800-subfield Ts too? Along with 240 and 130. NOT the 785s or 780s. This is a little big bigger to take care of, so might need a sponsor for the work.

Mark's proposed list to include: 130adfgklnpst:240a:246abfgnp:700tnr:730adfgklnpst:740a:505t

(these are based on the title alt within the current index)

Should we include the 800s? There are mixed views on this.

Should the title and start of title lists search the exact same fields?

Should we include series?

Mar 20, 2025 Meeting

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Conversation Topics and Notes

- Interest in E-newspaper format (for Pressreader side loads, maybe other uses too) - Emily @ MPL/MCFLS
 - Would like an e-newspaper format in addition to e-magazine
 - Are there 007 and 008? - yes in theory. There can be issues with the 008 in some Pressreader files.
 - NYT example
<https://milwaukee.countycat.mcfls.org/GroupedWork/067ec77f-b12d-08db-16d7-000aedad7c9f-eng/Home?searchId=14289041&recordIndex=1&page=1&searchSource=local&referred=resultIndex>
 - Could we use frequency?
 - Could we use position 21 in the 008? That works for the example record? This seems like the best option.
 - There were no objections to trying this**
- Search relevancy help for New York Times newspaper - Emily @ MPL/MCFLS
 - It's not showing up on the first 3 pages when the "the" is omitted from the title
 - There are series, authors and other fields that have the title in them
 - There are also no items attached to the records (there are holdings). We probably need to count the holdings records as part of relevancy.
 - Should be investigated looking at the relevancy numbers in debug mode
 - [The Search Test tool built into Aspen can be used to evaluate if it's working](#)
- Tonies/Yotos slight update - Is it possible to have Aspen look for Tonie or Yoto in the 246a as well as the 245a? (Lucas @ SWAN)
 - Updated guidelines for cataloging these materials may lead to some folks to leave that out of the 245
<https://cornerstone.lib.mnsu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1029&context=olac-publications>

b. No objections to this change

4. Retaining display order of items from ILS (Elaine–MLN)

Items currently seem to sort alphabetically by call number (within each location). Does not work well for periodical items, where months get ordered by April, August, December, February, January, July, June, March, May, November, October, September. Could we retain order from ILS (sorting only by location)?

Example: <https://catalog.minlib.net/Record/.b4157252x>

| <u>Call Number</u> |
|--------------------|
| Magazine Apr 2023 |
| Magazine Aug 2023 |
| Magazine Dec 2023 |
| Magazine Feb 2023 |
| Magazine Jan 2023 |

- a. Can they be kept in the order they were entered in the ILS
- b. This would be a project, there are cases where these are grouped for multiple records, we can test this with the work that is in progress for Helen Plum, Deerfield, and Gail Borden ([DIS-353](#)). We're not sure that will work with the months written out, it might be going about the same problem in a different way.
- c. Can we transform month data into numeric data? - that's going to be tricky with month abbreviations and ranges

5. From last meeting: Adding subfield \$q to author name display? (Elaine–MLN)

a. We will add this!

6. Language designation parsed from Pressreader MARC files. It is provided in the 546 field and frequently left out of the 008 field. (Kristi – CCPL) (This is seconded by Emily at MPL - had issues where the language is in the 008 but it doesn't load properly into Aspen. We have ticket(s) on it.)

- a. Related: we (MPL/MCFLS) have also asked about another way to parse audience for Kanopy MARC records because they do not use the 008 audience field and OverDrive has no plans to add it!
- b. We need to see what we need to do to standardize this, it will be a little bit of a project to figure this out
- c. Do we want the existing method to take precedence? Do we want to only target the content sources where they are most needed

7. Sideloading Kanopy and Udemy records - any advice? (Rachel/WVLS)
 - a. Emily/Jen from MCFLS will share what they do
 - b. Cynthia from SWAN - will have Olivia from SWAN reach out to share what they do
 - c. Kirsten also shared a tip for deleting the sideloads

Feb 20, 2025 Meeting

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Conversation Topics and Notes

1. (copied from last meeting, discussion not started) Using the 130 field for Flat Stanley, Lost/The Lost by James Patterson, etc. Comment in Slack thread: "Look at the 130 and if it isn't present look at the 240 then if neither are present look at the 245."

Ramifications?- Rachel Metzler, WVLS and Shantry, WYLD

- a. Maybe concern that adding a 130 does not follow exact cataloging standards (130s shouldn't be added when a 100 is present)
- b. Mark noted that in the code there was a comment that said the 240 was only good if the language WASN'T English. Subfield L is used for translations - can we look at the presence/absence of \$I?
- c. Concerns around breaking from the LOC standards
- d. Did a show and tell of the impact of the issue
- e. Can we consider the 246 or the Series? Series is not cataloged consistently enough. Not sure a 246 helps?- that's a suggestion for search relevancy
- f. Can Aspen consider the skip indicator in the 245 field?

- g. There was a suggestion to allow works to be grouped that were previously ungrouped. There were issues with this in the past (when it was allowed). This could be done again, but it would be a large project. Need to make sure grouped work IDs stay consistent. Could this work with a project that would allow manual grouping to be shared? Can we have manually created grouped works in addition to the automatically created grouped works?
 - h. Next steps - Mark will think on this more and write up a little to bring back to the group.
2. The rules for displaying the order of the subfields in the 245 field differ for the grouped work and the record view. Example: [Grouped Work](#) vs. [Record View](#). We would like them to be the same. - Shantry, WYLD
- a. Nick from ByWater says this in [DIS-261](#) in Jira: *"When viewing a single record in the catalog, the order of the title fields can differ from the grouped work. It seems to be a difference in how the two fields are built. Grouped work: BaseMarcRecordGrouper.java - for the title we grab subfield a, then b, then fnp (if not a uniform title) - the 'fnp' uses getSubfields from File/MARC/Data_Field.php which iterates through the record field, following the order from the record. Record: RecordDrivers/MarcRecordDriver.php - for the title we use getFirstFieldValue for 'abfgnp' which loops through in that enforced order. I believe the correct path here is to make MarcRecordDriver use getSubfields in order to get the correct order as specified in the MARC - I also think if there were duplicated fields we would want to show them all, not just the first. This one needs approval from the cataloging group."*
 - b. The group would like to respect the order in the MARC record
3. Displaying brackets that are not in subfield H (GMD). When titles are the same across languages or audiences, we use brackets to help distinguish between the titles. - Kirsten, Metro
- a. Frankenstein [Spanish] - Due to the language, this doesn't group; however, patrons don't always see the language when looking at the list of results
 - b. The light of days [Young readers' edition] - This one groups with the Adult Nonfiction.

<https://metrolibrary.aspendiscovery.org/GroupedWork/c0c4e4a8-ccf5-b32a-5fc3-dff3a3b1c76c-eng/Home?searchId=13153927&recordIndex=1&page=1&searchSource=local&referred=resultIndex>

- c. Mark did this during the meeting, Jira is

<https://aspens-discovery.atlassian.net/browse/DIS-412>

Attendees are asked to add records so we can test

4. Set Display Information for Author seems to ignore anything in parentheses and possibly anything that comes after parentheses. [Anne arrives | Montgomery County Public Libraries](#) (Stephanie from MCPL)

Set display information ×

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Title | <input type="text" value="Anne arrives"/> |
| Author | <input type="text" value="George, K. (Kallie), 1983-"/> |
| Series Name | <input type="text" value="Inspired by Anne of Green Gables"/> |
| Series Display Order | <input type="text"/> |

Is this an issue with the \$c or \$q? The \$q isn't showing and everything after it?

We think this is 2 different issues (need 2 separate Jiras):

1 - stripping everything after the parentheses for display info is not correct. Does removing the trailing hyphen fix it? (still a bug, though)

2. Issue with the \$q - Mark notes we should be using it for the 100 but not the 110. Might be stripping the parentheses. The \$c and \$q are almost always in parantheses and we do not want those stripped.

Anne arrives

(BOOK)



Author
Contributors

Published
ISBN
Physical Description
Status

George, K. 1983-
Halpin, Abigail, illustrator.
Montgomery, L. M. 1874-1942. *Anne of Green Gables*.
Toronto : Tundra Books, 2018.
9781770499300, 177049930X
63 pages : color illustrations ; 23 cm
✓ Available at Our Libraries

Central Library - Child Fiction
INT GEORGE
1 available
Central Branch - Child Fiction

Place Hold

| | | | |
|--------|-----|-----|---|
| AUTHOR | 100 | 1 | George, K. q(Kallie), d1983- eauthor. |
| TITLE | 245 | 1 0 | Anne arrives / cadapted by Kallie George ; pi |

5. Graphic Novels - use subtitles of The Graphic Novel to indicate things are graphic novels for grouping processes. (Mark and Elaine)
 - a. Should be using the Graphic Novel in the title to help determine if it's a graphic novel grouping category (not the grouping format). The Red Pyramid is an example
 - b. Group likes this idea

Jan 16, 2025 Meeting

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Conversation Topics and Notes

1. Grouping of religious texts using uniform title in 130 field and author from the 710 (Emily, MCFLS)

- a. Notes from last meeting:

Bibles in particular use a 130 uniform title to indicate the type of bible and many have the same publisher, but the 245 is very different. Aspen is grouping on the 130 and 710, not 245.

Do we want to ignore the 130 in this case??? How can we treat these in a special way?

Do we need more research? Where is there commonality in the fields? Anyone interested will bring thoughts and examples to the next meeting.

- b. Notes from meeting

Ungrouping manually works in this case, we're looking for an automated way to do this.

This is also an issue for classical CDs.

Can we do something else with 710? - For bibles, using the 710 seems to be what's causing them to group.

Can we add a subfield s of the 130 to add the version (teen/women/ect.) - is this realistic? Will it not help for things like OverDrive and Hoopla?

For now, we are looking at 130 m,n,o,p,s

Could we look at match points in the 505?

We'll move this conversation to the google group

2. Issues searching when using apostrophe vs. no apostrophe (Kirsten, Metro)

- a. Notes from last meeting (only examples, ran out of time)

Chi's Sweet Home vs Chis Sweet Home

Don't let the pigeon vs Dont let the pigeon books - needs apostrophe

There might be some special treatment of the apostrophe in Aspen, need to look at more.

It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia vs. Its Always Sunny...

b. Notes from meeting

This presents as a bug that we need to address

Especially important for kids books since kids don't use apostrophes :-)

3. Ignoring e-books subtitles for grouping purposes - we found one with "Number One Bestseller" (Lucas, SWAN) - ran out of time, copied from last meeting

a. Looks like Number One Bestseller did get added to other ignored subtitles for OverDrive records. Is this only OverDrive? This is in 25.02!

b. What about "Graphic Novel" not automatically being stripped? For grouping (not display). (Elaine from MLN). They are not using Aspen grouping (using bib record material type) but still want them to display in a different grouped work.

This would need to be a configuration option.

What about grouping with OverDrive and Hoopla records? - not necessarily grouping correctly. Will bring example to another meeting later if there is one that doesn't need to be grouped asap.

4. Illustrated editions grouped with non-illustrated editions (Lucas, SWAN) ran out of time, copied from last meeting

a. Could use the 130 in this case? Are the illustrated editions only physical? HP is a specific problem because even the non-illustrated are still somewhat illustrated.

Can we look at the 250? - not exclusively since we use the 250 heavily for grouping. We've talked in the past about separating by illustrator? What about

filtering editions? Could add a 130 to ensure that the Illustrated Edition breaks out. Let's keep thinking about it, continue conversation on an email thread.

5. Treatment of publisher/distributor provided quoted description - use of two hyphens in field between quotation mark and |c (Emily, MCFLS)

Example: <https://milwaukee.countycat.mcfls.org/Record/.b45259653>

| | |
|--|--|
| ISBN Bibliography Description | 9780807000979, 0807000971 Includes bibliographical references. "The former CEO of the Coalition for the Homeless breaks through the highly destructive misinformation surrounding our homeless neighbors"-- -Provided by publisher. |
| ▼ Description | |
| "The former CEO of the Coalition for the Homeless breaks through the highly destructive misinformation surrounding our homeless neighbors"-- | |

- a. Looks like the subfield c is getting stripped, but the - - is still there and the comma is getting added. Would like the dashes not to be there, but also fields weird to have a quote without attribution. LOC is not consistent in where the dash dash goes. Solution is to display the subfield c - no objections. Previous objection was when the attribution was Amazon, but we're good with that now. That will be in 25.02. We'll also get rid of the comma and only have a space.

6. Using the 130 field for Flat Stanley, Lost/The Lost by James Patterson, etc. Comment in Slack thread: "Look at the 130 and if it isn't present look at the 240 then if neither are present look at the 245." Ramifications?- Rachel Metzler, WVLS and Shantry, WYLD

Dec 19, 2024 Meeting


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Conversation Topics and Notes

1. Housekeeping

- a. New slack channel? #catalogers instead of #grouped-works-working-group?
 - i. We'll create a new channel
- b. Aspen Catalogers Group in  Aspen Community Shared Partner Folder
- c. Google group at aspen-catalogers@groveforlibraries.com
 - i. Email jordan.fields@groveforlibraries.com to be added

2. Indexing 505\$t in title / SOLR configuration (Andrew, ByWater Solutions)

3. Sort by book length (pages or duration) (Bryan, Nashville Public)

Can we and do we want the ability to sort by book length? We want this especially for audiobooks and book clubs that want short books. We'd also want a facet on this. What to do with multiple editions (ie large print books are longer). Audiobook vs Print length vs Run Time for movies are probably all different things.

Do want to sort by surfacing this information? Could also not display the facet (if we do one).

There's a Run Time in 008 field for movies - might be an easy place to start. OCLC records have this. We could sort by run time, but that would really only work for movies and maybe audiobooks.

For audiobooks, the 300\$a field has hours and minutes, you can add a run time to 306 field (not everyone uses this). Or we could parse it out of the description. Best would be to use the 306, and the 300 as a fallback.

For print, do we want to separate large print from regular print. Would the facet that's available be tied to format? We could also do a slider for the facet (ie like between two dates).

Use case: a large print book that is less than 300 pages.

Discussion around large vs larger print books, Aspen does not differentiate yet.

Can we use the 300 to start to narrow this down? We can get a heading of Large Print books out of the 655.

We could consider starting with just page count and not worrying about the size of the print.

4. Continuation of Separating Subjects vs. Genre/Form from last meeting

See the notes from last time, we need to deduplicate the headings, and break out the subheadings (breaking out geographic areas, for example). Combining subject headings that are only different by things like case/capitalization.

Is the source even important? For patrons, the source isn't really an important thing.

Make sure we can hide some sources (like OCLC FAST).

5. [Suppress 6xx\\$1](#) (Carol, C/W MARS)

URLs are displaying as part of the subjects when they're in the 6xx. OCLC is moving to adding more URIs, so these need to be hidden.

Clicking on these things in Aspen now doesn't load anything and prevents the Aspen functionality of linking to other titles with that subject heading.

This was addressed for subjects during the meeting - will be in Aspen 25.01

<https://aspen-discovery.atlassian.net/browse/DIS-155>

6. Grouping of religious texts using uniform title in 130 field and author from the 710 (Emily, MCFLS)

Bibles in particular use a 130 uniform title to indicate the type of bible and many have the same publisher, but the 245 is very different. Aspen is grouping on the 130 and 710, not 245.

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Do we need more research? Where is there commonality in the fields? Anyone interested will bring thoughts and examples to the next meeting.

7. Add WhaZoodle format (kids' audio media speaker from Playaway) (Carol, C/W MARS)

- a. =028 02\$aWZ000039\$bPlayaway Products

New item from Playaway, very different from other playaway products, worth having a separate format for it. In the example above, look at \$b starting with Playaway and \$a starting with WZ.

Aspen isn't pulling formats from the 028 (Publisher/Distributor Number) yet, but that is good, consistent info.

<https://aspen-discovery.atlassian.net/browse/DIS-156>

- b. Kyoto is also an issue for the yotoboxes. From C/W MARS ticket 143266:

- i. "The mapping wouldn't include records containing Kyoto in those fields had it specified the whole word and capitalisation [Yoto], not just containing yoto."

<https://aspen-discovery.atlassian.net/browse/DIS-154>

- ii. "It appears that the mapping is also being overridden by some other mapping, as records that match the requirements are appearing as other

formats.”

8. Listing of world languages (Italiano, Swedish, etc.) (Kristi, Cuyahoga County)

Look at the facets for languages (from blank search) - some things are in the script of the original language and some are in English.

More Languages

Search Languages

Search

Or select from these popular Languages.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Afrikaans | <input type="checkbox"/> Malayalam |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arabic | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 中文 (繁體) | <input type="checkbox"/> Norwegian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Danish | <input type="checkbox"/> Polish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nederlands | <input type="checkbox"/> Portuguese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English | <input type="checkbox"/> Punjabi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Français | <input type="checkbox"/> Russian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deutsch | <input type="checkbox"/> Español |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greek | <input type="checkbox"/> Swedish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hindi | <input type="checkbox"/> Tamil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Icelandic | <input type="checkbox"/> Telugu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indonesian | <input type="checkbox"/> Thai |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Italiano | <input type="checkbox"/> Undetermined |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 日本語 | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korean | <input type="checkbox"/> Zulu |

Close Apply

Individual facets can be translated, that could be some of what's going on here. Aspen is pulling this from a 2-3 letter code or from the OverDrive data. From the 3 letter code we are using the English display version. Some libraries are only seeing the English versions.

In the facet settings under grouped work facets, find the one in use for your library for the Language facet there is an Is it Translated box - check to see if that's checked. If it's trying to translate, would use Aspen's translations. Checking the translate box in that setting made Aspen try to translated the data. Unchecked should leave things in English. Some libraries are seeing the opposite, so we might need some more research. eContent could be throwing somethings off too.

9. Issues searching when using apostrophe vs. no apostrophe (Kirsten, Metro)

Chi's Sweet Home vs Chis Sweet Home

Don't let the pigeon vs Dont let the pigeon books - needs apostrophe

There' might be some special treatment of the apostrophe in Aspen, need to look at more.

To be continued next meeting

10. Ignoring e-books subtitles for grouping purposes - we found one with "Number One Bestseller" (Lucas, SWAN) - ran out of time, moved to next meeting
11. Illustrated editions grouped with non-illustrated editions (Lucas, SWAN) - ran out of time, moved to next meeting
12. Add the subfield c for 100, 700 and 800 to display to the public in Aspen when in the bib and have it link to the correct author authority (MCFLS, Grove) - [Example](#)
Any objections to displaying these? [Example](#) - This seems safe for authors.

Nov 21, 2024 Meeting

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Conversation Topics and Notes

1. Tonie and Toniebox formats (Angela, GMILCS)

- a. GMILCS, CW Mars, WVLS
 - i. Pulled from 300 or 655a to identify these. 246 too? Also 520 notes?
Looking for Tonie or Toniebox in those fields helps, sometimes in the title 245 too. 690 local heading is being used too. 538 field too “for use with a tonie box”
 - ii. Example
<https://gmilcs.org/Search/Results?lookfor=toniebox&searchIndex=Keyword&sort=relevance&view=list&searchSource=local>
 - b. [Yoto cards/ Yoto mini](#) - Want these to have a similar name or that can be done with mapping
 - c. MCFLS changed audiobooks to readalong books, they are interested in the format conversation. Examples of their Tonies now (LoT)
<https://countycat.mcfls.org/Record/.b44826783>
 - d. **Tonie Decision: If 260b 264b, or 710a contains Boxine and 245a includes Tonie**
Yoto Decision: If 260b, 264b, or 710a contain Yoto and 245a includes Yoto
 - i. This will be done for 24.12
2. Koha item groups & placing volume level holds on a serial record, e.g. graphic novels (justin, Santa Barbara Public Library)
 - a. Looking at Koha Item Groups for their serial records, but found that when there is a graphic novel that does not have a series, it's still asking patrons to pick a specific copy of that title rather than doing a volume level hold. Tried creating a different item type (standalone graphic novel) - what do others do?
 - i. In Indexing profiles - in Format Map - Look for the types of holds to allow by format “Hold Type” dropdown.
 3. 521 display constants (Emily, Milwaukee Public Library/MCFLS)
 - a. Do folks want to display the display constants from the first indicator on a 521 field? Right now it just has target audience/age, if there are multiple 521s it doesn't differentiate between the different data in the different 521 fields.
They primarily use 5211_(interest age level) and 5212_(interest grade

level)

This becomes a problem because sometimes the data is something like 7-12, and it's unclear if that's ages or grades.

More info - <https://www.oclc.org/bibformats/en/5xx/521.html>

Example (one should say age and one should say grade for Target Audience):

| ▼ More Details | |
|-----------------|---|
| Published | Mankato : Amicus Ink, 2024. |
| Format | Board Book |
| Language | English |
| ISBN | 9781681529264, 1681529262 |
| Description | "Birds build nests. Beavers build lodges. In this sturdy board book, children learn about the habits of birds and beavers. Includes a glossary and index. By publisher. |
| Target Audience | Ages 0-3,Amicus Ink. |
| Target Audience | Grades K-1,Amicus Ink. |
| ▼ Description | |

- b. Not everyone uses this field consistently, so we need a way to turn this off. We want this at the library level.
 - c. (second request) Also discussed making this data facetable - could also do a custom facet (but we would need to add the ability to look at a specific indicator). This is in addition to the Audience facet.
 - d. Could also consider Rating too (based on format) - For age-based educational programs, like Tiny Einstein DVDs, that format-based update to change to rating may not be as universal as originally thought?
4. Separating Subjects vs. Genre/Form (Carol, C/W MARS)
 - a. Nothing in the Subject display is separating the subject vs the genre/form

i. Example

| ▼ Subjects | |
|--------------------|--|
| LC Subjects | Comics adaptations. Coming-of-age comics. Country life -- Prince Edward Island -- Comic books, strips, etc. Girls -- Comic books, strips, etc. Graphic novel adaptations. Graphic novels. Orphans -- Comic books, strips, etc. Prince Edward Island -- Comic books, strips, etc. Shirley, Anne -- (Fictitious character) -- Comic books, strips, etc. Young adult fiction. |
| OCLC Fast Subjects | Comic books, strips, etc. Comics (Graphic works) Comics adaptations Coming-of-age comics Country life Fiction Girls Graphic novel adaptations Graphic novels Orphans Prince Edward Island -- https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/entity/E39PB3yRCkhBKhhHF3gDPJg9Xd Shirley, Anne -- (Fictitious character) United States -- https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/entity/E39PB3txgQXMWqmjMjiwXRHgrq Young adult works |
| Other Subjects | Cartoons and comics. Comic books, strips, etc. Coming of age -- Fiction. Country life -- Fiction. Fiction 9+. Friendship -- Fiction. General. Graphic novels. Graphic Novels. Graphic novels. Orphans -- Fiction. Picture Books for Older Readers. Prince Edward Island -- Fiction. Shirley, Anne -- (Fictitious character) -- Fiction. |
| ▼ More Like This | |

- ii. This would be better sorted by what they are rather than the source of the info. So should be Subjects (everything but 655) and Genres (655) separate categories in the same box. We could also separate out geographic terms
- iii. We can also consolidate duplicates
- iv. We can still hide those folks want hidden (Fast, Sears, etc)

5. Indexing 505\$t in title / SOLR configuration (Andrew, ByWater Solutions)

6. Sort by book length (pages or duration) (Bryan, Nashville Public)


Oct 17, 2024 Meeting

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Conversation Topics and Notes

1. How many libraries are displaying Literary Form as a facet? (RM/WVLS)
 - a. They're noticing that a lot of records are coming in from OCLC with the wrong literary form, this messes with facet data and browse categories. Looked into correcting cataloging (this is a lot), but wondering how many libraries are actually using that facet.
 - i. Several folks chimed in and said they wanted it as a patron
 - ii. Some use collections instead of literary form
 - iii. Some use fic/nonfic under genre
 - iv. Aspen is also looking at the 650 and 655, but we'd want to beef that up if we were to turn off using the 008 or mess with the weight of how the data in the different fields is used (majority rules and 008 gets double weight).
 - v. Aspen could also add the ability to customize what subjects are recognized as fiction/nonfiction
 - vi. We could also generate a report of anything that has mixed fiction/nonfiction (could be a lot of records)
 - b. Also issues with audience in the 008 being blank
 - i. Some are doing 008 cleanup
2. Any more to say on the survey results? (Jordan)
 - a.  Aspen Cataloger Group Priorities #ranked
 - b. We will create a google group!
3. Hardcover/paperback editions - Carol, C/W MARS

- a. See [June](#) and [March](#) conversations
 - b. Carol followed Mark's suggestion to do a custom format, but it's still grouping those results, especially mixing hardcover and paperback editions. They've been adding a 250a to differentiate between hardcover and paperback.
 - c. Oversize format was another use case (from another library). - they added "Big Book" to the title to keep them from grouping. This isn't ideal either because it ungroups everything. They don't want oversize fiction to work in the same way as fiction (Rachel from WVLS).
 - d. CLAMS does this with collection codes for Tonie, Zine, and Big Book
 - e. MCFLS is also interested in Big Book and Zines
 - f. We don't want to go back to GMDs, but what are the other options?
 - i. Could this be based on "big book" in the 250 field
 - ii. Shelving locations?
 - iii. Big Book might be a subject heading, maybe series
 - iv. Mark mentioned work that was done for SWAN where you could choose a custom field that could be used to determine format outside the normal structure. In indexing profile, under Format Information, define the Fallback Format Field, then add a new format, edit the value and formats in that table to match the fields you defined in fall back field, make sure that it only applies to the Fallback Format.
 - g. Hardcover/Paperback
 - i. Can try using the Fallback Format for the hardcover/paperback issue too
 - ii. They considered using the binding 340\$I
4. Format suggestion: Zines - Carol, C/W MARS
- a. Zines are 655a of Zines - Aspen needs to recognize this
 - b. [Link to LOC authority](#)
 - c. That got done in the meeting for 24.11
5. Would it be possible in the 300 field to use "book" and not "booklet" (Martha Simmons)
- a. Concern around plural books or booklets
 - b. Solution decided on is just to ignore booklet and see if that covers enough use cases




- i. For this, CDs will be marked just as CD instead of CD+Book
- c. Mark will try to sneak this into the 24.11 release

Sep 19, 2024 Meeting

Attendees, please add your name and partner organization

| Name | Partner Organization |
|-------------------|---|
| Amy Constantino | C/W MARS |
| Michelle Spinney | CLAMS Library Network |
| Kyle Davis | Milwaukee County Federated Library System |
| Myranda Fuentes | Volunteer |
| Zachary Knowlton | Capital Area District Libraries |
| Shantry Miller | WYLD |
| Elaine Greenfield | Minuteman Library Network |
| Rachel Metzler | Wisconsin Valley Library Service |
| Katie Zimmermann | Wisconsin Valley Library Service |
| Devin McGhee | Metropolitan Library System |
| Katherine Perdue | ByWater Solutions |
| Alissa Medows | Gail Borden Public Library |
| Kirsten Bryson | Metropolitan Library System |

Conversation Topics and Notes

1. Results of Priority Survey (Myranda)
 - a.  Aspen Cataloger Group Priorities Questions.pdf
 - b.  Aspen Cataloger Group Priorities Responses.pdf
 - c.  Aspen Cataloger Group Priorities #ranked

- d. Things not included in the survey, but people think should have been:
 - i. "Xbox Series X / Xbox One" format - Shantry, WYLD
 - 1. **ACTION:** Needs development - need to account for a few different formats Xbox One / Xbox Series X, Xbox Series X, Xbox One., 2 - 250s
 - 2. Also make sure Xbox original games don't show as Xbox 360 in Aspen; show "Microsoft Xbox" instead.
- 2. Continuing item #5 from 08/15 meeting. Thanks in advance if you can offer advice. If you want to add examples--great! With the release of Aspen 24.01, we started to notice some new weirdness in search results. There were a number of tweaks to relevancy with this release and we tested but we didn't notice any weirdness until more use in production. Hunch: the boost for direct title match is too high in an effort to address the single, common word title problem; i.e., "The Women by Kristin Hannah" problem. In our experience these changes did not significantly correct that problem but introduced a number of others:
 - 1) title + author searches would yield critical works about said title before the title itself;
 - 2) title + author searches sometimes yielded poor results (title in question not in the top ten results or a different title by same author being before title in question);
 - 3) a preponderance of unpopular Hoopla music titles in search results (<https://catalog.library.nashville.org/Union/Search?view=list&showCovers=on&lookfor=shogun&searchIndex=Keyword&searchSource=local> arguably a bad example because the issue there is a diacritic but you can see what I mean).

- #2 is really bad for On Order titles. We determine most things at the item level but the exception is On Order materials. For these we have a unique Collection and let Aspen determine Format by bib. Then we use translation maps to ensure the displayed Formats conform to our specs. This is to say we can't boost On Order materials via Format boost. Or maybe we can? Is Aspen boosting the item level or bib level Format determination.

- We have eMusic set to the lowest boost.

Some examples:

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| pictures of you emma | => Pictures of You by Emma Grey |
| leaving robinson | => Robinson of You by Roxana Robinson |
| stand king | => Stephen King |
| hazelwood ali not in love | => Not In Love by Ali Hazelwood |
| wide sargasso sea jean rhys | => Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys |
| tristram shandy sterne | => Tristram Shandy by Laurence Sterne |
| tartt donna secret history | => The Secret History by Donna Tartt |
| dickens great expectations | => Great Expectations by Charles Dickens |
| herbert frank dune | => Dune by Frank Herbert |
| emma jane austen | => Emma by Jane Austen |
| mansfield park austen | => Mansfield Park by Jane Austen |

Still life burke => Still Life by Katherine Packert Burke (added by Emily from MPL/MCFLS - can't attend meeting, sorry!)

Thoughts from Emily @ MPL: in our system, there are few copies and only one format of this last title and I think that directly impacts findability. The below is the result of advanced search, just to see that this is solely a book, no other formats:

https://milwaukee.countycat.mcfls.org/Search/Results?join=AND&bool0%5B%5D=AND&lookfor0%5B%5D=still+life&type0%5B%5D=Title&lookfor0%5B%5D=burke&type0%5B%5D=Author&submit=Find&filter%5B%5D=&filter%5B%5D=&filter%5B%5D=&filter%5B%5D=&filter%5B%5D=&publishDateSortyearfrom=&publishDateSortyearto=&filter%5B%5D=&filter%5B%5D=&filter%5B%5D=&filter%5B%5D=&lexile_scorefrom=&lexile_scoreto=&filter%5B%5D=&filter%5B%5D=&filter%5B%5D=&filter%5B%5D=

Not quite the same problem, but another example of unexpected search results for title keywords is translated works (added by Katie @ WVLS)

Keyword search: chemistry lessons - Lessons in chemistry


<https://catalog.wvls.org/Union/Search?view=list&lookfor=chemistry+lessons&searchIndex=Keyword&searchSource=local&showCovers=on>

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10VswpDu8EX0LRfw3rz0dUmP6CYxMltTU7HvB21_N5Ow/edit?usp=sharing

3. Update on actions determined at August meeting? (i.e. not using 710 for movies) - Emily at MPL/MCFLS
 - a. Item was voted on for ranking, but doesn't appear to be scheduled by anyone - is a small fix though, so could jump ahead of other priorities depending on just how easy it is
4. Fix for displaying content in parentheses in series fields (ticket #131838, also discussed at June meeting of this group)? - Emily at MPL/MCFLS
 - a. Item was voted on for ranking, but doesn't appear to be scheduled by anyone
5. Discussion of re-sorting the order of grouped works, specifically re: moving Large Print under book
 - a. <https://catalog.minilib.net/GroupedWork/b136eb5d-5be0-78f3-c3a6-0eab9eab0cb6-eng/Home> -- CLAMS did something similar

Sorted Book Formats ?

| Sort | Format |
|------|-------------|
| ↑ | Book |
| ↑ | Large Print |
| ↑ | Braille |
| ↑ | eBook |
| ↑ | Kindle |

- i.
- b. If there is no data in the columns for sorting, your admin might not have the appropriate permissions
- c. Strangeness in the settings in that there were formats that the library didn't use showing and things were showing in multiple categories (e.g., book under both book and movie formats)
6. Discussion of Governance Task Force
 - a. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NyhWhxeFRiTYQkn07knkZ_EdNFOXEU3/edit
 - b. <https://forms.gle/FCt4UxJYDfE2HD9>
7. Discussion of Community Tool Selection
 - a.  Tool Evaluation for an Aspen Community Collaborative Tool
8. Discussion of 245 bracket information
 - a. If the entire subfield is in brackets, it shows just fine (<https://milwaukee.aspendiscovery.org/GroupedWork/9cc2831e-9351-8766-f3a7-90904cd73b78-eng>), but if there is some information in brackets in between regular text, e.g., I [Heart] Huckabees, then that information is being stripped out: <https://milwaukee.aspendiscovery.org/GroupedWork/1c0f4b22-a637-1516-6e67-d4360a4b360f-eng>
 - b. Full record view is consistently fine, though: <https://milwaukee.aspendiscovery.org/Record/.b30754252>
9. Discussion of third party cover vendors

- a. You can ask your Aspen support vendor to reload all covers with the default image source (or Syndetics or Content Cafe image source) on the server for you. Once they do that, clear cache and see if your covers look good.

Aug 15, 2024 Meeting

Attendees, please add your name and partner organization

| Name | Partner Organization |
|-------------------|---|
| Mike Grgurev | Main Library Alliance |
| Devin McGhee | Metropolitan Library System |
| Jordan Fields | Grove |
| Emily Vieyra | Milwaukee County Federated Library System |
| Shantry Miller | WYLD |
| Kirsten Bryson | Metropolitan Library System |
| Elaine Greenfield | Minuteman Library Network |
| Mark Noble | Grove |
| Jen Schmidt | Milwaukee County Fed Lib System |
| Jeanne Mauriello | Main Library Alliance |
| Cynthia Judkins | CW MARS |
| Angela Brown | GMILCS |
| Tricia Andrews | Metropolitan Library System |
| Rachel Metzler | Wisconsin Valley Library Service |

Conversation Topics and Notes

1. What are your top priorities for development related to cataloging or data? At the meeting, we'll discuss which of those listed below is the most important for the group.
 - a. Ability to move an individual record from one grouped work to another. Right now "Group with work" function only combines whole grouped works; would like to be able

- to move just a single record to a different grouped work (e.g., DVD included in grouped work for different version of film) --Minuteman Library Network (Elaine); Ticket #136263
 - b. 880 fields for non-Roman language entries (Chinese, Korean, Russian, etc.): Add title, author, & subject indexing (currently only searchable by general keyword) and show in full record display. --Minuteman Library Network (Elaine); Ticket #117607
 - c. Retain “a graphic novel”/“the graphic novel” in titles for grouping purposes—at least as an option. --Minuteman Library Network (Elaine)
 - i. Suggest using the 245b with graphic novel to determine if the format is graphic novel
 - ii. Also an option to avoid stripping graphic novel subtitles during indexing
 - d. Display square brackets in titles (this group decided to display these during our February meeting - excluding 245\$h) - WYLD ticket #114104
2. Grouping records – Teresa, BGCLS (open ticket #131196)
 - a. Can we get development to allow records to be grouped by bib control numbers? Or allow grouping by ISBN or UPC and allow a way to view covers/records before grouping?
 - b. Example from the BG Aspen: The Little Mermaid bib cntrl# 222643 has grouped the animated Disney editions and the live action editions together. Also, there are separate Disney animation records that could be grouped with the other Disney animation: The Little Mermaid cntrl# 1299, The Little Mermaid 102053, The Little Mermaid 192507
 3. Change how film records assign author (open ticket #135987)
 - a. Author is using the first 710 which is not in a deterministic order. **Need to ignore 710s if there is a 130 for grouping category of movie only.**
 - b. There are authorized 130s for different movies. Little Mermaid, Christmas Carol, etc. OCLC should have them, Sky River may be spotty
 4. Searching: This may not be a priority yet but circling back to an easier way to search part of title, part of the author from basic search screen
 - a. leaving robinson
 - b. The most / most anthony
 - c. The lost
 - d. Need to look into the title_full field and relevancy for that field to see if that can work? Can also look into proximal searching?
 - e. Could also look into local boosting of individual works
 - f. Could also do extra boosting of on order/in processing?

Jul 18, 2024 Meeting

Attendees, please add your name and partner organization

| Name | Partner organization |
|-----------------------|---|
| Pam Skittino | Deerfield Public Library |
| Emily Vieyra | Milwaukee County Federated Library System |
| Shantry Miller | WYLD |
| Kyle Davis | Milwaukee County Federated Library System |
| Chanel Wheeler | YLN |
| Jordan Fields | ByWater Solutions |
| Amanda Campbell | HMCPL |
| Rachel Metzler | Wisconsin Valley Library Service |
| Mark Noble | ByWater Solutions |
| Teresa Van Doren | Black Gold Cooperative Library System |
| Michelle Spinney | CLAMS Library Network |
| Edmund Lowe | GMILCS |
| Angela Brown | GMILCS |
| Mike Grgurev | Main Library Alliance |
| Kristi Krueger | CCPL |
| Devin McGhee | Metropolitan Library System |
| Erin Elliott | Milwaukee County Federated Library System |
| Carol Witt | C/W MARS |
| Shannon Montes de Oca | Orem Public Library |

Conversation Topics and Notes

1. Review action items from previous two meetings (Jordan)
2. Formats - Carol, C/W MARS
 - a. "Manga" and "Graphic Novel" Format rule conflict for records including both:
update "Graphic Novel" rule to something like "and does not contain "manga"?
(See updates from below)
3. "Xbox Series X / Xbox One" format - Shantry, WYLD

- a. **ACTION:** Needs development - need to account for a few different formats Xbox One / Xbox Series X, Xbox Series X, Xbox One., 2 - 250s
- 4. Microform formats - Shantry, WYLD
 - a. **ACTION:** No objections for development this is similar to the work we did to break out physical objects, just need to break out microfilm, microform, etc
- 5. Progress towards support of 880 fields for records with non-Roman characters (Hindi, Arabic, Japanese, etc.) – Kristi, CCPL
 - a. C/W MARS has a ticket open (#127143)
- 6. Incorrect author name order for econtent records - Angela, GMILCS
 - a. **ACTION:** Will talk more about this next time
- 7. What are the group's priorities for development? (Jordan)
 - a. **ACTION:** Bring thoughts about what you want to prioritize next time

Jun 20, 2024 Meeting

Attendees, please add your name and partner organization

| Name | Partner organization |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Cynthia Romanowski | SWAN |
| Kyle Davis | MPL/MCFLS |
| Chanel Wheeler | YLN |
| Carol Witt (accidental facilitator/note-taker) | C/W MARS |
| Amanda Campbell | HMCPL |
| Kirsten Bryson | Metro Library |
| George Williams | NEKLS |
| Shantry Miller | WYLD |
| Wendy Sharkey | CLN |
| Rachel Metzler | Wisconsin Valley Library Service |
| Mike Grgurev | Main Library Alliance |
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Conversation Topics and Notes

1. Series fields not showing parenthesis () in 830\$a, and not showing 4900_ if any 8XX are also used in the same record (unrelated to the 4900_) - Kyle Davis, MPL
 - a. E.g. 830 \$a Civil war (Marvel Comics Group) displays "Civil war"
 - b. SWAN has a ticket open #132767
 - c. **ACTION:** Display statements in parentheses in 8xx
 - d. **ACTION:** Display: Show 490 with first indicator 0, Show 8xx, Show both, Show none
2. Display 532 (Accessibility Note) in More Details section ([Full Record Options - Defined](#)) - Carol, C/W MARS
 - a. **ACTION:** Add the 532 field to display in the More Details section - Done in Aspen 24.07
3. Add the following subfields hlv to the existing 800 pqt and adding the subfield c to the 520- Cynthia Romanowski, SWAN
 - a. 8xx\$v could cause issues for those using open records vs. monograph records for series (e.g. graphic novels)
 - b. **ACTION:** Add subfields 8xx\$hlv and toggle whether or not they display - review examples
 - c. **ACTION:** Display 520\$c - Some libraries want this and some do not, would like a toggle potentially for if it shows or not. Can trim the – from the end of the description. Could display italicized in full record view. \$c would not show within search results.
4. Additional Graphic Novel/Comic format determinations - Mike, Main Libraries
 - a. For titles still showing as "Book" use a '6' (Comics/graphic novels) in the 008 positions 24-27 (Nature of Contents)
 - b. **ACTION:** This appears to be fixed already—double-check
5. Movie Rating Facet - Mike, Main Libraries
 - a. Currently uses the 521a to pull MPAA ratings specifically
 - b. Would be nice to add TV or ratings as well (TV rating: TV-MA, etc)
 - c. Same or different facet? Rename current facet?
 - d. Suppression of specific ratings (just on the facet) would be a nice option
 - e. Found out that it will show a "Rated X" if in the MARC record.. we've since adjusted the cataloging on that record. 😞
 - f. Displays 521 including TV ratings in More Details already (e.g. Target Audience: MPAA Rating: Not rated ; TV-PG.); see perhaps the "Audience Facet & Determining Audience" section of the [Facets help page](#)?
 - g. **ACTION:** Double-check; discuss further at the next meeting. Would be nice to add TV ratings and ESRB ratings. Also look into Hoopla ratings being included here.
6. Format for original Xbox games - currently rules show them as Xbox 360 - Kyle Davis, MPL
 - a. **ACTION:** Update rules to:

- i. Xbox: If the 250\$a or 538\$a contains “xbox” and does not contain “compatible”
 - ii. Xbox360: If the 250\$a or 538\$a contains “xbox360” or “xbox 360” and does not contain “compatible”
- 7. Differentiate between hardcover/paperback editions - Wendy, CLN
 - a. This was raised at the March 21st meeting (see 1c); C/WMARS is doing this too
 - b. Add filter (like Fiction/Nonfiction) based on 250\$a OR 340\$l OR 020\$q
 - c. **ACTION:** Discuss further at the next meeting . Maybe try with [custom facets](#) and see what additional issues we uncover.

May 16, 2024 Meeting

Attendees, please add your name and partner organization

| Name | Partner Organization |
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| Carol Witt | C/W MARS |
| Bryan Jones | NPL |
| Rachel Metzler | Wisconsin Valley Library Service |
| Kirsten Bryson | Metropolitan Library System |
| Kyle Davis | Milwaukee Public Library/MCFLS |
| Emily Vieyra | Milwaukee Public Library/MCFLS |
| Shantry Miller | WYLD |
| George Williams | Northeast Kansas Library System |
| Devin McGhee | Metropolitan Library System |
| Claudia Nickson | SWAN |
| Angela Brown | GMILCS, Inc. |
| Shannon Montes de Oca | Orem Public Library |
| James Staub | Nashville Public Library |
| Pam Skittino | Deerfield Public Library, IL |
| Zachary Knowlton | Capital Area District Libraries |

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| Name | Partner Organization |
| Michael Grgurev | Main Library Alliance |

Conversation Topics and Notes

8. Grouped work author display - Myranda, ByWater Solutions
 - a. We are preferring ILS data for grouped work author display, but are still not including the 100\$d value by default - would we want to include the dates on the grouped work as well, or should we keep that in full record view only?
 - b. *Preference is to keep the date value out due to variance in cataloging and possibility of limiting results from that grouped work hyperlink search*
 - c. **ACTION:** Let's continue to talk about this, there aren't easy solutions right now
9. Adding 505\$t data to title search index - Myranda, ByWater Solutions
 - a. The 505\$t is already included in the keyword search index, but not the title index
 - b. For the title index, we're already looking at these fields in the MARC record:
 - i. Title - 245abnp, alternate titles: 130adfgklnpst, 240a, 246abfgnp, 700tnr, 730adfgklnpst, 740a
 - ii. Series - 830anp, 830v, 800pat, 490
 - c. *Folks want this, but would definitely want it be less weighted than 245a*
 - d. **ACTION:** We would like development done for this, need to add a field within the schema to store it and search it. 505\$r should also be indexed as an author (this is listed as first name last name so would need normalization)
10. Formats - Carol, C/W MARS
 - a. "Manga" Format rule uses non-LCGFT term: change "If the 655 contains 'manga graphic novel'" to "if the 655 contains 'manga'"?
 - i. **ACTION:** If we have both manga and graphic novel, should prefer manga (mark updated the filtering rules to mark titles as manga if both are found)
 - b. Add "Online Course" Format for specific side loads?
 - i. Can already do this:
<https://help.aspendiscovery.org/help/integration/sideload#Cell-2461-PanelBody>
11. Add 655 comics headings for fiction browse category - Emily MPL
 - a. **ACTION:** Broaden subject headings (Fantasy vs. Fantasy Comics). Ticket 132099
12. Audience for Kanopy records - Emily MPL
 - a. Use subject heading or 521 field
 - b. **ACTION:** Create rules as a group to look at some subjects in order to determine audience in addition to 008/006 before doing development
13. Treating 7XX with \$i differently from contributors list - Shannon OPL
 - a. **ACTION:** Continue to discuss this as we discuss other types of related content (i.e. graphic novel to book)

April 18, 2024 Meeting

Attendees, please add your name and partner organization

| Name | Partner Organization |
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| Carol Witt | C/W MARS |
| Chanel Wheeler | YLN |
| Shantry Miller | WYLD |
| Amanda Campbell | HMCPL |
| Michelle Spinney | CLAMS Library Network |
| Emily Vieyra | Milwaukee County FLS/MPL |
| Jeanne Mauriello | Main Library Alliance |
| Rachel Metzler | Wisconsin Valley Library Service |
| Michael Grgurev | Main Library Alliance |
| Kirsten Bryson | Metropolitan Library System |
| Angela Brown | GMILCS, Inc. |
| Perry Huang | Cleveland Public Library |
| Lena Hernandez | Equinox |
| Claudia Nickson | SWAN |

Conversation Topics and Notes

1. Add Game format - Shantry

| Value | Format Display | Rule |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| PhysicalObject | Physical Object | If position 6 of the leader = "R" |

Aspen today calls it a “projected video” and the MARC documentation has position 6 of the leader is “Projected medium”

What’s the best way to differentiate board/card games from video games?

Could also look at "Type of material"

There is also a controlled subject heading

"Game" in the 008 position 33

New proposal: If the leader position 6 is R then we want to use whatever is in position 33 of the 008 EXCEPT where position 33 is m or v - this will be released in 24.05

If the leader position 6 is M then we will look at the 008 position - if 26 value is a, it will be numeric data; if value is b, it will be computer program; if value is g, it will be video game.

- I mentioned this in the chat. Video games should be Type 'm' (File 'g': 008/26; 006/09) in the LDR and board games are Type 'r' (TMat 'g': 008/33; 006/16) - Carol

2. Vox books - look at 490 *tag as another option to check besides 250 and 500* (Jeanne)

This might also apply to wonderbooks - can we do it for that too?

There are series that use the word "Vox"

Is the key to look specifically for "vox books"

Can we just move the data from the 490 or add it to the 500 for those records - recommendation for libraries.

3. Author authorities improvements: Can there be a shared file of known issues/authors we all have problems with? I've asked in a dev ticket for the possibility of a CSV file upload, too, to deal with a high volume of authors we want to put authorities in for. - Emily MPL

- a. Somewhat related: C/W MARS Ticket #122054: "Evergreen Author Authority Records in Aspen" - Carol

Do we want a file of known author authorities that all Aspen libraries get?

Would we rather have this in the shared content server? - Yes

4. Place of publication (something you can get from the 008/15-17) - the user wants to see titles the library owns that were published in France. Might this be better to get as a report from the ILS? We have a place of publication facet that could also be turned on.

March 21, 2024 Meeting

Attendees, please add your name and partner organization



| Name | Partner Organization |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Chanel Wheeler | Yavapai Library Network |
| Rachel Metzler | Wisconsin Valley Library Service |
| Lori Thorrat | Cuyahoga County Public Library |
| Kristi Krueger | Cuyahoga County Public Library |
| Mark Noble | ByWater Solutions |
| Angela Brown | GMILCS, Inc. |
| Robin Hastings | NEKLS |
| Cynthia Romanowski | SWAN |
| Shantry Miller | WYLD |
| George Williams | NEKLS |
| Claudia Nickson | SWAN |
| Carol Witt | C/W MARS |
| Miranda Nero | Ocean State Libraries |
| Tricia Andrews | Metro Library |
| Jordan Fields | ByWater Solutions |
| Mike Grgurev | Main Library Alliance |



Conversation Topics and Notes



1. Oversize Book Format? -Rachel @WVLS
Anyone interested in this as a format label? They have a large book copy that is grouping with regular books.
 - a. Others use a different location code
 - b. General desire to differentiate different types of editions better
 - c. Desire to differentiate between hardback and paperback
 - d. Others use item types
 - e. Others update the title to get it not to group
 - f. Reminder that if you're using item format determination and there's not an item, Aspen will fall back on the bib level rules.
2. Young Readers editions grouping with original work. Angela - GMILCS
 - a. Previous conversation from this group and upcoming dev:
If "young reader" appears anywhere in the 250 or the 245\$b, that would solve most of these issues.
Should they group or not group - no, content is different, group consensus
 - b. Others have added this info to the title
 - c. Could put this info in the 500 or the 520 - this displays for some libraries
 - d. Could also go in the 130 if we don't want it displayed in the title
 - e. Most have been manually ungrouping so far
 - f. Other options, Adult New Reader
 - g. Multi-lingual titles too (like English and Spanish) - these don't tend to have edition statements
 - h. Can we also do Oversize Edition in the 250 tag and Abridged?
 - i. Could have a checkbox as to whether or not the 250 is used for grouping - maybe not because we try to keep the grouping rules consistent
3. DVD and Blu-Ray when they are split from a combo pack. Claudia - SWAN
 - a. [Dream Scenario example from SWAN](#)
 - b. We currently look at 250a, 300, 538, 500
 - c. Using Regular Expression: `(.*blu-ray\s?[+\\\\/]\s?dvd.*)|(blu-ray 3d\s?[+\\\\/]\s?dvd.*)|(.*dvd\s?[+\\\\/]\s?blu-ray.`
 - d. Do we want to update rules to NOT look at the 500?
We'll comment this out for the 24.04 release and we'll put it back if anyone has issues
4. Could we have a recap of the 880 approach discussed last time? – Kristi Krueger, CCPL
 - a. Include these for display only for things like titles and subjects
 - b. Will not be included for indexing things like facets
 - c. They will be indexed in the keyword index



- d. These will only display in the individual record to start because of how record grouping works
 - e. [Example record from CCPL](#)
5. Source of description in grouped work display - Miranda Nero, Ocean State Libraries
- a. [Example record from OSL](#)
 - b. A few others have tickets on this
 - c. For grouped works, we display Syndetics if we have that, then we look to the longest description from a book, then longest from an ebook, then just longest
 - d. Best fix might be to allow libraries to select the description they want to use.
 - i. (Carol) I found in the Catalog Enrichment section of Catalog/Grouped Works > Grouped Work Display, click Prefer Syndetics/Content Cafe Description (or not).



Catalog Enrichment



☒ Show Syndicated Reviews  



☒ Show GoodReads Reviews  



☒ **Prefer Syndetics/Content Cafe Description**  

☒ Show Similar Authors  

☒ Show Similar Titles  

☒ Enable User Ratings  

☐ Enable User Reviews  

☐ Hide User Content with Bad Words  

Whether or not the Description loaded from an enrichment service should be preferred over the Description in the Marc Record.

February 15, 2024 Meeting

Attendees, please add your name and partner organization

| Name | Partner Organization |
|-------------------|---|
| Tricia Andrews | Metropolitan Library System |
| Michelle Spinney | CLAMS Library Network |
| Emily Vieyra | Milwaukee County Federated Library System |
| Shantry Miller | WYLD |
| Carol Witt | C/W MARS |
| Kyle Davis | Milwaukee County Federated Library System |
| Angela Brown | GMILCS |
| Melissa Brenneman | Knox Co. Public Library |
| Devin McGhee | Metropolitan Library System |

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| Angela Brown | GMILCS |
| Kirsten Bryson | Metropolitan Library System |
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| Mike Grgurev | Main Library Alliance |

Conversation Topics and Notes

1. Using 880 Fields from MARC Records (Jordan/ByWater)

Which fields do we want to match? How do we want to display them? Note that 880s do work in keyword searches now.

Removing the appearance of the subfield 6 would be good (Carol)

What's the impact for Grouped Works?

For subjects, we'd index separately and display separately? Display side by side

Conclusion: We can display all of these fields and we won't worry about things like facets for now.

2. New format rule: If position 6 of the leader = "W" (Kyle Davis/MCFLS)

If position 6 (REC TYPE) of the leader = "R" and the 008 position 33 (TYPE MAT) = "W"

With that rule, Aspen would display "Toy"

Position 33 (TYPE MAT) = "G" would display as "Game"

Conclusion: We could do everything in position 33 if the position 6 (REC TYPE) of the leader = "R"

3. New format rule: for CD+Book – read leader position 2 = i or j, and 300e includes book (but not pamphlet or booklet) (Emily Vieyra/MCFLS)

Would we want to display this as Music CD+Book? To help patrons differentiate from books that come with a CD audiobook?

Conclusion: Music CD +Book – read leader position 2 = i or j, and 300e includes book (but not pamphlet or booklet)

4. Follow up on square brackets from previous meeting (Shantry/WYLD)

Bryan from Slack: Title info in brackets would be fine to include as long as we could surgically exclude 245\$h.

Some libraries have been changing records to use parentheses to get around this.

Conclusion: Title info in brackets would be fine to include for display as long as we could surgically exclude 245\$h.

5. Why some sideloads appear in Available Now At and some do not (melissa at Knox)

Looked at the “Available Now At” facet - Aspen only shows the top 30 results for each facet. Need to add an indicator that there are more results (or a less subtle indicator).

Could also add a way to exclude sideloads from that facet. (Melissa says YAY to this; or actually, how about a “Available Now At Online” instead of each sideload name. And, I’m just talking about sideloads. The API connections can still be Available Now At Hoopla/Libby and not fill up our location list past 30.)

6. Is there a way to prevent sideload record sets from grouping on each other, as in multiple Gale sets of MARC records that have the same title and author but the links are not the same (melissa at Knox)

Example: Title might be “Immigration” and Author would be “Gale”

These would be manually ungrouped.

If they’re from different sources they should be showing as different formats (share

examples if you find them if it's not working this way).

7. Displaying order of subject headings - order of importance vs alphabetical order (Kyle/Emily)

Grouped works complication - How do we show this combined list? We'd need to calculate a score based on where the subject appears in the list and on how many records.

Not a big deal for an individual MARC record - it's most important here

Conclusion: We could do this easily for individual MARC records. It would be more complicated to do for grouped works. A toggle would be nice.

8. How are libraries cataloguing audio-enabled books (e.g. Wonderbook/VOX) vs Playaway? (Carol from CW Mars)

One library has one type of format for "Read-Along" that is for all of these (Kristi Krueger from Cuyahoga) - she'll share what they're doing with Carol Witt from CW Mars. Several libraries do this.

Kirsten Bryson (Metro) uses the bib format determination and the rules from Aspen to get those to show together.

January 18, 2024 Meeting

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Conversation Topics and Notes

1. Square brackets in titles - Shantry

Square brackets are currently excluded from displaying in the grouped work title. Should these show? We are now showing titles where the entire title is in square brackets.

Example:

<https://wyld.aspendiscovery.org/Union/Search?view=list&showCovers=on&lookfor=pets+costain&searchIndex=Keyword&searchSource=local> displays I pets instead of I [heart] pets

<https://wyld.aspendiscovery.org/Union/Search?view=list&showCovers=on&lookfor=juggling+elephants&searchIndex=Keyword&searchSource=local> Elephants looks misspelled

Can we display the content in square brackets if it's in 245\$a (and only \$a) OR show when there's only one bib record in the group. What about \$b but NOT if there's a \$h.

Could we also say keep the brackets only if they're not at the very end of the title?

This is for display only, not for the grouping rules.

WYLD has about 1000 titles like this.

An example with the language in square brackets at the end

<https://metrolibrary.aspendiscovery.org/Record/CARL0000952365?searchId=1113191&recordIndex=2&page=1&referred=resultIndex>

Example where square brackets at the end is relevant info

<https://wyld.aspendiscovery.org/Record/a675834?searchId=6861719&recordIndex=1&page=1&referred=resultIndex>

This could also help with genealogy and map data.

Is it worth adjusting the grouping rules to just not include \$h?

Let folks research this before making a final decision?

2. Grouped Works Working Group Update (Bryan)

Goal was to look for ways to programmatically improve grouping.

Recommendations:

1. Remove titles from author names in OverDrive
2. Do not include subtitles from OverDrive when grouping OverDrive records

Mentioned that Arlington recommends using authority control to improve groupings. They do apply retroactively as long as you trigger a reindex.

Could we add authorities to the greenhouse?

Can we use the sort titles?

Nashville will test their hypotheses and report back!

3. Separating out Young Readers Editions

Notes from May's discussion: Sometimes 245 sometimes 250 as a place to find that info?

More info: 008\$j and 250 also has those notes, sometimes 264, 500 note, 521 in ages, 650

The 250 matches what OverDrive is doing

If “young reader” appear anywhere in the 250 or the 245\$b, that would solve most of these issues.

Should they group or not group - no, content is different, group consensus

Young readers are different than abridged editions. Young readers should take priority over dealing with abridgements.

We could also append Young Readers Edition to the title (for display only, not grouping)

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December 21st, 2023 Meeting

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Conversation Topics and Notes

1. Internet items - Shantry

Shantry/WYLD is using Internet items on bib records (location is Internet)

Michelle/CLAMS - Sideloaded and some in bib records and some URL in item records, they also have an online location

Most folks use the sideloading functionality for online content.

Lots of folks have records in the ILS with old URLs that aren't great for one reason or another.

2. Keyword searching and ILS interaction - Erin

Some "rogue cataloging" - not using official subject headings, specific about info in the 520 tag, having trouble finding things when the information is in these fields.

3. Talking about keyword searching and what to do when "inappropriate" titles come up, appropriate for the search, but not liked by the patron. Also talked about kids catalogs.

4. Talked about different ways folks have tried to hack relevancy

November 16th, 2023 Meeting

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Conversation Topics and Notes

1. Consolidating item list in multi-volume holds dropdown by volume (follow up from last meeting with MAIN consortium)

Patrons getting confused when there's a multi-volume hold with a long list of items. Can that list of item records be consolidated into volumes? What impact does ILS have?

Volume field in Polaris can be used for lots of purposes in Polaris. Individual Polaris systems need to be careful to standardize. Is there a better place to put this data?

2 issues: Pick your item and how Polaris handles grouping things together to call it the same volume.

Sierra has volume records OR item level holds with volume data (most libraries don't use volume records). For the item level holds, it's a similar problem to what Polaris is seeing.

Need to figure out how availability plays into this, and availability and holds are specific to the ILS.

For Symphony, we can use the volume information if it is present, but only if it's present.

Need to check to see what happens if all of the volumes are the same (ie, don't make the patron choose if there's not a choice to be made).

Issue 3: If there are multiple editions with multiple volumes, it would be ideal to combine all of the items and volumes from all of the bib records.

For Polaris, we would show the volume, not all of the item details. If the field is left blank, the blanks get grouped together.

For Sierra, if you're not using volume records, you're forced into an item level hold.

Polaris also has a serials module, so the Polaris fix would only work for libraries NOT using the serials module, we'd need to see how that would work. Aspen doesn't currently have an integration with the Polaris serials module.

2. Discontinue stripping out words after "by" from record grouping logic (Shantry/WYLD)

Example: "Down by the barn" title, that was grouping with "Down by the station" which was appearing as the title because we ignore the two words after "by" for grouping purposes.

Could Aspen check for a match with the author MARC data? And then ignore if it matches? Econtent data we'd also want to look at?

Is this worth it to change? WYLD ran a report, and they have over 5,700 records (out of a million) with "space by space" - that's not accounting for the same author or that Aspen is only looking for the two words. Can we get more data to better understand the impact?

If you manually ungroup, then you can't regroup ungrouped titles.

Hoopla and OverDrive often have extraneous info in the title field, but that typically prevents grouping. How many of these records are there? We have less control over this. Getting this data might take as much time as changing it.

Could add logic that if one word after the "by" appear in the author field, then strip everything after the "by."

What about stripping out things like Newbery from titles? We do look for series now, but not award winners. They're also doing this with book clubs (oprah, good morning, reese, jenna bush etc). Can we just strip that out? OverDrive says it's coming from the publishers.

Should we develop a list of those to get rid of? Stored in the community content server?

Hard coded (for now)? Mark coded during the meeting, this only impacts the subtitle of OverDrive records.

#grouped-works-working-group is the place to talk about these

Maybe just call that group grouped works? Can't rename the slack group so we'll keep it for now.

3. AspenCon presentations