

IMPLEMENTING LOCAL ALTERNATIVES TO THE "ILLEGAL ALIENS" LCSH

REPORT FROM THE SAC WORKING GROUP ON ALTERNATIVES TO LCSH "ILLEGAL ALIENS"

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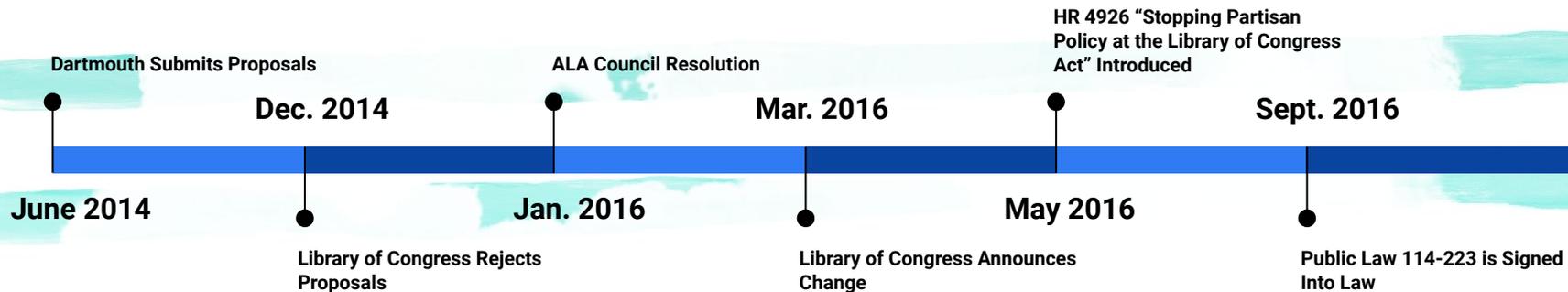
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BACKGROUND





METHODOLOGY

SOME QUESTIONS ASKED

- Does your library catalog represent your single library, your library system, or a consortium of library systems?
- What changes has your library / library system / consortium made to this subject heading?
- Were the changes one-time, or are new records with the subject headings accounted for in your approach? If you made one-time changes, do you plan to address new records with the "Illegal aliens" LCSH?
- Did you have to make changes in your discovery interface in order to include the changes you made to the subject heading? If so, what actions did you take?
- What challenges did you encounter with making these changes?
- Were library / organizational administration or other parts of the library involved in the decision to make these changes?
- Were these changes communicated to the organization or the public, and if so, how?



SURVEY RESULTS

ILS of respondents

SirsiDynix Symphony

2.4%

Koha

4.9%

Follett Destiny

4.9%

SirsiDynix WorkFlows

2.4%

Ex Libris Voyager

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Ex Libris Alma

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Innovative Sierra

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Innovative Polaris

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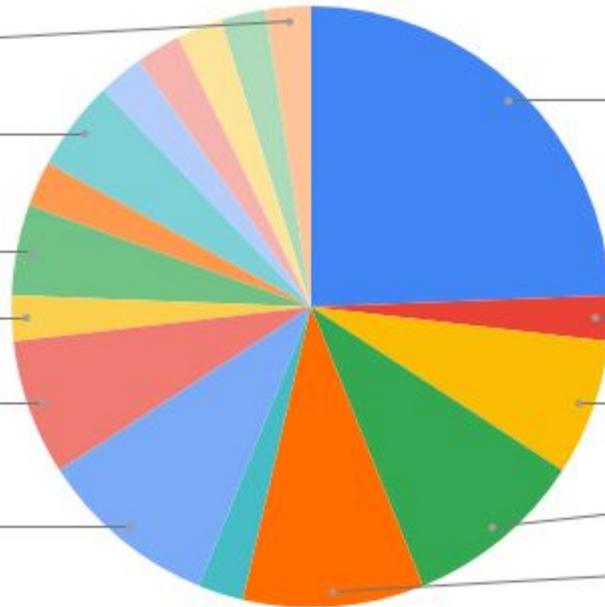
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Innovative Millennium

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Discovery layers of respondents

Enterprise

2.4%

Ex Libris Primo

12.2%

Innovative Millennium

2.4%

SirsiDynix Enterprise

4.9%

Proquest Summon

14.6%

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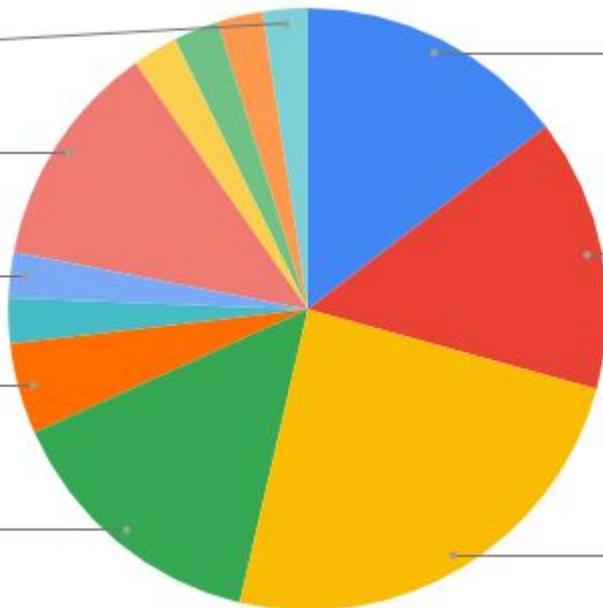
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EBSCO Discovery

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none

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TRENDS IN THE RESULTS

Most who made revisions changed the heading to “Undocumented immigrants”

Primary approaches:

- Retaining authorized LCSH and adding alternate terms
 - Replacing authorized LCSH
- Retaining authorized LCSH and displaying alternate terms

FREQUENTLY REPORTED CHALLENGES

- deciding how to make changes on a consortium-wide basis
- deciding on which alternative vocabulary/terminology to use
- unanticipated bibliographic maintenance, especially confusion around “aliens” versus extraterrestrials
- forgetting to revise headings that aren’t alphabetically near “Illegal aliens” (like “Children of illegal aliens”)
- keeping up with revising headings in newly imported bibliographic records
- workload/staffing issues
- database syncing issues causing delay in displaying revisions
- working around automated authority control systems

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Prescriptive recommendations were not possible
- Survey respondents' most frequent comment was that they wish they'd made this change sooner
- Anything is better than nothing

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