

BCLA Cataloguing & Technical Services Interest Group (BCCATS)
Spring 2025 Hybrid Meeting: Thursday, April 3, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
MINUTES

In attendance:

Stefan Hintersteiner (SFU Library)	Gurjiv Dhami
Meghan Vieweg (Coquitlam Public Library)	Lexi Mitchell (Douglas College Library)
Gabrielle Acuña (Simon Fraser University Library)	Richard Violette (Special Libraries Cataloguing ; Greater Victoria Public Library)
Andrea Gorgec (Burnaby Public Library)	Britannia Gammond (Northern Lights College Library)
Ryan Vernon (Langara College Library)	Sue Andrews (UBC Library)
Brian McGuinness (West Van Memorial Library)	Michael Baird (Okanagan Regional Library)
Jacqueline Huck (Fraser Valley Regional Library)	Allison Jones (Greater Victoria Public Library)
Emma Wills (Kwantlen Polytechnic University)	Hardeep Nikolaev (Surrey Schools - SD 36)
Judy Taylor (Kwantlen Polytechnic University)	Michelle Tang (University of the Fraser Valley Library)
Mari Anne Dansereau (BCIT Library)	Jill Klaponski (North Vancouver District Public Library)
Dean Seeman (University of Victoria Libraries)	Rachel Rogers (Greater Victoria Public Library)
Laura Doublet (University of Victoria Libraries)	Laura Green (North Vancouver District Public Library)
Leona Li (Kwantlen Polytechnic University Library)	Chelsea Merkl (Borden Ladner Gervais)
Evelyn Feldman (University of Victoria Libraries)	Megan Toye (Douglas College Library)
Tamarack Hockin (Capilano University Library)	Pam Killin (Burnaby School District-SD41)
Cindy Chang (BCIT Library)	Suyu Dong (Justice Institute of BC)
Carla Ganotisi (Surrey School District – LRS)	Geoffrey Boyd (University of Northern BC Library)
Charlee Hildebrand (SFU Library)	Lindsay Willson (Okanagan College Library)
Alex Lee (Simon Fraser University Library)	Shawna Buhler (BC Hydro Library and Archives)
Charlie Kambashi (Douglas College Library)	Jennifer Pringle (BC Libraries Cooperative)
Hannah Cowell (Capilano University Library)	Stacey Steil (Camosun College Library)
Yizhi Ni (Capilano University Library)	Lisa Conceicao (Surrey School District – LRS)
Rujipa Laosin (Capilano University Library)	Kelsey Witowich (Surrey School District – LRS)
Kaitlin Chang (Capilano University Library)	Nicole Von Kledtke (Kwantlen Polytechnic University Library)
Harmony Croft (Douglas College Library)	
Michael Haavisto (Capilano University Library)	
Harry Han (Capilano University Library)	

AGENDA

1. Welcome and acknowledgements (10 min.)

Welcome to SFU: Gohar Ashoughian – SFU Dean of Libraries and University Librarian
Territorial acknowledgement: Stefan Hintersteiner – SFU Library
BCCATS welcome: Tamarack Hockin – BCCATS Chair

2. Additions to/approval of the agenda (5 min.) (Tamarack Hockin)

No additions

3. Discussion: AI in Metadata (45 min.)

3.1 Demo of Alma AI Tools (Stefan Hintersteiner, SFU Library)

Stefan provided a demo of SFU Library's ILS Metadata Assistant – [Alma Specto](#)

Using the example of Emily Carr's book *Hundreds of Thousands*, the AI tool created a bib record based on the book.

- Summary of finished record:
 - The only required field is title.
 - The information provided to the AI assistant was four photos of the book (front cover, back cover, title page, TP verso).
 - It took about one minute to a minute and a half to generate the record.
 - In preparing the presentation, Stefan generated a bib record for same book 3-4 times and each time had different results.
 - The resulting bib was missing some fields (e.g. 040, 300, call number...), and the punctuation wasn't quite right.

The biggest issue is inconsistency. Records were inconsistently bad versus vendor records which are consistently bad in the same way. This makes it hard for batch editing of records since errors are all over the place and unpredictable.

3.2 AI, machine learning, and the PCC (Dean Seeman, Director of Collection management services, UVic Libraries, Chair-Elect, PCC)

Dean shared about the work of the [PCC Task Group on AI and Machine Learning for Cataloging and Metadata](#).

This task group looked at:

- How AI fits in cataloguing more generally
- How it fits in PCC specifically

They put together a final report and survey on how libraries use AI and machine learning and any concerns libraries have.

The result is also a resource base for resources related to AI and cataloguing and metadata.

Out of this work came guiding principles for use of AI and Machine Learning Technologies in Cataloguing and Metadata work. Since technology changes, their approach is principle based.

[Principles are available](#) online, and we can submit feedback [using this form](#) before August 1, 2025.

See full presentation attached at the end of these minutes.

3.3 Thoughts on AI (Tamarack Hockin, Capilano University Library)

"it bums me out that you're all blithely moving forward with using these planet-killing hallucination machines that disregard intellectual property and populate bullshit based on the bigotries of the past." Violet Fox, [Critcatenate](#) (Sept 2, 2024)

Tamarack referenced the problems and concerns about AI including the sense of urgency that library workers feel about adopting this technology:

She discussed how "urgency is part of the hype" and that we are not actually behind.

Other points discussed include:

- AI Tech is being aggressively marketed (in the same way SPAM causes panic and fear). The messaging is loud and pervasive and the feeling that the marketing is conveying is that AI is the future and the future is already here. The issue with this messaging is that it prevents us from thinking critically about AI. This is the anathema to slow librarianship.
- Tamarack encouraged library professionals to stop and think critically, encouraging us that we have choices and the power to think about things
- Another issue Tamarack identified is that those rolling out AI are not the knowledge experts. Those who are not qualified are making decisions about what is an acceptable outcome (not the experts). It should be us as experts.

Another reference to look at is Emily Bender – [Resisting dehumanizing in the age of “AI” Current Directions in Psychological Science \(pre-published version\)](#) (2024) – 6 ways AI can dehumanize and 6 ways we can resist.

Issue identified include:

- Computer Metaphor – people as computer
- Digital Physiognomy – flattening of human experience
- Ghost work – dehumanizing labour / exploitive labour under these tools
- Data models are based on don't adhere to DEI work (how is AI doing any better than existing standards that are already problematic?)
- Intellectual property – Question whether we should be feeding AI intellectual property (e.g. when cataloguing)

Some things that can we do:

- Engage in critical systems thinking – ask dumb questions; we have a right to ask for simple detail.
- Problematize simplified tasks.
- Public scholarship – engaging in policies (global and local).
- Decenter Whiteness and English
- Envision alternative research paths
- Consider what job are we hiring AI to do? Do these align with our values?
- Question what we want vendors to take over in terms of our work (e.g. through AI)

We should be identifying practical problems that could benefit from computational solutions, not machine learning solutions that could benefit from the problems. The key is we make the decisions.

Focus on our own values when making decisions, not hype.

See full presentation link here: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1zh1rQtfn0fKclDu7amdOOiG3Bm5VFE6WaVxYNMrYLME/edit?usp=sharing>

3.4 AI-assisted scripting for libraries (Ryan Vernon, Langara College Library)

Ryan was looking for a solution to authority control since Langara's authority control vendor went out of business. The ILS's (Sierra) authority control is labour intensive and so he was looking for a good alternative reporting method. In this mini project, he used ChatGPT 4 to assist with creating an Invalid Headings Report using Python. The goal was to complete the task without requiring Python programming skills.

The result was successful over multiple attempts with refined language of inquiry. Generative AI is an expert system - a system if where you're an expert, you can use it (multiplies your own knowledge) The problem is when we remove the human element and AI *replaces* us.

Ryan finished his talk by discussing the idea of "First mover advantage" and asked: how are library users using AI, and where is our role in our patrons' information journey?

There was some discussion in the room including the following ideas:

- Prompting AI is a very similar skill to prompting a database, so library workers can assist users with this in the same way they help with database searching.
- The idea of library workers as experts in AI searching/research. There could be a new reference speciality – how to structure AI prompts.
- Tips for using AI include be expansive, punctuation matters, and try again and you'll learn the AI language and synaptic connections.

See full presentation attached at the end of these minutes.

[BREAK: 11:13-11:20]

4. Amendments to the minutes from Fall 2024 (5 min.) (Tamarack Hockin)

Approved with no amendments

5. Appointments (5 min.) (Tamarack Hockin)

5.1 Election of BCCATS Chair

Term will be 2025-2027 (as per [BCCATS Terms of Reference](#))

Ryan Vernon by acclamation is next BCCATS Chair.

5.2 Call for participation in Continuing Education Committee

Tamarack put out a call now and will put out an additional call out on BCCATS forum. The next Continuing Education meeting will take place in late April, and the hope is to bring in potentially new members.

The work of the Continuing Education Committee includes:

- Surveying and sharing resulting reports to membership about interest in professional development activities.
- Putting out a call for BCCATS-supported BCLA sessions.
- Aiding in building a community of practice.

No additions to the committee at this time. An additional, more detailed call out describing what the Continuing Education committee wants to tackle in the forthcoming year will be put out on the BCCATS forum.

6. Reports (20 min.)

6.1 Continuing Education Committee (Richard Violet)

- BCCATS Continuing Education Committee is sponsoring a session at BCLA called DEIAR ME
- Recommendations for BCLA sessions that may be of interest to BCCATS membership.
 - Wednesday, May 7 – [SOLD OUT - Pre-Conference Session: Demystifying RDA: Navigating the Official RDA Toolkit Together](#)
 - Thursday, May 8
 - 9:00-10:15 [DEIAR Me: Respect and Acknowledgement in the catalogue](#) (Topic: Metadata)
 - 1:45-2:30 [Navigating toward better accessibility in audiobooks](#) (Topic: Collections)
 - 3:15-4:00 [Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim Language Revitalization in the Public Library](#) (Topic: Collections)
 - Friday, May 9
 - 9:00-10:15 [Reimagining Library Vendor Relationships - One Path to a Reset Future](#) (Topic: Collections)
 - 11:00-11:45 [Birds of a Feather: Technical Services](#) (Topic: Technical Services/Cataloguing)
 - 11:45-1:15 [BCLA Awards Luncheon](#) We will reveal the winner of the 2024/2025 [BCCATS J. McRee Elrod Leadership Award](#).
 - 1:30-2:15 [Equitable discovery of accessible resources: the IFLA Accessibility Metadata Network](#) (OCLC requires accessibility in metadata work from late June 2025 – IFLA wants to recruit more people in BC for this work/collective advocacy)
 - 1:30-2:15 [Storytelling with Data: Creating Compelling, Evidence-based Stories about Your Library](#) (Topic: Technical Services)

6.2 Report from Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA) Cataloging and Metadata Standards Committee (CMSC) representative (Ryan Vernon)

CFLA is a library association made of library associations, so if you're a member of BCLA (or a law library association, etc.), you're a member of CFLA.

CFLA is reintroducing themselves to government. They see themselves as a way for us as library workers to advocate to government (lobbying group). They have met with government officials recently. For example, there have been some conversations about ebook pricing with the result being some real effects for libraries.

CFLA is looking to expand their membership. Some provinces lack representation (e.g., A Saskatchewan member just joined, but they are still struggling to find a member from the North). May reach out to people in the room.

CFLA is also looking to reconnect with their committees (e.g., CMSC).

CFLA is asking CMSC to provide more documentation on what they are doing and what their priorities are. This a part of rebuilding the connection back to CFLA.

There has been interest in grass roots training for RDA, and this group put in a request to CMSC for support. CMSC responded yesterday with a request for a committee for RDA

under CMSC. Challenges include that there is no budget and that work done through CFLAs need to include info in two official languages (since CFLA is a national committee).

CFLA-CMSC meets twice a year, and the next meeting is June 17. Ryan may have a call out for another member. Would be good to be someone from the RDA training group to build that connection.

6.3 Report from PCC Task Group for Metadata Related to Indigenous People of the Americas (Cleire Leon – reported via email)

The task group submitted their final report to Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) last month (March). Below are some of the key sections of the report:

- Results from the survey conducted last year (February – March 2024)
- Recommendations advising LC in terminology changes
- Identifying groups doing metadata work
- Creating a statement acknowledging harm of traditional PCC standards
- Identifying Indigenous scripts available in UNICODE
- Proposed revisions to LC Classification for E75 - E99
- Creating a statement encouraging reparative practices in metadata.

Once the report is publicly available, Cleire will post the link to the BCCATS forum.

7. Roundtable discussion (10 min.) (Tamarack Hockin)

7.1 Question about LCSH changes to Gulf of Mexico/Gulf of America, Denali/Mount McKinley.

- Richard Violet's two organizations (Special Libraries Cataloguing ; Greater Victoria Public Library) have decided to not change things.
- Stefan Hintersteiner: SFU Library has allow changes to come in Alma (since this is a community zone). They are going to add local SH fields with previous terms (preferred terms).
- Dean Seeman: UVic Libraries are doing the same as SFU. The question Dean has asked OCLC is if FAST subject headings could be an alternative to Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) when LCSHs are problematic. OCLC responded that FAST will stick to Library of Congress. Dean placed a call out that we need to have a good alternative subject heading thesaurus. For example, Arts & Architecture Thesaurus (Getty) will be more international and not just American.
- Michael Baird: Okanagan Regional Library uses "See references for gulf" so will let Gulf of America in, but they will add this manually for every record from the US.
- Tamarack Hockin: Capilano University Library is still working on negotiating what can be done in terms of local SHs in authority maintenance.

8. Meeting adjourned (Tamarack Hockin)

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

AI, Machine Learning, and the PCC

BCCATS – April 3, 2025

Dean Seeman, Director of Collection Management Service, UVic
Libraries

Chair-Elect, PCC



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- [PCC Question, Feedback, and Volunteer Form](#)
- PCC Linked Data Tactical Planning Meeting (Nov. 2024): [agenda](#) [PDF, 231 KB], [outcomes](#) [PDF, 474 KB]
- [Task Group on BIBFRAME-to-MARC Conversion](#) (final report, Nov. 2024) [PDF, 266 KB]
- [Task Group on Organization of PCC Documentation](#) (preliminary report, Oct. 2024) [PDF, 129 KB]
- [Task Group for URIs in MARC Implementation and Support](#) (interim report, Sept. 2024) [PDF, 100 KB]
- [SCT RDA Training Task Group: Name Authorities](#) (charge, Sept. 2024) [PDF, 104 KB]
- [PCC Synchronous Programming, Member Relations, and the Future of the Operations Committee](#) (Sept. 2024) [PDF, 250 KB]
- [Task Group on AI and Machine Learning for Cataloging and Metadata](#) (charge,

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- PCC At Large Conference (Virtual), April 23-24, 2025

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PCC Wiki

- [PCC Wiki](#). Contains publicly accessible PCC working documents, group membership details, and ongoing project information.

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Through this program, participants contribute authority records for agents, places, works, and expressions to the LC/NACO Authority File. Membership in NACO is open to individual institutions willing to support their staff through a process of training, review, and direct contributions of records to the LC/NACO Name Authority File.

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As the Cooperative Serials Program of the PCC, CONSER develops and training materials for serials cataloging and promulgates standards related to serials.

CONSER Groups

- › [SCS Task Group on CONSER Policies](#)
- › [Other CONSER Pilots, Task Groups](#)

Announcements

A **CONSER Workshop** will be held on **EST**. An agenda will be forthcoming.

The CONSER Cataloging Forum was

EMCO

Created by Jennifer Liss, last modified on Jan 18, 2025

This space is the home of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) program for Entity Management Cooperative (EMCO).

Documents posted here are posted for review by the PCC, for feedback from the PCC community, or communities of practice interested in future EMCO membership. This wiki is also being considered for use as a collaborative space for the development of shared tools, best practices, and more during the Early Adopter Phase of the new EMCO program.

For more information about EMCO, please see the following pages:

[Description & Background](#)

[FAQ](#)

[Guiding Principles](#)

[Vision "What does EMCO Look Like after 5 Years?"](#)

The PCC Identity Management Advisory Committee is eager to hear input from the community. To provide feedback on the planning process or express interest in joining the EMCO Early Adopter Phase, please complete this survey: <https://bit.ly/EMCOfeedback>.

Note: All contents on the PCC Wiki are available to everyone for read-only access. Those appointed to PCC task groups or committees may request Write and Edit permissions. Please see instructions on the [PCC homepage](#) for help creating a LYRASIS wiki account.

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- › [Advisory Committee on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Belonging, and Accessibility](#)
- › [Identity Management Advisory Committee](#)
- › [Linked Data Advisory Committee](#) (2016-2025)

Liaisons

- › [ALA/Core Liaison](#)
 - › [Term, Selection, and Responsibilities of the ALA/Core Liaison to PCC](#) [PDF; 119 KB]
- › [CC:DA Liaison \(Committee on Cataloging: Description & Access\)](#)
- › [ISNI Library Sector Steering Group Liaison](#)
- › [ISSN International Centre Liaison](#)
- › [LD4P Liaison \(Linked Data for Production\)](#)
- › [MAC Liaison \(MARC Advisory Committee\)](#)
- › [OCLC FAST Policy and Outreach Committee Liaison](#)
- › [SAC \(Subject Analysis Committee\) Subcommittee on Faceted Vocabularies Liaison](#)
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PCC Task Group on AI and Machine Learning for Cataloging and Metadata

Created by Myung-Ja K. Han, last modified by Charlene Chou on Mar 19, 2025

What's New?

- Draft PCC Guiding Principles for Use of AI and Machine Learning Technologies in Cataloging and Metadata Work, approved by PoCo on Mar 13, 2025
 - *Note: This is one of several documents that will be produced by the PCC Task Group on AI and Machine Learning for Cataloging and Metadata and is intended for use with forthcoming documentation on best practices, resources, etc. that will be developed in the coming months. Please provide feedback on the principles outlined using this [form](#) before August 1, 2025.*

Charge

Background

In December 2023, the [Task Group on Strategic Planning for AI and Machine Learning](#) was charged with conducting an environmental scan on the impact of AI and Machine Learning on library cataloging and metadata operations and providing evidence on potential directions for PCC. The Task Group submitted the final report to PoCo on April 15, 2024, based on the outcomes of survey results. On May 9, 2024, the PCC Policy Committee (PoCo) approved the [Task Group on Strategic Planning for AI and Machine Learning final report](#) and its recommendations, including the establishment of a new task group to carry out the deliverables identified in the report.

Deliverables

The PCC Task Group on AI and Machine Learning for Cataloging and Metadata is charged to:

- Compose and distribute a statement of principles on the use of AI and Machine Learning technologies in cataloging and metadata work. The goal is to emphasize the need for thoughtful consideration and strategic planning, highlighting that AI is intended to augment, not replace, the valuable work of cataloging professionals (by automating the more rudimentary and repetitive aspects of metadata creation and making the overall process more efficient), and it is not a viable strategy for reduction of personnel. (timeframe: 3 months) [SD2.1]
- Establish a community of practice for catalogers interested in sharing knowledge and experimenting with AI. This community should be open to both PCC and non-PCC library personnel. (timeframe: 6 months) [SD5.3]
- Reach out to international library communities who have been experimenting with and implementing AI-related cataloging projects, for the purposes of compiling a knowledge base for the PCC that may inform the development of best practices. (timeframe: ongoing) [SD1.1]
- Further flesh out the AI resources on the PCC wiki and update as needed, including AI-related cataloging activities happening within other international library communities. (timeframe: ongoing) [SD5.3]
- Collaborate with NARDAC, ALA, the Library of Congress, the Advisory Committee on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Belonging, and Accessibility (EDIBA), and other primary stakeholders in the development of cataloging standards and platforms, in order to mutually consider the impact of AI on the future of cataloging work. (timeframe: ongoing) [SD1.1]
- Develop and distribute a best practices document for incorporating AI and Machine Learning into cataloging and metadata work. (timeframe: 1 year) [SD2.1]
- Work with the Standing Committee on Training (SCT) to develop introductory training resources for learning more about or experimenting with AI. (timeframe: 1 year) [SD5.3]
- Provide a report summarizing the work described above.

PCC Task Group on AI and Machine Learning for Cataloging and Metadata: Final Report

April 15, 2024

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Executive Summary

The PCC Task Group on AI and Machine Learning for Cataloging and Metadata was charged in December of 2023 to perform an environmental scan of the PCC community, to gather a snapshot of current activity and impact of AI on cataloging and metadata operations. The survey was conducted in March of 2024, and 193 responses were received. Based on these responses, the Task Group has developed a set of recommendations and potential action items for the PCC to undertake, in order to support, educate, and coordinate efforts revolving around AI and cataloging.

In addition, the Task Group has gathered an initial set of resources on AI and cataloging to be shared via the PCC Wiki. We envision this wiki space to be a place for communication and collaboration among cataloging practitioners working with AI and machine learning (ML).

<https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/taskgroup/TG-Strategic-Planning-AI-final-report.pdf>

PCC Task Group on AI and Machine Learning for Cataloging and Metadata

PCC AI Resources [Work in progress]

1. Text books:

- a. Artificial Intelligence and Librarianship
 - i. 2nd edition: [Artificial Intelligence and Librarianship](#)
 - ii. 1st edition: [Artificial Intelligence and Librarianship](#) (OA; also available @ <https://SoftOption.Us/AlandLibrarianship> and [Open Education Network](#))
 - iii. [The Rise of AI: Implications and Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Academic Libraries \(PIL #78\)](#)

2. Bibliography

- a. [Artificial Intelligence and Libraries Bibliography](#)
 - i.  Summaries created by ChatGPT : common themes, hot topics, and keywords

3. Articles

- a. Theory & background readings
 - i. [Using GPT on Library Collections \(thisismattmiller.com\)](#) by Matt Miller, Library of Congress
 - ii. [What is a Machine Learning Librarian?](#) by Jeff Boudier, Hugging Face
 - iii. [Generative AI and Libraries: 7 Concepts](#) by Lorcan Dempsey
- b. Practice
 - i. [CCQ Special Issue: Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) and Automated Processes for Subject Access \(2021\)](#)
 - ii. [From ChatGPT to CatGPT: The Implications of Artificial Intelligence on Library Cataloging](#) by Richard Brzustowicz
 1. [Response to "From ChatGPT to CatGPT"](#) by Christine DeZelar-Tiedman
 2. [Response to "From ChatGPT to CatGPT"](#) by Tess Amram,

4. AI frameworks and AI community guidelines

- a. [Library of Congress AI planning framework](#)
- b. [National Institute for Standards and Technology Trustworthy AI Framework](#)
- c. [AI4LAM](#)
- d. [Developing responsible AI practices at the Smithsonian Institution](#)
- e. Unlocking our Digital Past with Artificial Intelligence ([LUSTRE](#)): seeks to better understand how AI can help improve the preservation, access to and usability of government archives produced in digital form.

5. Vendors

- a. Ex Libris
 - i.  [ExLibris_GenerativeAI_Whitepaper_1023_WEB.pdf](#)
 - ii. [AI Bib Records Enrichment & AI generated metadata in CZ records](#)
- b.

6. Projects and implementations:

- a. [NLM's use of ChatGPT to programmatically select the best OCLC record for large orders](#)
- b. [LC's Exploring Computational Description \(experiment conducted September 2022-August 2023\)](#)
- c. [LC's Toward Piloting Computation Description \(experiment underway beginning September 2023\)](#)
- d. [German National Library Project to use machine learning to assign DDC Short Numbers](#)
- e. [Annif: The National Library of Finland's project to automatically assign subject terms](#)

7. Presentations, Workshops or webinar series : selective examples

- a. Core: [Future applications of AI in creating and managing library metadata](#), hosted by Core Linked Data UG, October 24, 2023.
- b. IFLA: [Supporting Subject Librarians with AI Solutions](#) (2022 IFLA AI

PCC Task Group on AI and Machine Learning for Cataloging and Metadata

PCC Guiding Principles for Use of AI and Machine Learning Technologies in Cataloging and Metadata Work

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As Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies are exponentially incorporated into a growing number of systems and services, interest in how AI might assist with or enhance cataloging and metadata work is increasing. Library system developers have begun adding AI features to their platforms, and cataloging practitioners are experimenting with ways that AI and machine learning (ML) can potentially augment their work. The PCC believes that catalogers and other metadata professionals have an important role to play in testing, training, and providing feedback for AI features and tools.

While AI and ML technologies show some promise in providing benefits to catalogers and researchers, there are also significant ethical, economic, legal and logistical factors that need to be carefully weighed against the potential benefits. This statement is intended to be a starting point for institutions and catalogers to guide decision making and resource allocation when considering or embarking on AI-related cataloging work.

Underlying this statement of principles are the [PCC Vision, Values, and Mission](#). We have also utilized and adapted Floridi and Cowls' proposed Unified Framework as inspiration for our cataloging-focused interpretation of principles.¹

PCC Guiding Principles for Use of AI and Machine Learning Technologies in Cataloging and Metadata Work

AI is a tool to increase quality and efficiency

- Since AI technology is developing rapidly, it is impossible to state definitively what AI can and can't do in relation to cataloging. However, based on current use cases and implementations, the following list identifies some areas that have shown success or have promise.
- Streamlining of workflows and assisting with the automation of repetitive tasks (such as helping to write code). This helps free up cataloger time for more challenging and intellectually demanding work.
- Support high-priority PCC projects and goals, such as linked data implementation and entity management.
- Provide insights into our metadata in ways that are not possible with traditional keyword searches.
- Suggest controlled vocabulary terms to be verified and reviewed by human catalogers.

PCC Guiding Principles for Use of AI and Machine Learning Technologies in Cataloging and Metadata Work

Human autonomy is essential

- Human autonomy, meaning the ability of humans to decide whether to use AI and accept its outputs, must be an integral part of metadata work. Since generative AI is dependent on its underlying dataset, it may be incorrect, biased, or incomplete. AI lacks the ability to make judgments based on human values such as when an author's personal data should be omitted. For these and other reasons, the PCC emphasizes that catalogers remain an integral part of metadata workflows, using AI and ML as appropriate. The role of human catalogers includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- Assessment of the appropriateness of specific AI technologies for its intended use and purpose.
- Validation and refinement of automated outputs for accuracy, consistency, and contextual relevance.
- Training of and/or providing feedback for AI tools.
- Verifying AI-generated translations of languages, especially those noted as problematic for a particular AI tool.

PCC Guiding Principles for Use of AI and Machine Learning Technologies in Cataloging and Metadata Work

Metadata standards and practices apply equally

- The metadata standards and practices that apply to the output of human beings also apply to that of AI. An inaccuracy caused by an AI hallucination has the same adverse impact on user discovery and access as that caused by a human. The use of offensive language in a summary is not negated because it was created by AI. Libraries using PCC records must be able to trust that a record labelled as PCC does not vary in quality depending on whether AI was used. Therefore, the PCC programs must continue to uphold the same high standards and policies regardless of technological changes. Like any other technology, using generative AI should result in metadata that is equal to or superior to what is created by human catalogers.
- AI/ML tools carry risks, such as potential hallucination (generating inaccurate or fabricated data) and bias (reproducing or amplifying existing prejudices).
- Catalogers' insight is crucial in identifying and correcting biases or errors that could affect data integrity.
- Catalogers, as ethical stewards of metadata, ensure that AI/ML outputs provide high-quality, equitable, and inclusive metadata.

PCC Guiding Principles for Use of AI and Machine Learning Technologies in Cataloging and Metadata Work

AI usage should be beneficial

- The use of AI should result in measurable benefits to libraries and their users that are not outweighed by adverse impacts. Libraries using AI should consider the current and future environmental impacts. AI usage should result in catalogers being more productive, rather than trading one time-consuming task for another. Related to the principle that metadata standards and policies apply equally, AI output should consistently improve access and discovery.
- AI technologies are resource-intensive and the full scope of AI-related externalities has yet to be evaluated and understood. They have a negative environmental impact, utilizing a significant amount of energy, contributing to global climate change.
- Ethical implementation requires transparency, accountability, and ongoing oversight to minimize such risks.
- When using AI, institutions should be mindful of copyright laws and what might be considered intellectual property, especially how copyrighted resources and proprietary information are shared with AI models.

PCC Draft AI Statement of Principles Feedback

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Not shared

What type of library do you work in?

- ☐ Academic
- ☐ Public
- ☐ School
- ☐ Other: _____

Do the principles outlined in the draft statement reflect the [PCC Vision, Values, and Mission](#)?

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly disagree	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Strongly Agree

Thanks

AI-Assisted Scripting for Libraries

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The Problem

- Authority processing vendor out of business
- Authority control in Sierra is labour intensive
- Good reports could help

The project

Transform flat text file with consistent features into tabular format

Example: Invalid Headings Report

1. Invalid headings

Field: a1001 |aAlfred, Taiaiake.

Indexed as Author: alfred taiaiake

Correct Heading is: alfred gerald r

From: b10743649 Alfred, Taiaiake. Heeding the voices of our ancestors : Kahnawake Mohawk politics and the rise of native nationalism / Gerald R. Alfred.

Function: marc2inn Group: 3 Initials: pwong Entry Date: 2023-09-19

Catalog Date: 2005-12-05

First attempt with ChatGPT 4

First step: Install Python

Result: Success!

[See chat log here](#)

Second step: Develop prompt; generate Python script

Result: Failure!

[See chat log here](#)

First attempt with ChatGPT 4

- Prompt from failed attempt:

I have a text file. Can you help me parse and extract data from it?

Second attempt with ChatGPT 4

Success!

[See chat log here](#)

Second attempt with ChatGPT 4

Prompt from Successful attempt:

I want to create a python program to parse the data in this attached text file. We will use regular expressions and output to a excel file. Ultimately I want the to capture data in six columns, but let's build this program one regex (in the python script) and one column (in the excel output) at a time.

On the attached text file, there are 1216 records. Each record starts with a number from 1 to 1216, and ends with three empty lines

For the script's excel output, the first column should be labeled "Record #", and it should be the record number (1 to 1216).

Second attempt with ChatGPT 4

Record Number	Field	Indexed as	Correct Heading	Bib Number
1	a1001	Author: alfred taiaiake	alfred gerald r	b10743649
2	a1001	Author: alfred taiaiake	alfred gerald r	b12433135
3	b7001	Author: alfred taiaiake	alfred gerald r	b12602309
4	b7001	Author: alfred taiaiake	alfred gerald r	b1638894x
5	b7001	Author: anderson wes	anderson wessell	b23431428

SUBJECT AUTHORITIES	COUNT	NOTE
Author: united nations	1	b11104089 does not need change; script appears to be suggesting a18851599. Script output is cut off. Cannot determine reason for suggestion.
Author: united states army infantry sch	1	Delete a16557979
Author: ut	1	Delete b23421514 - 700 - ut
Author: van der heijden ferdinand	1	Update b23476084 - 700 - Heijden, Ferdinand van der
Author: vancouver b c	1	Script possibly skipping Arabic characters in a18847729 - 4102 معهد فريزر (Vancouver, B.C.), which translate to Fraser Institute. No actual 4xx for Vancouver (B.C.)
Author: ward mark	1	Delete both a19284500 and a19710288? Both have "THIS 1XX FIELD CANNOT BE USED..."
Author: wiley	1	Delete b23474476 - 100 - Wiley. Change 700 - O'Hara, Brian T. to 100
Author: wister andrew v 1955	1	Update b19791677 - 100 - Wister, Andrew

Lessons learned

- Be specific and expansive when prompting
- Work through problems one step at a time
- Don't be afraid to start over

Final thoughts

Generative AI is an expert system

First mover advantage

An interesting article: [Machines of loving grace : how AI could transform the world for the better / Dario Amodei.](#)

Roundtable Reports



Sitka

BCCATS Round Table Report April 2025

BC Libraries Cooperative

Submitted by Jennifer Pringle

Sitka Consortium

Currently 107 libraries at 219 locations in 3 provinces are using a shared ILS Evergreen.

Sitka's Annual Upgrade

This weekend we will be upgrading Sitka's Evergreen from version 3.11 to version 3.14. This upgrade brings exciting new features and bug fixes. Significant changes related to technical services include a new Enhanced MARC Editor, an updated interface for Z39.50, an updated interface with new functionality for record buckets, and updated interfaces with new functionality in the acquisitions module. This upgrade also includes OPAC Accessibility improvements funded by the BC government.

<https://bc.libraries.coop/evergreen-3-14-preview/>

BC Libraries Cooperative Recent and Current Projects in Technical Services:

[Decolonizing Description](#) – Under guidance from the Sitka Cataloguing Working Group, Co-op staff made significant changes to the shared Sitka catalogue.

In January we updated subject headings that included the term Eskimo where there was an equivalent Library of Congress heading for Inuit.

In February we updated all subject headings that included the term Eskimo to use Inuit instead, with exceptions for headings where it was determined that a direct replacement was not appropriate. The updated subject headings have a second indicator of 7 with a \$2SITKALIST as per Sitka's Cataloguing Policy.

https://docs.libraries.coop/policy/cataloguing_standards.html#subject_headings

Work continues in the Sitka Cataloguing Working Group with the focus now moving to the term Indians of North America.

Co-op Support Related to Cataloguing and Acquisitions:

[Continuing Training](#) – Co-op Support regularly offers continuing training webinars to Sitka libraries. To help libraries prepare for our annual upgrade in February we did [Refreshing Acquisitions: New Appearance, New Functionality](#) and in March we did [What's New in Evergreen 3.14](#). At the end of April we will be doing [A New Look for the Reporter: No phone both required](#) which will look at the updates and new features to Evergreen's reporter.

Recordings of our webinars are publicly available on our YouTube channel in our [Continuing Training playlist](#).

Training Resources – Work is underway to update our resources for Evergreen 3.14. Updated documentation will be published once the upgrade is complete on April 7th.

Library Schools – The BC Libraries Cooperative continues to provide access to our Evergreen training server to classes at the Library and Information Technology programs at UFV and Langara. The training server will be upgraded to Evergreen 3.14 later this month.

North Vancouver District Public Library

BCCATS Roundtable Report Spring 2025

Projects

Lynn Creek Kiosk

For the last three weeks, we've been operating with a soft launch of the library vending machine in the Lynn Creek Community Centre – official opening of the Centre is this Saturday, April 5.

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/see-inside-north-vancouver-s-new-lynn-creek-community-centre-10456519>



Parkgate Branch Renovation

We're now in the third and final phase of this 6 month project and the end is in sight. The second floor is inaccessible to the public during this time – staff are still able to access the majority of collections on the second floor should patrons require an item from upstairs.

Collection additions

We started our first quarter of 2025 by adding Nintendo switch to our video game collection. This addition also prompted some investigation into the amount of loss this particular collection sees, so we've implemented a new circulation procedure – only empty cases are on the shelves for browsing and the games are added at checkout.

In response to a community request and facilitated by community donations, we launched a second phase to our LEGO collection with the addition of LEGO sets ([LEGO Collection | Welcome to our catalogue!](#)). Records include links to online building instructions should the paper instruction books disappear or become damaged.

Organization

- Three new library board members have been onboarded for 2025 after several long-term members reached their term limits.
- NVDPL is marking the end of our 60th anniversary year with a small Birthday Bash event in April
- NVDPL is hosting the [North Shore Writers Festival](#) April 24-26 at the Lynn Valley Branch
- Accessibility audits for two of our branches were completed at the end of 2024. We've received the results and will be looking at ways to improve accessibility based on the findings

Capilano University Library. BCCATS Roundtable Report, Spring 2025

TS Staffing

Kaitlin Chang recently joined the Technical Services team in the role of Processing & Receiving Library Technician. Kaitlin has been with the CapU Library for just over a year, previously in the role of Teaching & Learning Library Technician. We are especially delighted to welcome Kaitlin to this role as it marks a full complement of staff in TS for the first time in two years.

Collection: TTRPG

Tabletop role playing games (TTRPG) are being added to the collection. TS has acquired about 100 games, all purchased from independent Canadian bookstores. These items will be available for loan later this spring; we are working on collection placement within the library space. A few title examples include: *D&D 5e*; *Eat the Reich*; *Kids on Bikes*; *Thirsty Sword Lesbians*. A few title examples include: *D&D 5e*; *Eat the Reich*; *Kids on Bikes*; *Thirsty Sword Lesbians*.

Metadata & Systems

Our planned implementation for Sierra's Automatic Authority Control Processing (AAP) module was halted after discovering programming functionality would only update LCSH headings and authorities. We are working to secure funding for outsourcing headings maintenance in our bibliographic records as part of our ongoing work with Backstage Library Works.

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Vancouver Public Library BCCATS Roundtable

Report

April 3, 2025

Susie Jones, Acting head, Bibliographic Services (BSV)

Cataloguing updates:

1. Internet Archive:

In 2023, VPL partnered with Internet Archive Canada to digitize rare and historical materials. The VPL digital collection is called the VPL Virtual Vault. It was launched live on the Internet Archive in September 2024. Material from Special Collections, such as local government documents, continues to be scanned. Information about the VPL Virtual Vault can be found here: <https://www.vpl.ca/virtual-vault>

2. Special Collections pamphlet files project:

BSV Librarian Virginia Ho has completed work on VPL's collection of around 4,000 pamphlets. She began at the end of 2021, and the project is now winding up. The Special Collection pamphlet files are a valuable local resource, comprising a range of topics from histories of B.C. businesses to vintage tourist maps.

3. Professional contributions:

BSV Librarian May Hmaidan is the NACO Canada funnel coordinator. She informs members of upcoming training opportunities, and connects those interested with trainers at the Library of Congress. After training, she is responsible for reviewing their work until they are determined competent to contribute to the Name Authority File independently. New members are always welcome to join: check the Canada NACO funnel page here: <https://www.vpl.ca/nacocanada>. BSV staff are also involved in several PCC committees, as well as a new Canadian committee called the RDA Training in Canada Working Group.

4. Conference presentations:

BSV and TSV staff have presented their work at recent conferences. Inness Campbell, TSV manager, presented “Enhancing Digital Access and Rights through Collaboration: Digitizing in the Stacks at Vancouver Public Library” with members of the Internet Archive. Susie Jones participated in the OLA pre-conference workshop “Application Profiles: your Map through RDA, your Bridge to the Official RDA Toolkit” with members of the RDA Training in Canada Working Group. Susie will be at BCLA presenting “Demystifying RDA: Navigating the Official RDA Toolkit Together” with other members of the same group.

5. BSV training for VPL staff:

BSV continues to share cataloguing knowledge to benefit the rest of the VPL organization. Recently, we presented *The FRBR Model, RDA, and MARC: and what do they have to do with Bibliocommons?* for the VPL leadership team, and which we repeated for Information Services staff.

Staffing and related matters:

6. Staffing in BSV:

Recently BSV hired a new Catalogue Assistant, Madoka Hara, to replace a retirement vacancy. Her work will include fiction, juvenile fiction, and Japanese fiction and nonfiction.

7. Oakridge:

The branch formerly called Oakridge is still undergoing renovation, and is expected to open later this year. TSV units are working on different aspects of building the new collection, with extra VPL staff brought in to help with the additional workload.



BCCATS Roundtable Report

Surrey Schools – Learning Resources Services

Spring 2025

Staffing

We continue to be understaffed, we currently have four library techs. We are currently unable to fill one Library Tech position which became vacant through retirement, as there is a hiring freeze.

Without six library techs (number needed to complete all tasks/projects), we cannot complete larger, long-term projects and they have been put on the back burner.

Cataloguing

Despite being understaffed, we have managed to clear our cataloguing backlog.

Techs have started using a 4-key keypad, can be programmed to make shortcuts while cataloguing, this has helped with ergonomic issues.

Projects

There are two new elementary schools being completed for a September 2025 and March 2026 opening. Our department is working on ordering, cataloguing and processing the library collections and learning resources that will be used in each school.

We have our usual spring/summer project which is ordering, cataloguing and processing sets of award books for all our elementary and secondary schools for the new school year. There are five different award programs, and our schools enjoy using the books for programming all year round.

We are looking at alternate ILS options, we currently use Follett Destiny. There are many challenges with genrefication and report management in our current ILS.

Self checkout systems are also a point of interest for our district, but there are compatibility issues with Destiny, which is another reason we are looking at alternatives.

Camosun College Library Roundtable Report
Spring 2025
Stacey Steil, Cataloguing Technician
Gwenda Bryan, Systems & Discovery Librarian

Library Services & Spaces

- Business as usual as we wind down the winter term and move into spring.

Library Technology

- Since the announcement from Clarivate/ProQuest about ceasing Oasis, we are searching for a new ordering system.
- Makerspace has added a podcast room in the library. It is bookable and comes with all the tech needed to create podcasts. A key has been catalogued and will be checked out to the student who booked the room.

Collections

- Nothing new to report.

Staffing

- After 29 years at Camosun, librarian Margie Clarke retired in December. Margie was the Business Liaison Librarian, LibGuide administrator and, for many years, the sole librarian at the Interurban campus.
- Library Technology practicum student started a 2-week work experience with library staff.

Douglas College Library – BCCATS roundtable report, 2025 spring

Staffing

- Technical services supervisor retired last summer and the position has been filled
- A new Public Services staff working with our outreach team was hired last summer
- One of our two cataloguers retired at the end of last year. We have since filled the position and training is underway
- Our Open Education Librarian is retiring at the end of this semester
- We have a UBC library school student with us this winter semester. He is working on a copyright audit/documentation project
- We have hosted several practicum students in the past year, with another one coming up in April. Students are coming from both Langara and UFV LibTech programs

Collection & services

- Zines collection is going strong, with select copies now being added to the Archives as well
- Podcast studio launched last fall and has been highly used, with instructors even incorporating it into their coursework
- Silent booths have been installed at both campuses and are very popular amongst students
- PS and TS supervisors visited various academic libraries in the lower mainland to learn about the different ways other institutions run their public and technical services. Thank you to VCC, Langara, BCIT, and Capilano for hosting us!

Metadata & systems

- TS is looking into using Backstage as a possible vendor for authority work
- TS is looking into using BookWhere as a possible vendor for cataloguing and record retrieval
- Metadata and Discovery Librarian (Megan Toye) will be presenting at BCLA on the work she is doing with International Federation of Library Association Accessibility Metadata Network. The presentation will give an overview of the IFLA working groups with breakout sessions to explore how accessibility metadata can be incorporated into library catalogues.

Simon Fraser University Library

BCCATS Roundtable Report (April 2025)

Submitted by Stefan Hintersteiner

Acting Division Head and Metadata Librarian

Resource Acquisition, Management, and Metadata (RAMM)

Library & RAMM Updates

- In mid-November 2024, Gohar Ashoughian started her five-year term as Dean of Libraries and University Librarian.
- In February 2025, Janine Hodgson was announced as the successful candidate for the Collections Assessment & Acquisitions Librarian continuing position. Janine previously served the Library in various term positions including as Special Projects Librarian and Technical Services & Collection Assessment Librarian.
- At the end of February, the long-time RAMM Division Head Gordon Coleman stepped down from that position to take on his new role as Associate University Librarian, Research, at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario.
- Stefan Hintersteiner is serving a one-year position as Acting Division Head of RAMM while maintaining his responsibilities as Metadata Librarian.
- As of this week, the remediation of Bennett Library's 5th floor has progressed to the point where library staff are able to retrieve requested items on behalf of library users. We are still anticipating the full reopening of the floor to the public by the summer of this year.
- Also this week, RAMM welcomed the Library's InterLibrary Loans division to their new home in our shared space on the 7th floor of Bennett Library.
- The Library continues to grapple with the effects of University-wide budget challenges, which manifest themselves particularly in reductions to collections funds and in a hiring freeze for CUPE positions. We currently have vacancies in all three units of RAMM (Metadata, Acquisitions, and EJ-Admin) that we are working hard to fill.
- Three Library staff members were recently honoured with SFU Staff Achievement Awards: in the Innovation category, Gabrielle Acuña, Metadata Group Leader, RAMM. In the Team Service category, Andrew Gardener and Joey Takeda, Developer Team, Digital Humanities Innovation Lab (DHIL).
- The Library has formed a Digital Scholarship Centre Working Group to lead the planning and launch of a Digital Scholarship Centre (DSC) at the SFU Library, in alignment with SFU's 2023-2028 Strategic Research Plan and Academic Plan 2025-2030. More information about the DSC will be shared as the work of this group progresses.

University of the Fraser Valley Library
BCCATS Roundtable Report
Spring 2025

Technical services staffing changes:

- Our Cataloguing & Systems Librarian, Hongfei Li has retired after providing 16 years of excellent service at UFV. We are in the process of hiring his replacement.
- We now have an Associate University Librarian and Archivist; Kendra Long was hired last fall and is currently overseeing the digitization project of UFV's historical photos (along with her many other duties).

New to our collections:

- We will soon have Nintendo Switch and Xbox games available for circulation.
- We are adding small weaving looms and Canakit Raspberry Pi starter kits to our circulating Makerspace items. Non-circulating items being used in the space include a 3-D printer, sewing machines, a serger, a die cutting machine, embroidery machine, and a table loom. Our Makerspace is a shared, bookable space for the UFV community to enhance learning through creativity, collaboration and critical thinking.

Other news:

- Our arca migration is nearing completion, hopefully ready soon.

Future:

- We are looking to replace our longtime ILS (SirsiDynix Symphony) in the next couple of years. A committee is in place to look at possibilities.

BCCATs Roundtable Report

West Vancouver Memorial Library

April 2025

Library updates

- West Vancouver Memorial Library is celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 2025. Events and celebrations will be taking place throughout the year and include:
 - Library Art & Architecture Tours
 - Special 75th Anniversary Book Bag and Library Card
 - A callout for the public to share their pictures of West Vancouver 1950-Present to be featured in our Art Gallery later this year.
- Music CDs have moved to their new home on the Lower Level in the Community Computing Centre. The new music area will soon include a listening lounge for patrons to enjoy the collection if they don't have a CD player at home.
- Multilingual Teen material has been integrated with the Adult World Language Collection.
- The Recording Studio continues to expand the items available for users. Recently catalogued items include new microphones, percussion instruments and a bongo stand.

Cataloguing updates

- Worked with Library Bound to get bibliographic and item records of fully processed material to load correctly.
- Added Tumble Book Library MARC records to the catalogue.
- The Wonderbook collection has been expanded to include VOX Books. The collection has been retitled Read-Along and 350 Wonderbooks have received new call numbers.
- Approximately 8000 MARC records with coding errors have been identified using MarcEdit. Cataloguing will spend the next few years going through and fixing the errors.
- Cataloguing is currently preparing for our 2025 projects which include:
 - Moving to the DDC optional arrangement for the Bible and specific religions on a chronological/regional view.
 - Moving the Teen Manga collection out of Teen Graphic Novels and creating its own call number.
 - Moving the Adult graphic novel collection out of DDC and creating a GRAPHIC call number.
 - Making a plan to update the 8 digit barcodes of older material to 13 digits.

BCCATS Roundtable Report

Coquitlam Public Library

Spring 2025

Staffing

Meghan Vieweg started in November as Library Technician – Collections and eBranch. This is a new role at the Library that supports collections, cataloguing, and the website. The role alleviate some workload from the Collections Librarian and Library Systems Technician, allowing them to dedicate more time to specialized projects. Meghan has already provided tremendous support for cataloguing projects and work.

Collections

The Library is continuing its multi-year project to enhance and refresh the collection, made possible by a generous boost in funding from the City of Coquitlam. This initiative focuses on updating the collection's age and expanding our offerings in specific areas, including series, works in translation, and indigenous-created literature. We're also incorporating valuable feedback from our customer satisfaction survey to better meet the needs of our community.

We recently launched two new lendable technologies, the Sphero Indi and the Yoto Player. This expands our existing [Lendable Technology collection](#), which currently includes basics like telescopes and binoculars as well as educational toys such as Sphero robots, Ozobots, and Playaway Launchpads.

We are in the process of developing an Indigenous Collection, which will showcase core Indigenous titles that promote the understanding and appreciation of Indigenous cultures and experiences. The collection will consist of material that is duplicated in our regular collection to ensure accessibility and prevent segregation.

Systems

Following the unexpected dissolution of KitKeeper, we have had to trial replacement services with short notice and are now implementing the switch to LibCal to manage our Book Club Set reservations. With many book clubs that prefer to schedule and book up to a year in advance, only working within the ILS was not an option.

We are beginning the migration of our website from Sitefinity to Biblioweb. This will hopefully be a smooth transition as we already use Bibliocore. The Library implemented Bibliocommons and EZProxy in September 2024 and the transition to Cloud9 for PC Management in March 2025.

Cataloguing

Due to a period of staff transition and organizational restructuring, there was no dedicated staff member to oversee metadata maintenance for some time, which led to instances of incorrect or outdated subject headings. This work includes collaboration with our vendor to identify and fix these discrepancies. We are also dedicating significant attention to our Indigenous and LGBTQ+ subject headings.

Okanagan Regional Library BCCATS Roundtable Report, Spring 2025

Collections:

- Braille Collection is expanding; we expect another 40 linear feet of material this year. Library of Things is ever growing, new additions this year include a Braille discovery kit, a Batpack (like our birding backpack – but for bats), and RPG learn to play kits as well as a revamped microscope kit. The French Collection had a sizeable financial donation for materials. We have had enthusiastic response to our new Regional Reads Collection.

Systems:

- We have implemented Homosaurus in our authority records. It took a considerable amount of time reconciling Homosaurus with LCSH, in instances where the two were completely different meanings we left both headings valid but separate.
- We discovered that for some reason automatic generation of linked authority references was turned off, this has been enabled now.
- We have just upgraded to Polaris 7.7

ORL changes:

- We are in the planning stages for two new satellite Branches in Kelowna. Long overdue upgrades for accessibility and service are scheduled throughout the system, Lumby is next on the list.
- We have a new HR director, administrative services manager, 2 new regional managers and are currently looking for a new systems material handling coordinator.
- We are going to be evaluating workflow and space allocation in the administrative center this year. Workflow will look for changes that can lessen overburdened departments and ease the work strain on the staff. Space assessment will look at the space that we have and how we could rearrange the space to utilize it in an efficient and meaningful way. We have several dead zones, then other areas where 3 or more departments are trying to use the same space.

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Surrey Libraries

BCCATS Roundtable Report

April 3, 2025

Library Updates

- Our new **Newcomer Welcome Centre** at City Centre Library is preparing to open in the summer/early fall.
 - The Newcomer Welcome Centre will serve as an information hub and resource connector for patrons who are newer residents in Canada.
 - Collections Services has created a new location code and budget line item specifically for the Newcomer Welcome Centre and has begun purchasing materials for it. The centre will have a small lending and reference collection of approximately 1000 items, with easy access to the much larger collections at City Centre library.
- Surrey Libraries has also begun purchasing materials as part of the **Focus Newton** initiative led by the City of Surrey.
 - Among the improvements in the Newton neighbourhood will be a larger library (45,000 sq ft - about three times the size of the current Newton library), located inside a new community centre.
 - The new Newton library will not be finished until at least 2028, but we want to continue strengthening the new collection now, which transfer to the new facility once it opens.
- Surrey Libraries has selected its first **Writer in Residence**: local young-adult novelist [Anthony Nerada](#).
 - Anthony is available for 45-minute creative writing consultation appointments with our patrons.

Collections Services Updates

- Surrey Libraries Collections Services' plan to **catalogue more World Languages** is still in progress.
 - We have 20 total languages in the collection, of which about 8 are fully or partially catalogued at this time.

- Our labour budget is limited, and we don't have in-house staff expertise in all languages. However, given the diversity of our community, we are committed to adding more material to the catalogue.
- We have been looking at the possibility of sourcing records from vendors (Library Bound, Whitehots). However, our ILS (Horizon) only parses MARC8 encoding. It does not process UTF-8 encoding very well. While there are some ways around that, it requires more intensive work than we would prefer.
- **Questions for the roundtable:** Has anyone worked with vendor records in other languages? If so, what has been your experience with them? Has the vendor been responsive to your needs?
- We continue to undertake pre-work for our ongoing **authority records cleanup** project, but we will likely wait until our permanent Collections Services Librarian (Sarah) comes back from leave to do a full export and upload.
 - Pre-work involves revisiting our reports documentation from our initial testing phase with Backstage and identifying potential inconsistencies/trouble spots.
 - We also use some special controlled vocabularies (Homosaurus, First Nations House of Learning, other local terms) that we want to ensure are systematically flagged so that they aren't altered in the cleanup process.
- We are thinking about migrating our **Cataloguing Manual** to a different platform.
 - Ours is currently a (very cumbersome) Word document.
 - Zach (Collections Services Librarian) is trialing a OneNote notebook.
 - Makes the manual much more "horizontal" and responsive...
 - ...Seems to lack some bells and whistles though.
 - No inline comment feature for highlighting potential needs/changes
 - A bit awkward to move around/share, even within the Sharepoint environment
 - **Question for the roundtable:** Has anyone had success with other apps or platforms for managing documentation?



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Collection Management Services (Acquisitions & Electronic Resources, Metadata, Digitization and Digital Collections, Interlibrary Loans)

Staffing Updates:

Departures

- Paul Totzke, Acquisitions Assistant (retired spring 2024)
- Esther Dujela, Metadata Assistant (retired spring 2024)
- Karen Nelson, Metadata Assistant (retired summer 2024)
- Erin Munro, Accounts Payable/Receivable Clerk (January 2025)
- Sherry Harmsworth, Acquisitions Supervisor (retired February 2025)

Arrivals

- Kjell Cawsey, new Acquisitions and Electronic Resources Supervisor (March 2025)
- Anastasia Pfann, new Accounts Payable/Receivable Clerk (February 2025)

Other Changes

- Laura Doublet became Head of Metadata (January 2025)
- Evelyn Feldman became Head of Acquisitions and Electronic Resources (January 2025)
- Dean Seeman became Director of Collection Management Services (November 2024)

Metadata

As the amount of print material ordered and received continues to decline, and the gift and donation policy does not allow for major donations to the circulating collection, metadata work has shifted mostly to original/complex cataloguing, including special collections and archives material, and digital collections metadata.

Like many institutions, UVic is attempting to strike a balance between reliance on shared standards and vocabularies and the need to diverge from LCSH and other vocabularies and policies in certain circumstances.



Laura Doublet is co-presenting the “[Demistifying RDA](#)” BCLA pre-conference session on May 7th and continues to be involved in both PCC and RBMS committees related to Official RDA Toolkit adoption and training. Laura will be co-chief editor of the RBMS RDA Editorial Group for DCRMR (Description Cataloging of Rare Material, RDA edition).

Dean Seeman is Chair-Elect of the PCC currently and will be Chair of the PCC starting in October, 2025. He is also a corresponding member on the FAST Policy and Outreach Committee.

Acquisitions and Electronic Resources

The collections budget was cut last year which required cancellations. The budget for this fiscal year looks a bit better, but tariffs, perhaps higher than normal inflation, and the USD exchange rate are all converging to create some uncertainty. AI clauses in licenses, the Clarivate decision on perpetual e-book purchasing, the EBSCO UI transition, and migrating our databases list to Springshare are all currently top of mind.

Interlibrary Loan

As COPPUL and other libraries continue to move away from Relais, UVic is going to experiment with Alma Peer to Peer Resource Sharing in the coming months. We expect this may be able to replace Relais. Indications are that Illume will work well with Alma.

