



Library Services & Content Management (LSCM) Update GODORT 2021 Midwinter Virtual Cataloging Committee Meeting

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LSCM Webinars

- LSCM staff members presented the following webinars which are available via the [FDLP Academy Training Repository](#):
 - COVID-19 and collections care
 - The various types of shipping list files available on FDL.gov and ways to use them
 - Disaster prevention, response, and recovery
 - How GPO selects and applies Library of Congress Subject Headings and Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms

govinfo API Process

In May 2019, Library Technical Services started to explore the use of the **govinfo** API for obtaining the metadata of hearings to convert into preliminary MARC records. We provided the specifications for converting the **govinfo** MODS metadata into MARC and wrote the script that obtains the **govinfo** metadata, creates the MARC records, and runs global enhancements.

We tested the process in July 2019 and continued to develop the script and procedures in a beta period from December 2019 through July 2020. The cataloging staff completed 294 records generated by the script. The beta period of the **govinfo** API process has concluded, and we announced that the process is now a standard LTS workflow in a [news alert](#).

The next steps include incorporating other types of congressional publications that we catalog, such as reports and documents, into the process and considering the possibility of adding publication types that we do not currently catalog, such as bills. The benefits of this process are to avoid duplication of effort in keying metadata and to ensure that metadata we create is incorporated into **govinfo** consistently through automated processes.

NIST Collection Records on GitHub

We completed posting the records for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Collection in the [CGP on GitHub repository](#). GitHub is a web-based computer

source code sharing and publishing service. A GitHub account is not required for downloading the record sets.

The NIST Collection contains 8,767 records in 23 monographic series. The records were ingested into FDsys, now **govinfo**, in 2016. The publications range in date from 1903 to 2016 and cover a wide range of technical and scientific topics. In many records, the subject content is described by NIST index terms in MARC 653 fields at a very granular level.

We reviewed and analyzed samples of the records and enhanced the metadata by batch processing the record sets. A note to this effect has been added in every record. Staff members also edited some individual records.

The records are available in UTF-8, MARC-8, and MARCXML. There are also .CSV files of the major metadata elements that can be used to quickly scan the records in each MARC file. To download the files, use the “Code” button on the main repository page and select “Download ZIP.” The ZIP file contains all files in the entire repository.

Cataloging Guidelines

We completed the revision of several major chapters of the [GPO Cataloging Guidelines](#). We merged two chapters on monographs into a single chapter and posted the revised version in November. We have recently finished a thorough review and update of the Congressional Publications chapter, which we will post on [FDLP.gov](#) in the near future.

BIBFRAME Testing with the Library of Congress

In collaboration with the Library of Congress, we will test creating records for Federal Government publications in BIBFRAME 2.0. We will use the Library of Congress’s BIBFRAME Editor to catalog a sample set of records. We will also examine BIBFRAME records for government publications that were converted into MARC. We look forward to working with the Library of Congress on this initiative.

RDA/3R Project

As we are sure you know, the Program for Cooperative Cataloging announced that they will not implement the new RDA until at least summer 2022. We will continue to study the new guidelines and to prepare for its implementation. Our staff members created in-depth and brief training materials, which are available on [FDLP.gov](#).

Law Library of Congress Reports Project and CRS Reports

Since last summer, we cataloged almost 400 digitized and born-digital Law Library of Congress reports and almost 1,400 CRS reports.