Library of Congress

Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS)

Agency Update Session

Depository Library Conference

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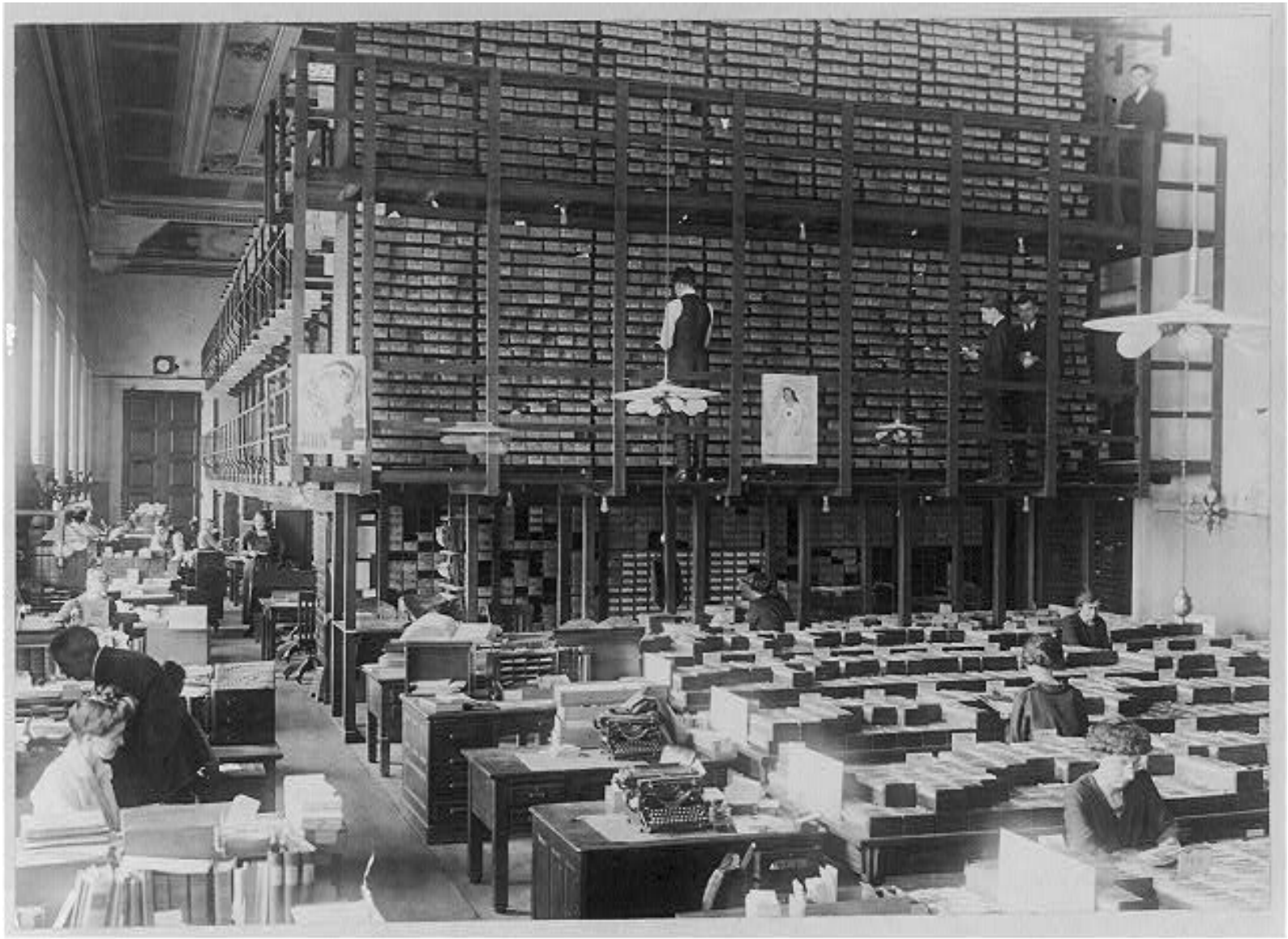
What CDS Does

- CDS develops and markets Library of Congress cataloging tools that ensure access to collections and resources.
- CDS operates under statutory authorization (2 USC 150)

CDS Statutory Authority: 2 USC 150 - 1902

"The Librarian of Congress is authorized to furnish to such institutions or individuals as may desire to buy them, such copies of the *card indexes and other publications* of the Library as may not be required for its ordinary transactions, and *charge for the same a price which will cover their costs and ten percentum added*, and all moneys received by him shall be deposited in the Treasury and shall be credited to the appropriation for necessary expenses for the *preparation and distribution* of catalog cards and other publications of the Library."



“The Card Division” in the early 1900s

CDS Products

- LC Bibliographic & Authority Record Databases
- LC Subject Headings
- LC Classification Schedules
- Cataloging Tools on CD-ROM & Web
- MARC 21 Documentation
- Cataloging Training Manuals

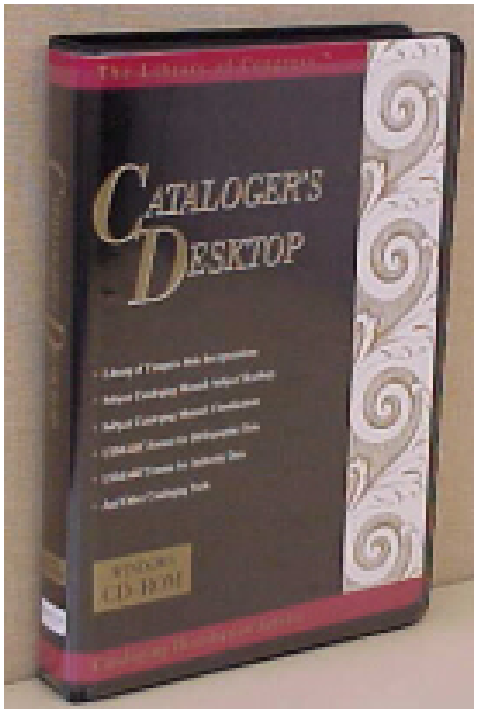
LC Bibliographic & Authority Record Databases

- Cataloging and Authority Records: *over 13 million!*
  - Available from CDS as fee-based, MARC distribution services (bulk data files)
  - Available for searching and individual MARC record downloading through LC online public access catalog at: http://**catalog.loc.gov** and http://**authorities.loc.gov**

LC Subject Headings (depository)

LC Classification Schedules (depository)

Cataloging Tools on CD-ROM
Cataloger's Desktop



Over 30 titles:

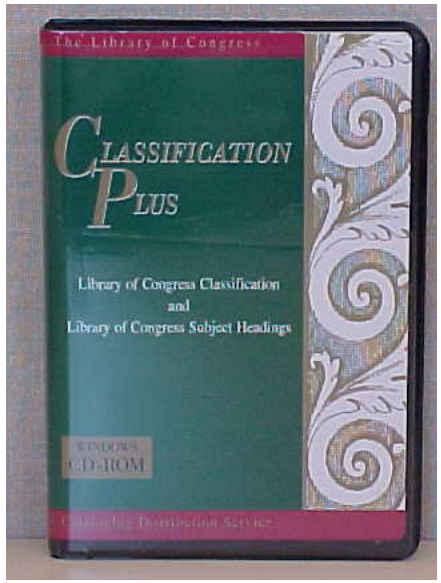
- AACR2 with 2002 Revision
- LC Rule Interpretations
- Subject Cataloging Manuals
- MARC 21 documentation
- CONSER documentation
- Other publications

Non-depository because of licensed software and content.

Cataloging Tools on CD-ROM
Classification Plus

Library of Congress Classification Schedules and Library of Congress Subject Headings.

To be discontinued after Issue 4, 2002. Replaced by Classification Web.



Web-Based Cataloging Tools
Classification Web

- January-August 2001: Pilot Test
- June 2002: Production Service
  - Fee-based subscription access
  - Integrated access to LC Classification & LC Subject Headings data
  - Non-depository because of licensed software

MARC 21

MARC 21 Documentation

- International standard formats for MARC (machine-readable cataloging)
- MARC 21 is the harmonization of USMARC and CAN/MARC formats
- MARC 21 publications available in paper format (depository) and on *Cataloger's Desktop*

MARC 21 Concise Formats
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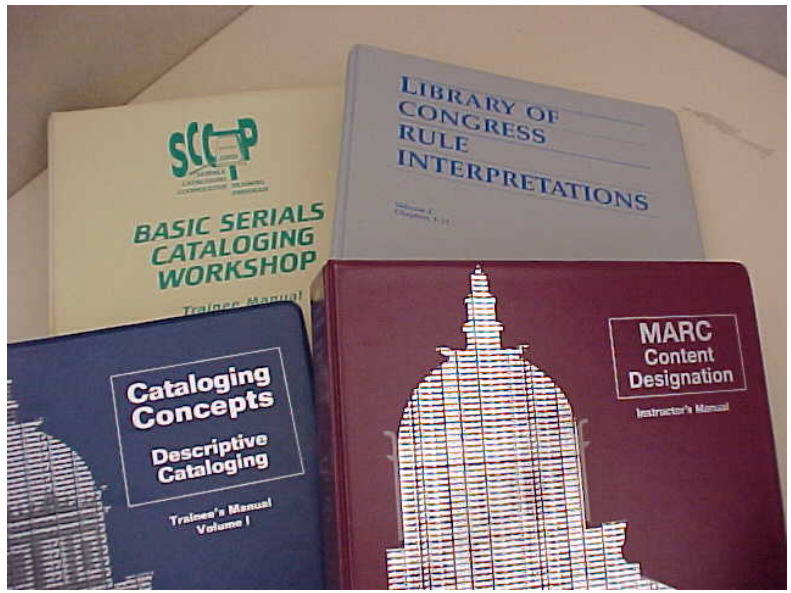
MARC Bibliographic
MARC Authority
MARC Holdings
MARC Classification
MARC Community Information
MARC Code List for Organizations

MARC 21 Documentation

- MARC 21 Format for *Bibliographic Data*
- MARC 21 Format for *Authority Data*
- MARC 21 Format for *Classification Data*
- MARC 21 Format for *Holdings Data*
- MARC 21 Format for *Community Information*
- MARC 21 *Concise* Formats
- MARC Code Lists:
  - Languages…Countries…Geographic Areas…Organizations…Relators, Sources, Description Conventions…
- *Plus* MARC 21 Specifications for Record Structure, Character Sets, and Exchange Media

Cataloging Training Manuals

- *Cataloging Concepts: Descriptive Cataloging* (paper format; depository)
- *MARC Content Designation* (paper format; depository)



- SCCTP (Serials Cooperative Cataloging Training Program) manuals are fee-based PDF format. Non-depository because cooperatively produced and funded.

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