Series Cataloging

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Series Authorities Then and Now

- Library of Congress (LC) ceased controlling series headings in 2006. They decided to accept Cataloging in Process (CIP) series titles as-is and not update 4xx/8xx.

- The Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC), however, continued to update headings. Hence we see controlled authority headings in the LC Authority file created by PCC libraries and catalogers use them.

  - LC Program for Cooperative Cataloging

  - LC FAQs about Series - BIBCO Tab

- TIP: This is how an authority heading looks in the LCAF and Catalogers must translate the information to an 800 xx MARC tag.

  - 100 1_ |a McMann, Lisa.|t Unwanteds|h Spoken word*

    - LC FAQ about Series - NACO Tab
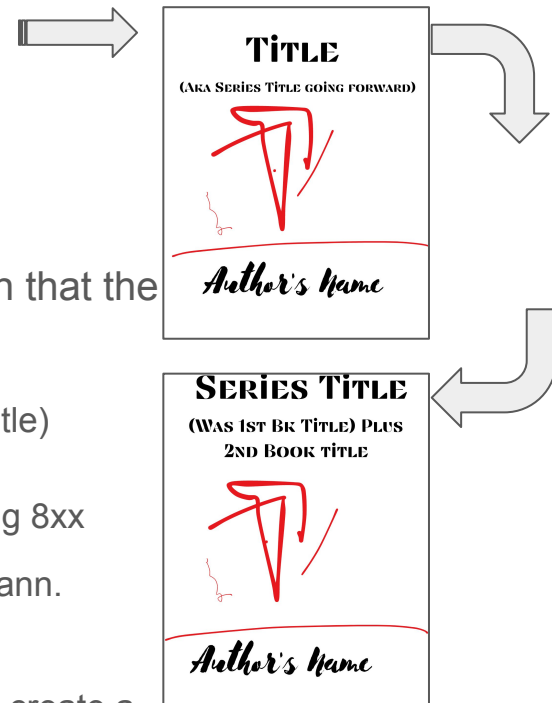
Why Enter Series Information Anyway?

- To maintain continuity with titles published in a sequence

  - Make sure we're assigning a series title to the record for each work in the series

- To help patrons find correct items in the public catalog

  - If we categorize the Series headings we can sort them better in the PAC. Well,… mostly.

  - Each ILS determines how titles display, but the ILS will trace a series recorded in the 490/800 fields.

- To assist with Authority control maintenance locally

  - When catalogers use a traced Series heading that has an author associated with it, they are entered into the 490 1_ field with an accompanying 800 1_ (Series Added Entry – Personal Name) tag.

How to determine Series Information or, How to Control the Series Chaos?

- Resources for identifying (generally) accurate series names and numbering:

  - Item itself - title page, cover, spine

  - Author or publisher's website

  - Existing bibliographic records

  - Goodreads, NoveList, Fantastic Fiction, etc.

- What to do when there is disagreement?

  - Cataloger's judgement

  - Your library or library system's guidelines

  - Above all, BE CONSISTENT

Confusing Book Covers

- The first published work in a series is the problem.

  - Please make it stop! 😩 This first title becomes the traced series title.

  - 245 14 ‡aUnwanteds /‡cLisa McMann.
    No series title is present in this first book's bib record.

- The second published work in the series often gives the impression that the work includes a subtitle, but it doesn't.

  - **Preferred**: 245 10 ‡aIsland of silence /‡cLisa McMann. (2nd Book Title)
    490 0_ ‡aUnwanteds ;‡vbook 2 (Not traced)
    Or   490 1_ ‡aUnwanteds ;‡vbk. 2 (Traced) with corresponding 8xx

  - NOT Preferred: 245 14 ‡aUnwanteds.‡pIsland of silence /‡cLisa McMann.
    490 1_ ‡aUnwanteds ;‡vbook 2

- TIP: Once the work displays as a Series on Book 2, this is the hint for you to create a 490 back into Book 1 and add the Series title there. This keeps the catalog consistent.

490 Series Statement Field

- Goodbye, 440. 🙁

- Hello 490! 😀

- 490 0_ Not Traced - transcribed from source and NOT a controlled heading

- 490 1_ Traced - a controlled heading that refers to the author/title heading in the 8XX.

- The 490 relationship to 800 is a Personal Name Heading with an associated title, also called an Author/Title Heading.

- The 490 relationship to an 830 is a Series Added Entry for a Uniform Title.

  - Note: there is no terminal period after a 490 field, but there is one after an 800/830 field.

    - See: OCLC Bibliographic Formats and Standards and LC MARC21 in the Resources slide.

800 Series Added Entry--Personal Name

800 has three indicator options:

- 0 Forename

  - 800 0_ ‡aAvi,‡d1937-‡tPoppy ;‡vbk. 1.

- 1 Surname

  - 800 1 _‡aMcMann, Lisa.‡tUnwanteds;‡v2.

- 3 Family name

  - 800 3_ ‡aSmiley family.‡tAll the Smiley's adventures ;‡volume 4.

In series authority records, the 642 field directs the series' numbering style

  - e.g. 4 or bk. 4 or book 4, etc.

In 800 ‡v book numbers may be transcribed differently (check the authority 642 field). That's okay! The series itself will still be linked properly in the catalog as long as 800 ‡a - ‡t are transcribed the same.

Search for: Series

that begins with: unwanteds

10 PER PAGE

Browse Headings

Unwanteds

SEE: McMann, Lisa. Unwanteds

McMann, Lisa. Unwanteds

McMann, Lisa. Unwanteds ; 1.

McMann, Lisa. Unwanteds ; 2.

McMann, Lisa. Unwanteds ; 4.

McMann, Lisa. Unwanteds ; 6.

McMann, Lisa. Unwanteds ; 7.

McMann, Lisa. Unwanteds ; bk. 2.

McMann, Lisa. Unwanteds ; bk.6.

McMann, Lisa. Unwanteds ; book 3.

McMann, Lisa. Unwanteds ; book 4.

Other 8XX Series Added Entry Fields

- 8XX Series fields will also have a corresponding 490 1_ field

- 81X Series Added Entry Fields
  - 810 (Corporate name) - Companies, governmental departments, etc.
  - 811 (Meeting name) - Conferences, symposiums, etc.

- 830 Uniform Title Series Added Entry
  - Consists of a series title alone.
  - Used for uniformity when series titles have appeared in various forms or when there is no single author/personal name associated.
  - 800 is preferred to 830, if applicable.

- 896-898 Local Series Added Entry Fields

490	1	‡aFodor's travel guides
500		‡aIncludes index.
505	0	‡aExperience Nova Scoti Island -- Newfoundland.
520		‡a"Whether you want to local Fodor's travel exper Canada guidebook is pa simplify your trip-plannir with an easy-to-read lay
651	0	‡aCanada‡zAtlantic Provi
651	0	‡aNova Scotia‡vGuidebo
651	7	‡aCanada‡zAtlantic Provi
651	7	‡aNova Scotia.‡2fast‡0(O
655	7	‡aGuidebooks.‡2fast‡0(O
655	7	‡aGuidebooks.‡2lcgft
700	1	‡aBrown, Lola Augustine
700	1	‡aPhenix, Penny,‡eautho
700	1	‡aFergis, Jill,‡eeditor.
710	2	‡aFodor's Travel (Firm)
830	0	‡aFodor's travel guides.

Often see a 710 (Corporate added entry) with a 490/830 (Uniform title series entry) used instead of an 810 (Corporate series).

Resources

- https://authorities.loc.gov/

- https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/bibco/faq-series.html

- OCLC Bibliographic Formats and Standards

- Library of Congress MARC 21 for Bibliographic Data

- Goodreads / Amazon

- Fantastic Fiction

- NoveList (access through subscription portal)

- WorldCat (under "show more information")

- What's Next®: Books in Series Database of Kent District Library

Questions?

Have more questions?

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