

Lost CLARR Functions,
or,
Our Top 10 Authority Control and Bibliographic Maintenance Concerns
As We Migrate to Aleph
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1. Do you bring OCLC records into the system in Aquisitions?

Yes 5 No 2 N/A 1

2. If yes, do you consult OCLC again in Cataloging?

Yes 3 N/A 3 Sometimes 3

3. Do you use CLARR?

Yes 6

4. If yes, at what point in the workflow do you use it?

- After importing into NOTIS
- To check original and modified cataloging
- To check subject and added entries
- Create series authorities
- Create dissertation records and add to OCLC
- Create authority records
- During cataloging. To create NAR
- UF extensively used throughout workflow
- Pre-cataloging
 - Used to create template records (which are then used to create bib records)
 - Used to import from OCLC and RLIN
- Cataloging
 - Used to check headings under authority control
 - Used to bring in new authority records automatically from the resource file (LTRF)
 - Used to create new authority records automatically based on information pulled from the bib record
 - Used to insert diacritics/special characters into bib records
 - Used to check for validation error (e.g. helps correct fixed field coding, checks for correct use of filing indicators for initial articles)
 - Used to export to OCLC
 - Used for quick return to record in process

Used for quick retrieval of headings on record

5. What FCLA reports do you use?

- Arrow reports
- Arrow Custom Copy Reports
- New and dropped headings reports [1]
- Authority merge reports (overlays changed authority and reports changes [1])
- Conflict and error detection (Error 4) [2]
- Authority retro claim [2]
- Autoclaim
- Duplicate number report (Error 1) [2]
- Headings count
- Conflict in subject headings (Error 2)
- Headings using 4XX (Error 9) [1]
- LC update report

Used to update headings in bib records that have been updated in the resource file (LTCL)

Used to eliminate duplicate authority records in LTUF when the report detects these

Important: offers "before" and "after" views of the updated authority records. Having a "before" view: 1) sometimes provides the earlier form(s) of the heading (not always obvious in the updated heading), which sometimes still exists in LTUF; 2) provides local cross references that need to be added back

- Autoclaim report

Used to (selectively) check new headings which have come into catalog; can see which ones have matching authority records in LTUF and which don't; can check for form and placement of geographic subdivisions; often makes typos easy to spot

- Error 9 report

Provides list of headings in LTUF which match x-refs in authority records

- URL List

6. What do you like best about what we have now?

- FCLA/report

Working in collaboration with FCLA. A problem to one library is a problem for all so more likely to be resolved

FCLA (Notis) reports

Autoclaim function [2]

Retro autoclaim function [2]

Automatic updating of authority records in LTUF for names and subjects (with reports having "before" and "after" views

Error 9 report: provides notification of (some of the) heading changes that have appeared on reports in the past but haven't yet been made

Ability to selectively update bibliographic records when headings are updated in the resource file

Ability to batchload records using WinONI

Real time uploading to OCLC

- Searching

- Ability to view indexes separately and combine, for local catalog

- and Union catalog
- Ability to download indexes for searching and manipulation by local automated programs
- Ability to use keywords combined with index or tag searches and operators
- Ability to search by fixed field elements
- Ability to combine regular, keyword, fixed field and call number searches
- Speed of search and retrieval
- Ability to navigate easily in the index without losing it
- fk search in LTCL
- hx search in LTUF
- CLARR
- CLARR to check headings, especially subdivisions and geographical form
- BAM function in CLARR
- Ability to derive authorities from LTLC and bibliographic records from LTRF
- Catalyst
- Global changes in Catalyst [1]
- Ability to perform global changes on a specific subfield or subfields in a heading not just an entire heading
- Other
 - Ability to use NOW programs
 - UNF has written a number of local programs that work with NOTIS and enables them to refine and extend FCLA reports

7. What do you like least about what we have now?

- Diacritics display problems in Catalyst
- "Bugs" in Arrow which affect report writing ability
- Reports cannot be customized even when changes are minor
- Limited report functionality
- Inability to provide a report on when the geographic divide (D/I) element in the fixed field of the subject authority records changed
- NOTIS editor doesn't wrap
- Global change in Catalyst won't normalize headings and compare for change
- Lack of reference to the LCAF
- Occasionally, CLARR would fail to flag a blind reference, or note a unique one
- Deleted authority records in LTLC aren't really deleted
- After we receive the weekly LC updated name/subject headings list, we need to manually update the LC headings in each bib. record
- Having to change use codes
- How hard it is to pull up information at times

8. What are you afraid of losing?

-CLARR

Ability to be alerted that placement of geographic subdivisions may not be correct [1]

Ability to verify that geographic headings are in the correct form when used as a subdivision

Ability to verify that free-floating subdivisions are in a legitimate form

Editing function in the bibliographic record

Authority templates for newly identified authorities

Creating series authority records

Creating and uploading thesis records to OCLC

CLARR to check headings, especially its ability to check subdivisions and geographical forms

Cumulative effect of CLARR functions on efficient workflow

-FLCA Reports

"Before" and "after" reviews of updated authority records

Report on updated authority records where the headings haven't changed but local changes have previously been made

Automatic claiming of an authority record when a new bib. heading matches it

Retro autoclaim

Having something like the asterisk in our new headings report which indicates what portion of a heading matches an authority record

Error 9 reports

Report on updated authority records where heading hasn't changed, but local changes have been made to the record

New and dropped headings report

Authority merge report

Conflict and error detection report

-Searches

Searching by individual MARC tags

Specific bibliographic tag searching

fK search in LTLC

Searching by format

JX search which retrieves the merged headings index

Ability to search by elements in the fixed fields such as date

Ability to combine regular, keyword, fixed field and call number searches

Ability to use keywords combined with index or tag searches and operators

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-Other

Old bib records that have never been updated. What will happen to these obsolete subfields during migration

Authority retro claim

Ability to use NOW programs

Ability to view indexes separately and combined for local catalog and union catalog

Ability to download indexes for searching and manipulation by local automated programs

Call number browse for shelf listing and scope checks

Ability to derive authorities from LTLC and bibs from LTRF

Ability to navigate easily in an index without losing it

Speed of search and retrieval

Very high quality, flexible and fast authority control

- Capability to work with and maintain local authorities particularly names and series

- Ability to do a lot of maintenance via automated means

- Relatively simple intuitive interface

- Ability to selectively update bib records when headings are updated in the resource file (i.e. would NOT like to have an automatic global change update of headings in the bib records when headings are updated in the resource file)

- Ability to batchload records using WinONI