Task Group on MARC Simplification for BIBFRAME Conversion

Charge:

The PCC Task Group on MARC Simplification for BIBFRAME Conversion is charged to develop a simplified set of MARC fields (Skinny MARC records) to support BIBFRAME conversion effectively and accurately through examining the BIBFRAME 2.0 to MARC 21 Conversion programs and related specifications. The Task Group will set up and initiate the tasks listed in the Task Group Deliverables below. The group will keep PoCo informed of the recommendations.

Task Group Deliverables:

- Develop the criteria of creating a simplified set of MARC fields (Skinny MARC records) with options and a thorough assessment, based on the core elements of PCC RDA BSR (BIBCO Standard Record) Metadata Application Profile and CSR (CONSER Standard Record) RDA Metadata Application Profile
- Evaluate bibliographic and authority records enhanced with URIs as part of the PCC URIs in MARC Pilot as a test set of records that can serve as prototype Skinny MARC records
- Examine and test the BIBFRAME 2.0 to MARC 21 Conversion programs and related specifications with a thorough analysis of pros and cons
- Experiment with the simplified records to see how they play in the local discovery systems or ILS, including various libraries
- Identify use cases for creating and using simplified MARC
- Evaluate a set of sample records converted from BIBFRAME to MARC, provided by LC in early 2022
- Study related projects such as Share-VDE SEI (Sapientia Entity Identification) Working Group and Sinopia for data mapping
- Perform an environmental scan to see if other work has been done in this area.
- Include examples and perspectives for diverse types of resources such as continuing resources, audiovisual resources, rare materials, music, etc. These will need to be vetted by their communities before finalizing.
- Consult with colleagues in specialized areas to ensure viable results
- Develop a list of challenges, possible solutions and implementation plans

Time Frame:

Date charged: 1 February 2022
Date preliminary report due: 1 June 2022
Date final report due: 31 October 2022

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