

The Era of Dual Formant Environments: BIBFRAME and MARC

Discussion

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- As major parts of our environment move to BIBFRAME from MARC, before all systems “catch up” with BIBFRAME we will have a mixed, interdependent environment and data must round trip between the systems.
- These two environments – MARC and BIBFRAME - will coexist for some time
- MARC usage can and should be adjusted to better enable coexistence.
- We need a more “Modern MARC,” one with less redundancy and duplication.

Discussion questions

- Should the BF community have more of a role in guiding MARC development?
- Should the BF community have more of a role in guiding MARC cataloging practice?
 - Can we take a hard look at duplication – 260/264, 490/800, 007/3XX, \$1 URIs and \$2 source codes, others?
 - Can we move to less coded data in the 00X fields in favor of the more flexible 3XX fields?
- How do we take advantage of the multi-lingual, multi-script possibilities in RDF vs the constraints imposed on us by MARC and by current systems?
 - There is no official way to include bcp47 presently, either in MARC bibs or auths
 - MARC 880 \$6 only supports a handful of script designations
 - Can we leverage non-Latin variants in our authority files?
 - How much transcription is necessary when it duplicates controlled data?
- What is the future role for authority files?
- What is the role, if any, of punctuation in BF?
 - Where is ISBD punctuation really needed and why?