

## NJLA Technical Services and Collection Development Section: Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2021 10am-12pm

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

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### Review & approval of minutes

- May 2021 minutes Approved
- July 2021 Minutes Approved

### 3. Review [2021 TS/CD survey results](#)

- [Top topics of interest for upcoming meetings/workshops/PD events](#)
  - The purpose of the survey was to gauge what people wanted
    - Some interest in the results of the survey for in-person meetings, but for now it makes sense that we stay virtual and always present that option.
    - Digital content, diversity audits and authority work were main interests.
      - “Digital content” is a wide ranging statement and can include many things including file loads as well as digital archiving.
  - Some options as discussed.
    - Perhaps we can provide a program that encompasses both digital content and MarcEdit.
    - Sharing resources/more outreach/informal meeting
      - Perhaps a skill sharing session within the section.
      - Sending out resources instead of having a class or formal workshop.
      - Use our section’s Google workspace for documents to share
      - Perhaps a special meeting for resource sharing.
- Potential PD project in the works with RA section
  - <http://raforall.blogspot.com/p/actively-anti-racist-service-to-leisure.html>
    - Presented by Robin Bradford
    - Program \$1500 -- hoping for some financial sponsorship from LibraryLink NJ
    - Some prerequisite work : pre-recorded program with follow up
    - Live Session is a 90 minute live meeting - Q&A based on the prerequisite work.
  - DEI section in NJLA hasn’t responded to inquiry about participation or collaboration
  - This would be something we charged for as NJLA wouldn’t cover but it would have a wide ranging audience within the organization
  - Discussion about funding for programs via NJLA, could the state library have

some available funds to present this program?

- 4. LibraryLink Skill-sharing session topic proposal for TS/CD input: addressing harmful and biased language in the library catalog. Example from an upcoming skill-share conversation description [here](#)

Librarylink NJ Theresa Agostinelli reached out regarding harmful and biased language in the catalog and asked if we could moderate a panel or some discussion.

- At this point it's hard to do with dwindling staff/partial hours. Staff bandwidth isn't necessarily available.
  - Lisa has been looking into lots of webinars, available resources with regard to this subject.
  - It seems feasible that this is a wider issue even beyond cataloging and we can present Theresa at LibraryLinkNJ with that idea.
  - Collaboration with the College and University Section might bolster support.
  - Out of this discussion it was agreed upon that we should use our Google Workspace to share resources and other information that seem relevant to the discussion of Critical Cataloging, in addition to resources where we can find National agency changes with regard to this subject
  - Lisa will add some of the links within this agenda to our resource sharing document
- Speaker/panelist suggestions welcome
  - Some ideas:
    - Discussion of [cataloging ethics steering committee](#)'s current work
    - Creating institutional statements about harmful language in the catalog. [Examples linked from Cataloging Lab](#)
    - Adding local or alternative vocab subject headings. [DEI resource list here](#) (not exhaustive) from [CritCat](#) website.
    - [Using alternative Dewey assignments for the 220s \(example project undertaken by Lawrence PL, KS from the Dewey blog\)](#) or ditching Dewey in favor of BISAC or other classification system for non-fiction.
  - Discussion on diversity audit. Do we know anyone who is doing that?
    - This was a topic of interest on our TS CD survey
      - Bernards Township presented on knowing your community.
      - May have had more to do with weeding
        - Link to the document:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fmzsFHEMZTVHYIUWfxdKUH5MUML9meF/view>

#### 5. NJLA 2022 Conference June 1-3: Embracing Opportunity

- Still at Harrah's
- They plan on meeting in person this year

- Conference planners meeting happened Thursday 9/23/21
  - They are starting to take program applications
  - No deadline yet usually Thanksgiving but extend until December
  
  - Suggestions for sessions welcome
    - FRBR-ized catalogs, perhaps gather people from various ILSs
6. Open discussion: challenges and successes / issues needing support, input, or expertise
- Accessible resources for RDA?

**See below for information for upcoming meetings.**

Details subject to change so please check the calendar on NJLA.org. Zoom links will be sent in reminder emails ahead of each meeting. If circumstances allow we will consider holding some future meetings in-person.

Topic: TS/CD Section Meeting

Time:

Oct 15, 2021 10:00 AM  
 Nov 19, 2021 10:00 AM  
 Dec 17, 2021 10:00 AM  
 Jan 21, 2022 10:00 AM  
 Feb 18, 2022 10:00 AM  
 Mar 18, 2022 10:00 AM  
 Apr 8, 2022 10:00 AM  
 May 20, 2022 10:00 AM

**Upcoming NYPL podcast that may be of interest; info pulled from autocat listserv posting:**

From: deb cady

Subject: NYPL Podcast next week: Identity, Anti-Bias Practices, and the Library Catalog

<https://www.nypl.org/events/programs/2021/09/30/doc-chat-episode-32-identity-anti-bias-practices-and-library-catalog>

In Episode 32, NYPL's Jelicia Jimenez and Paloma Celis Carbajal are joined by Bronwen Maxson of the University of Oregon to discuss how issues of identity, particularly as relates to immigrant communities in the US, have shaped the discovery tools such as library catalogs in far-reaching ways, and to analyze the role of student activism in catalyzing change. (live episode **Thurs, Sept 30 3:30-4pm, registration required**)