



# KEEPING CURRENT WITH BCMC IN THE DIGITAL AGE

## NJLN-CUS/ACRL-NJ BIBLIOGRAPHIC CONTROL & METADATA COMMITTEE

### Introduction

In the digital age as today, changes are never-ending. This is especially true to the field of cataloging and metadata management. The Bibliographic Control & Metadata Committee (BCMC) under NJ Library Association (NJLA), College and University Section (CUS), Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL), NJ Chapter is comprised of technical services librarians. BCMC members share and explore challenging issues faced in bibliographic control and metadata. Since its founding in 1996, BCMC has actively embraced new changes in cataloging, including RDA, the new cataloging standard, and BIBFRAME (Bibliographic Framework) initiative, a data model designed for bibliographic description that is to replace the MARC standards. A major role that BCMC plays is to provide training opportunities on current cataloging knowledge and skillsets, so that members stay up-to-date.

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### Mission & Goals

- To share information and explore challenging issues in cataloging, authority control, technical processing, staff training, quality control, database management and departmental administration.
- To provide technical and moral support to members in the field of cataloging and metadata.
- To provide members with opportunities in continuing education and professional development.
- To promote innovative ideas and effective measures in the field of cataloging and metadata.
- To foster cooperative effort in resource-sharing among member libraries.
- To support ACRL mission and its strategic plan in the four areas:
  - The value of academic libraries
  - Student Learning
  - Research and scholarly environment
  - New roles and changing landscapes

### Past Activities

- **Created ANJ/NY NACO/BIBCO Funnel**  
 BCMC established its New Jersey Name Authority Funnel Program under the direction of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) Name Authority Cooperative Program (NACO) in Spring 2007. Over a dozen institutional participants cooperatively created name authority records, including NJ-related names. In 2015 the Funnel's role extended to include BIBCO (Monographic Bibliographic Record Cooperative Program). In October 2018, this group was joined by CUNY (The City University of New York) institutions.  
  
 A NACO workshop was conducted at Baruch College, New York City in early 2019. The workshop refreshed the participants' skills, especially in creating name authority records with the RDA standard.
- **RDA, RDA Toolkit**  
 BCMC has been keeping abreast of the changes in cataloging. When RDA was adopted as the new standard, BCMC provided training sessions in 2013. Training for the beta RDA Toolkit was conducted in spring 2019.

### Future Goals

- Increase awareness of quality control
- Promote a culture of assessment in bibliographic control and metadata
- Aim for effectiveness
- Establish a user-centered service mindset
- Focus on service impact and outcome
- Collaborate best practices in using library systems
- Explore information-sharing opportunities

### Research Activities

- Since its founding in 2003, the Research Subcommittee has accomplished the following:
- Conducted surveys of Technical Services Departments' demographics and functions
  - Analyzed trends in collection size, budget and staff size
  - Provided practical data for strategic planning and needs
  - Surveyed national and state cataloging assessments activities