Section Three: News and Views
(of the ATLA Technical Services Section)

EIGHT NEW PARTICIPANTS IN ATLA NACO FUNNEL PROGRAM

Eight catalogers completed the training necessary to become members of the Name Authority Cooperative Program (NACO), one of the components of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) which was initiated by the Library of Congress. This brings the number of members of the ATLA NACO Funnel to thirty, representing twenty-seven institutions. The eight new catalogers participated in the online training course developed by the Library of Congress, consisting of eight modules and seven webinars, conducted over 3-4 weeks. Since then, several have begun creating and modifying records in the Name Authority File (NAF). After review and corrections, those records are added to the NAF. During the last fiscal year, the ATLA NACO Funnel contributed 191 new name records and modified 609 existing records.

Anyone interested in joining this program should contact Judy Knop (jknop@atla.com) for information on requirements for membership.

TWO POSSIBLE NEW FUNNEL PROGRAMS

Six catalogers expressed interest in participating in a series funnel and one NACO member is currently taking the series training. Training to create and contribute series authority records is completely online and can be taken at the cataloger's convenience. If you are interested in participating and have not already indicated your interest to Judy Knop, please email her at (jknop@atla.com).

Catalogers have also expressed interest in starting a Subject Authority Cooperative (SACO) funnel. There will be an opportunity for conversation around this topic at the 2016 ATLA Annual Conference in Long Beach, CA this coming June. Anyone interested in participating in this funnel should attend that session if you are coming to the Annual Conference. If you cannot make it to the conference, please send an email to Judy Knop (jknop@atla.com) expressing your interest in participating in this funnel.

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http://libraryjuiceacademy.com/105-metadata-design.php

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