

SECTION THREE: NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ATLA TECHNICAL SERVICES SECTION

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LC GENRE/FORM TERMS FOR RELIGIOUS MATERIALS PROJECT

Janis Young at LC reports that the religion genre/form terms document submitted August 2012 is still under review. When both the participants and LC staff are comfortable with any revisions made as a result of LC's review, LC will make the terms available for public review. Ms. Young will then once again forward any substantive comments on the terms to project participants for their response.

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NEWS

TRAINING PRESENTATIONS, WEBCASTS, AND WEBINARS

ALCTS WEBINARS:

Managing E-Resources Cataloging: Impact and Insight, August 21, 2013. In this webinar, we are going to focus on managing the cataloging activities for all types of e-resources a typical academic/research library will acquire, which will be divided into two different workflow namely cataloging and loading. We will cover aspects including the collaboration with other units in the library especially the Acquisition's E-resources group and collection managers, how to motivate staff, what tools can help, and most important, how to prepare oneself to be a good manager for e-resources cataloging. <http://www.ala.org/alcts/confevents/upcoming/webinar/082113>

Using Open Refine to Update, Clean up and Link your Metadata to the Wider World, September 18, 2013. Misspellings, extra spaces, random; punctuation/ and weird capitalization: Are any of these issues with your metadata? Open Refine (formerly Google Refine) is a powerful tool that can solve all of these problems with a single click. Open Refine also allows you to transform your data from one format to another, extend it with web services, and even connect it to linked data sources like Freebase. <http://www.ala.org/alcts/confevents/upcoming/webinar/091813>

Electronic Resources Workflows and Tools, October 23, 2013. This webinar will cover key points to consider, tools, and workflow options in managing electronic resources. Most libraries use multiple tools and approaches to manage e-resources, which brings benefits and challenges. Speakers will provide insights and perspectives on ERM systems, supplemental processes to fill gaps in functionality, and those systems' interoperability with patron-facing interfaces. <http://www.ala.org/alcts/confevents/upcoming/webinar/102313>

Evaluating Print Book & E-Book Patron-Driven Acquisitions (PDA), November 13, 2013. This webinar will describe two patron-driven acquisitions (PDA) models -- (1) buying print books based on interlibrary loan borrowing requests and (2) the current e-book model working with an e-book aggregator and/or a library book vendor -- and will describe several approaches for evaluating the success and effectiveness of both models. Evaluation points include considerations such as subsequent circulation, appropriateness to the collection of purchased titles, subject analysis, cost analysis, and even a peek at the difference in future performance between user-selected and librarian-selected e-