Replacing Obsolete Cutter Numbers Using Batch Processes

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.N4 - What's in a Cutter?

- "Negro"
 - Outdated, offensive to some
 - Vague
- Classification is visible to our patrons
- Replacement is necessary



Background

- Why this project, now?
- Encounters with other professionals and institutions:
 - Emory University, Candler School of Theology, Pitts Library, early 2021
- Library of Congress changes
 - Mid 2021: Cancellation of .N4 cutter numbers
 - A3: African American
 - B5: Black
- General diffusion of DEIA principles
- Final note: Pitt uses Ex Libris Alma, adopted in 2020



Library of Congress Cutter Updates

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Negro. African American (1)
       (Z1229.N39)
          see Z1229.A37
 Negro. African American. Black (1)
      (PS663.N4)
          see PS663.B53
 Negro (African American, Black) authors (1)
     (PS628.N4)
          see PS628.B53
 Negro (African American, Black) newspapers (1)
       (Z6944.N39)
          see Z6944.B53
 Negro (African American, Black) rimes and songs (1)
      (PS595.N3)
          see PS595.B59
 Negro English (1)
       (BS350.N4-.N49)
          see BS350.B53-.B539
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Getting Started – Locations

- Starting point: Storage (LCSU)
 - Items circulate less frequently
 - Not shelved by call number; relabeling can wait
 - Test bed for rest of collection
- Relabeling Workflow
 - Items sent to Technical Services after check-in
 - Ensures requested items still go out ASAP
 - Fulfillment note notifies circulation staff to handle as normal, LCSU staff to send to Technical Services

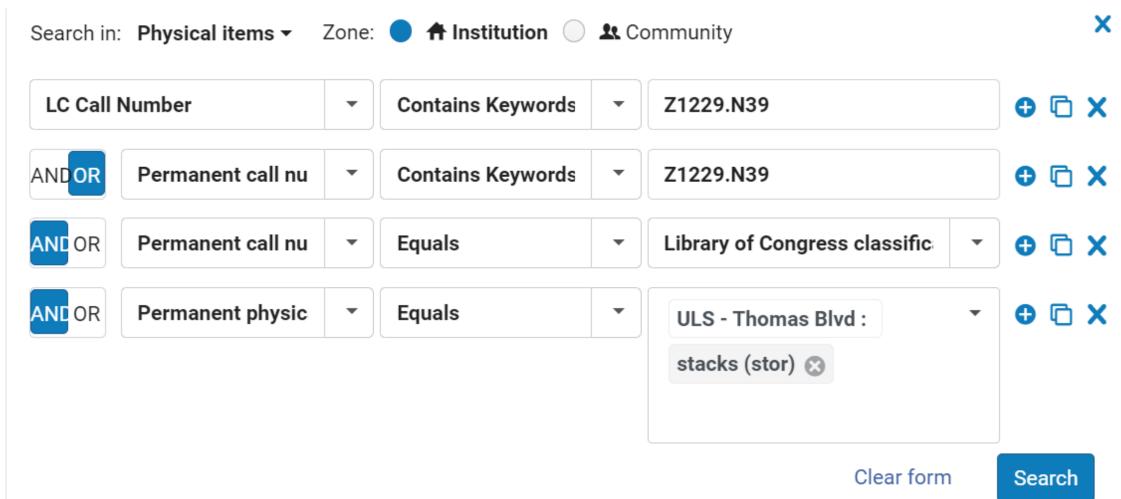


Getting Started – Methodology

- Create sets using advanced search in Alma
- Search based on four criteria:
 - LC call number
 - Permanent call number
 - Permanent call number type
 - Permanent Physical location
- Search result includes all records with obsolete cutters for the given input, whether in the holdings or the bibliographic record



Set Creation





Set Creation cont.

Physical Items (1 - 33 of 33)

where (LC Call Number contains keywords "Z1229.N39") OR (Permanent call number contains keywords "Z1229.N39" AND Permanent call number type equals "Library of Congress classification" AND Permanent physical location equals ((ULS - Thomas Blvd : stacks)))

Save Query



Community



Sort by : Rank ▼

Secondary Sort by : Rank •



Manage Selected ▼

Add to Itemized Set

Create Itemized Set

Clear Selection

Run a Job



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Afro-American poetry and drama, 1760-1975: a guide to information sources.

Book By French, William P. (Detroit : Gale

Research Co. c1979.)

Barcode: 31735008472056

Inventory Number: STORAGE, 12/06/2021

Library: ULS - Thomas Blvd

Creation Date: 07/09/2020 10:12:37 EDT

Modification Date: 11/27/2023 13:54:18

EST

Expected Arrival Time: -

Call Number: Z1229.N39 A37

Call Number Type: Library of Congress classification

Status: Item in place

Due back: -

Material Type: Book

Item ID:

233042059600

Holdings ID: 223042059700

MMS ID:

991744313406230



Call Number Irregularities

- Call number irregularities due to age of collections, historical migrations, inconsistent cataloging
- Holdings call number (852)
 - \$\$h Z1229 \$\$i N39M63 \$\$i 1994
 - \$\$h AFRO/PS628.N4 \$\$i N38 1995
- Correct with batch process
 - Necessary to completely remove call number from holdings, then import from bib
 - If call number is not removed before being re-added, result is: |h Z1229.N39 |i M63 1994 |i 1994



Call Number Irregularities cont.

- Two part batch process
 - Remove existing call number in holdings
 - Update using call number in bib
- Result: \$\$h Z1229.N39 \$\$i M63 1994
 - Now that we've standardized, we're finally ready to update to the new cutter number!



Call Number Irregularities cont.

rule "Remove Call Number from 852" when (TRUE) then removeSubField "852.h" removeSubfield "852.i" end



Call Number Irregularities cont.

Run a Job - Enter Task Parameters

Task Parameters: Change Holding Information

Apply only for Library location -

Update call number from Bibliographic record
Correct the data using normalization processes
Tag records for publishing
Unsuppress



Cutter Replacement – Normalization

- Our method: create normalization rule for each class number, run using holdings job
- DROOLS
- Each class number requires updated rule
 - Matter of updating a template



Normalization - cont.

rule "African American and Black Cutter Update" priority 100 when exists "852.h.Z1229.N39" then replaceContents "852.h.Z1229.N39" with "Z1229.A37" end



Normalization outcomes

Old Call Number	Updated Call Number
Z1229.N39 M37	Z1229.A37 M37
Z1229.N39 C35 1983	Z1229.A37 C35 1983
Z1229.N39 Y36 1986	Z1229.A37 Y36 1986
<mark>Z1229 N39B37 1992</mark>	Z1229.A37 B37 1992
<mark>Z1361.N39 O45</mark>	Z1361.N39 O45
Z1229.N39 R87	Z1229.A37 R87
<mark>Z1229.N39 B545 1994, Index</mark>	Z1229.A37 B545 1994, Index

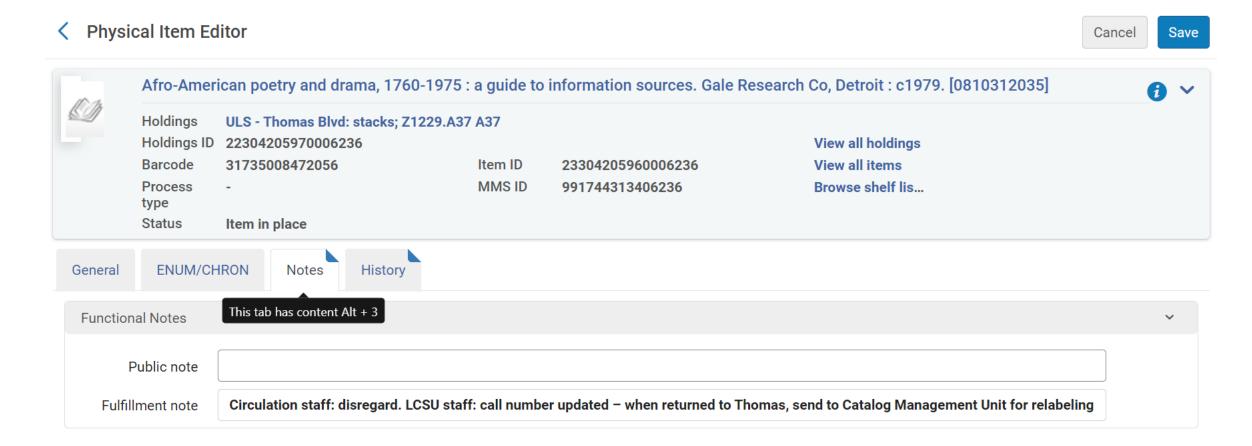


Normalization outcomes cont.

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035	\$\$a (pittdb)449164-pittdb		001 528122	
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043	\$\$a n-us-ny		008 9905222u####0###1001uu###0000000	
049	\$\$a PITU \$\$c 1		014 1 \$\$a ACJ1523C1001	
050 0	\$\$a NX1 \$\$b .A46 no. 2 \$\$a Z1229.N39		014 0 \$\$9 000460009	
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Fulfillment notes





Continuing Challenges

- Call number ranges
 - BS350.N4-.N49 → BS350.B53-.B539
- Bib records with no call number
 - Stub records
- Moving beyond storage to open stacks
- Adapting to future projects (.O7)



Final Workflow

- Conduct advanced search
- Create itemized set
- Update classification and cutter in normalization rule
- Run Update Holdings job to remove and import call number from bib
- Run Update Holdings job to add updated cutter number
- Run Change Physical Items job to add fulfillment note
- Check results



Questions?

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