

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 - Outdated, offensive to some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

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

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

Search in: **Physical items** ▾ Zone: **Institution** Community ✕

LC Call Number ▾	Contains Keywords ▾	Z1229.N39	+ □ ✕	
AND OR	Permanent call nu ▾	Contains Keywords ▾	Z1229.N39	+ □ ✕
AND OR	Permanent call nu ▾	Equals ▾	Library of Congress classific: ▾	+ □ ✕
AND OR	Permanent physic ▾	Equals ▾	ULS - Thomas Blvd : ▾ stacks (stor) ✕	+ □ ✕

Clear form

Search

Set Creation cont.

Physical Items (1 - 33 of 33)

Save Query

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)))

 Institution

 Community

Select All

Sort by : Rank ▾

Secondary Sort by : Rank ▾

33 rows selected

Manage Selected ▾



1 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:
991744313406z30

Add to Itemized Set

Clear Selection

Create Itemized Set

Run a Job

Edit Item



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

1 2 3 4 Cancel Back Next

Task Parameters: Change Holding Information

Apply only for Library	<input type="text"/>	location	-
Update call number from Bibliographic record	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	-	
Correct the data using normalization processes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Remove Call Number from 852	<input type="text"/>
Tag records for publishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsuppress	<input type="text"/>

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
Z1229 N39B37 1992	Z1229.A37 B37 1992
Z1361.N39 O45	Z1361.N39 O45
Z1229.N39 R87	Z1229.A37 R87
Z1229.N39 R87	Z1229.A37 R87
Z1229.N39 R87	Z1229.A37 R87
Z1229.N39 R87	Z1229.A37 R87
Z1229.N39 B545 1994, Index	Z1229.A37 B545 1994, Index


Normalization outcomes cont.

A selected bibliography of ... (994491643406236)   

 Record **MARC21 Bib**  10  78

035	\$\$a (ppiu)449164-pittdb
035	\$\$a (pittdb)449164-pittdb
040	\$\$a DLC \$\$c DLC \$\$d m.c. \$\$d PIT \$\$d WaOLN
043	\$\$a n-us-ny
049	\$\$a PITU \$\$c 1
050 0	\$\$a NX1 \$\$b .A46 no. 2 \$\$a Z1229.N39
082 0	\$\$a 700/.8 s \$\$a 016.81/08/0896073
090	\$\$a Z1361.N39 \$\$b O45 \$\$c 1 \$\$l RECON \$\$m PITU

A selected bibliography of ... (22253954690006236)   

 Record **Holdings**

LDR	00263cx##a2200121z##4500
001	528122
004	449164
005	20231127142424.0
008	9905222u####0###1001uu###0000000
014 1	\$\$a ACJ1523C1001
014 0	\$\$9 000460009
852 0 0	\$\$b THOM \$\$c stor \$\$t 1 \$\$h Z1361.N39 \$\$i O45
952	\$\$a tbbafro

Fulfillment notes

< Physical Item Editor

Cancel

Save



Afro-American poetry and drama, 1760-1975 : a guide to information sources. Gale Research Co, Detroit : c1979. [0810312035]



Holdings ULS - Thomas Blvd: stacks; Z1229.A37 A37

Holdings ID 22304205970006236

Barcode 31735008472056

Process type -

Status Item in place

Item ID 23304205960006236

MMS ID 991744313406236

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General

ENUM/CHRON

Notes

History

Functional Notes

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Public note

Fulfillment note

Circulation staff: disregard. LCSU staff: call number updated – when returned to Thomas, send to Catalog Management Unit for relabeling

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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