

# Library of Congress

## *CDS Announcement*

### **CHANGES TO COPYRIGHT SERIAL REGISTRATIONS**

**These changes affect MDS Copyright Cataloging ONLY;  
they do not affect MDS Serials or MDS Complete**

The Copyright Office will implement process improvements after December 14, 2009 that will make public records for the registration of serials more quickly available to CDS customers who subscribe to the Copyright Cataloging Service. These changes will affect the data structure of the MARC records for serial registrations prospectively. The changes are:

- 1) In order to eliminate the manual keying currently required, one MARC record will be automatically generated for each registration for all serials. This means that for serials one MARC record will document the copyright facts for registration of either a single serial issue, a group of three months of issues, or one month of newspapers or newsletters.
- 2) For serials, the prefix CSN (Copyright Serial Number) will no longer be used. The system of pulling all issues for a title together using a unique CSN Number will be discontinued. Fields 001, 017 \$a, 027 \$a, 779 \$s, and 917 \$a will contain a 12-digit Registration number such as TX 000000333 instead of a CSN number.
- 3) Field 017 \$d and 779 \$q will contain a date of registration in ccyy-mm-dd format.
- 4) The publication date, volume, number, and date on each issue will be inserted in fields 245 \$f and 779 \$b and \$o.
  - 4.a) For example, a title for a single issue serial registration might be Field 245 00 \$a Mountain State Craftsman. \$f [Published: 2009-09-01. Issue: Fall 2009]; or as Field 245 00 \$a Single issue serial. \$f [Published: 2009-10-19. Issue: vol. 1, no. 2, August 2009].
  - 4.b) An example of a title for a group serial registration might be Field 245 04 \$a The West Virginia Heritage. \$f [Published: 2009-03-01 to 2009-06-01. Issues: vol. 1, no. 103, March 2009 to vol. 1, no. 106, June 2009].
  - 4.c) An example of a title for a group newspaper might be Field 245 02 \$a A Blue daily newspaper 2009\_1120. \$f [Published: 2009-09-01 to 2009-09-27]. A title for a group newsletter might be Field 245 00 \$a Quilters' Corner. \$f [Published: 2009-10-01 to 2009-10-31].
- 5) The structure and content of all other fields remains the same. This includes field 779 which is generated for each issue registered. There is no change to the data or structure of field 779.
- 6) If a MARC record previously issued with a CSN number is updated (data related to an older registration is corrected), that record will be reissued to subscribers with the same CSN Record Control Number.

It is important to note:

- Record control numbers for serials will look like those now used for all other registrations
- Critical copyright facts for each serial issue will continue to be available in the same format within the 779 field
- Record Type and Bibliographic Level 000/06-07 remains "as" for all serials
- The structure of the 245 title is intended to allow users to sort records by title to see a chronological list of registered issues by publication date.

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