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                      JEFF HEYNEN RETIRES

     Jeffrey Heynen, chief of the History and Literature Cataloging
Division, retired from the Library of Congress on Feb. 29, 2008.
Since joining the Library staff in October 1987, he managed four
different divisions and was a leader in ABA's use of information
technology and Web applications. He intends to complete a doctoral
dissertation and pursue other projects in retirement. The ABA
Directorate wishes him great success and is grateful for his
service to the Library.

     Heynen graduated from Swarthmore College and earned a master's
degree in history from the University of Wisconsin. While
conducting postgraduate research in the history of science at the
University of London, England, he worked part-time for Greenwood
Publishers, the British arm of Greenwood Press. In 1970 Greenwood
offered him an executive position at its headquarters in
Connecticut. In 1974 he became director of micropublishing
projects for the private-sector Congressional Information Service,
where for six years he supervised a staff of 75. He then became a
program officer at the Association of Research Libraries (ARL),
with responsibility for the ARL retrospective conversion program
(RETROCON) and preservation microfilming program. During this
period he also evaluated LC's participation in the CONSER
cooperative serials cataloging program, under contract to LC. He
was active in the National Information Standards Organization,
American National Standards Institute, and International
Organisation for Standardisation (ISO). He also was an adjunct
faculty member at the College of Library and Information Science,
University of Maryland.

     In his first position at LC, Heynen was chief of the Special
Materials Cataloging Division, where he was responsible for the
National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC), and for
cataloging of computer files, music, and sound recordings. He
spearheaded the 1990 decision to close down the Audiovisual Data
Sheets Program and redirected resources from that cataloging
program to the processing of computer files. He served on the
management committee for the National Registry of Microform
Masters. In the last two years of his tenure in SMCD, from 1990 to
mid-1992, he was also acting chief of the Cataloging Policy and
Support Office. In preparation for the 1992 whole-book
reorganization of the bibliographic access divisions, he chaired
the special project team for cooperative cataloging. In 1992 he
became chief of the newly formed History and Literature Cataloging
Division. He led that division until his retirement. For the past

year, he was also acting chief of the Decimal Classification Division (Dewey). Heynen worked steadily to build a strong cadre of first-line supervisors for the directorate. He was the selecting official for approximately a dozen permanent team leaders in twenty years.

Heynen was a pioneer in ABA in using information technology to streamline and eventually transform library technical processing. He directed the planning to replace "dumb" terminals connected to a mainframe computer with "bibliographic workstations," the first generation of PCs used in the ABA Directorate. He designed and managed the directorate's first staff Web pages, internal wikis, and internal blog. For the past two years, he co-chaired the Bibliographic Enrichment Advisory Team and the Portals Applications Interest Group. As acting chief of Dewey, he led the effort to use "auto-Dewey" software to assign Dewey numbers to literary works, an efficiency that permitted the completion of all processing of literary works within HLCD. In addition to his interest in information technology, Heynen contributed to the Library's ergonomics, collections security, and personnel safety and security programs. He led the emergency evacuation program for most of the bibliographic access divisions' work areas for several years.

The ABA Directorate has received permission to fill the vacant position of chief of HLCD. Until the vacancy can be posted and filled, the chief's duties will be performed by team leaders on rotation. The acting chief for March through June is Randall K. (Randy) Barry, leader of the HLCD Slavic Team.
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                    CONSER/BIBCO ALA AT-LARGE MEETING

CONSER and BIBCO held a joint at-large meeting at the ALA Midwinter Conference on Jan. 13, 2008, Philadelphia, Pa.. The meeting began with discussions on issues relating to serials cataloging: the CONSER standard record (CRS) and display of electronic journals on providers' Web sites. This discussion was followed by issues of interest to attendees of both programs: the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) series discussion paper; PCC integrating resources cataloging manual; and reports from the PCC standing committees' chairs. The meeting concluded with brief reports on non-latin characters in name authority records; revision of BIBCO training materials; and report on electronic CIP membership among BIBCO libraries.

Highlights of some of the discussions are given below. The complete summary of the meeting is available online at URL <http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/CONSER-At-Large-Midwinter08.pdf> [February 2008]

A CONSER standard record (CSR) monitoring group is being formed to determine best practices for the new standard and to recommend any needed revisions to existing CONSER documentation. Meeting participants shared their experiences in implementing the CSR and identified areas where clarifications are needed. The functions and working methods of the CSR monitoring groups were discussed. Interested individuals were encouraged to respond to the call for volunteers to be sent out on CONSRLST electronic

discussion group by the CONSER coordinator following the
conference.

     CONSER is interested in facilitating a discussion among
publishers, vendors, and librarians to develop a common
understanding of the problems involved in the display of electronic
journal titles on providers' Web sites. Many Web sites display
only the current title obscuring earlier titles associated with the
journal. This practice hinders access and filters down to knowledge
bases and other services further confusing users and librarians.
Meeting participants shared their experiences and identified
several publishers and publication access management companies for
CONSER to invite to join this conversation.

     The PCC Series Group issued its "Discussion Paper on PCC
Series Policies and Practices" on Dec. 14
<http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/PCC-Series-DP.pdf> [February 2008].
Attendees discussed the three options for PCC policy on tracing
series: Option A, continuing current policy; option B, making
series tracing completely optional; and option C, current policy
for full records, but optional on core and/or minimal records. In
a straw vote on the options, most supported keeping the PCC
standards as they are now. Attendees were encouraged to continue
sending comments to the email lists.

     Members of the PCC Integrating Resources Cataloging Manual
Revision Group led a discussion on guidelines for cataloging
integrating resources. Issues discussed include application of the
CONSER standard record to this format; fixed field coding; order of
notes; authentication code; common/section title for remote access
IRs; series/Web sites; Web-based resource available in multiple
languages. The group will put together a summary of common PCC
practices for cataloging integrating resources as a step toward
harmonizing differing practices among CONSER and BIBCO catalogers.
                                                  --Hien Nguyen
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                    SCOTTISH LITERATURE IN LCSH

     On Jan. 10, 2008, the Library of Congress's Cataloging Policy
and Support Office (CPSO) announced to the National Library of
Scotland and the British Library that it would reinstate its
previous practice regarding _Library of Congress Subject Headings_
(LCSH) to provide catalog access to Scottish literature. The
decision to remove the subject heading "Scottish literature" from
LCSH had been made in November 2006. In December 2007, the
National Library of Scotland wrote to the Library of Congress to
express its concerns about these changes. The thoughtful comments
from both the National Library of Scotland and later the British
Library convinced the Library of Congress to rescind its decision
of the previous year and reinstate the previous subject headings.
Additionally, the Library appreciated receiving comments forwarded
by Rep. Jim McIntyre (D-N.C.) after his conversations in January
with Linda Fabiani, MSP, the Scottish national government's
minister for Europe, external affairs, and culture.

     Library of Congress catalogers formulate subject access terms
for most national literatures according to an established pattern,

which produces headings such as "Spanish literature   Basque authors." Scottish authors were an exception. Prior to November 2006, works by Scottish authors in English were assigned two headings, "English literature   Scottish authors" and "Scottish literature." However, the duplicate heading for "Scottish literature" was imprecise, because it was assigned both to works by Scottish authors written in standard English and to literature written in the Scottish Gaelic.

In late 2006, it was determined such duplicate assignment should be cancelled and only "English literature--Scottish authors" would be used. Constructing subject headings according to standard patterns facilitates machine manipulation of the data both at LC and by other libraries and library vendors. Work on this change was done in October 2006, and the proposal was announced on Nov. 15, 2006, by means of the _LCSH Weekly List_ on the Library's SACO Web site at URL <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/saco/ClassTentative/twlc.html> [February 2008]. When CPSO had not received any objections to the change after three weeks, it approved the proposed change to the main heading, along with about forty related headings for literary subgenres by Scottish writers. The approved changes were posted to the Library's public Web site in early December 2006, and the changes were also announced in the _Cataloging Service Bulletin_, no. 115 (Spring 2007).

The National Library of Scotland's letter to CPSO dated Dec. 5, 2007, was received about a year later. The British Library and leaders of the Scottish literary and academic communities also objected strongly to the loss of "Scottish literature" as an authorized subject heading, and CPSO began considering how to accommodate these concerns. Numerous reports appeared on the Internet and in the news media, many of which were inaccurate. CPSO decided to announce the reinstatement of the former headings-- "Scottish literature," "Scottish poetry," etc. -- without further ado. The Librarian of Congress, Dr. James H. Billington, communicated the decision to reinstate the former headings to the managers of the National Library of Scotland and the British Library on Jan. 11.

The National Library of Scotland and the British Library are partners in SACO, the subject authority component of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging. After announcing the reinstatement of "Scottish literature" and related headings in LCSH, CPSO contacted the national libraries of Wales and Ireland to ensure that LCSH treatment of their national literatures was accurate and culturally sensitive.
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