

## From the WRLSWEB Services Agreement:

7) Prepare and administer network standards for cataloging and classification, authority control, holdings and patron records, and other areas relating to the effective operation of the database. Standards issued will be presented to the Network Advisory Committee. Participating libraries will be expected to adopt these standards in their use of WRLSWEB.

## Bibliographic Data

- WRLSWEB utilizes MACHINE Readable Cataloging (**MARC 21**) as a markup standard for encoding bibliographic and authority data in machine readable format.
- For descriptive cataloging, WRLSWEB adheres to the Resource Description and Access (**RDA**) standard. Although records following the AACR2r standard exist in the catalog, system catalogers will make every effort to modernize new records. Enhancement of existing AACR2r records will occur when time permits.

## Subject Headings

- WRLSWEB utilizes Library of Congress Subject Headings (**LCSH**) as a thesaurus of subject headings. Authorities are created based off of existing LCSH terms. Exceptions occur when practical and are determined by WRLS with guidance from system catalogers. Some exceptions include:
  - *Coming-of-age fiction* instead of *Bildungsromans*
  - *Pigs* instead of *Swine (Juvenile heading)*
  - *Fictitious character* applied to *all* fictitious character names
- WRLSWEB does **not** utilize Faceted Application of Subject Terminology (**FAST**) headings or any other heading schema. Existing FAST headings from records pulled into our ILS should be purged.
- WRLSWEB does **not** utilize LC Subject Headings for Children's Literature

## Genre Headings

- WRLSWEB derives genre headings from the Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms (**LCGFT**).
- WRLSWEB uses a very limited number of **GSAFD** terms

## Classification

- WRLSWEB libraries will base collection classification off of the Dewey Decimal Classification (**DDC**).