**MSP-2**  
**SUNY Libraries Consortium Metadata Policies**  
**Policy: Cataloging at the WorldCat Level**

**Policy Justification:** Due to the technical architecture of the Alma Network Zone, changes must be entered into the WorldCat bibliographic record or they will be lost when the Alma record is overlaid. By cataloging at the WorldCat level, Consortium members improve discoverability for all Primo users, not just their own users.

- SUNY Libraries must commit to providing adequate and appropriate cataloging of materials at the WorldCat level
- Corrections and changes to bibliographic records which enhance record retrieval are of primary importance
- Corrections and changes to bibliographic records brought into Alma Network Zone must be made to the master record in WorldCat, not locally in Alma.

**Additional Rationale:**  
Beyond the technical requirements of Alma, upgrading records at the WorldCat level provides benefits to users of SUNY libraries by improving discovery through other channels, such as OCLC discovery interfaces and search services using syndicated OCLC data, including Google and others.

Despite the importance of WorldCat level cataloging, not all Consortium members have ability to change a master record in OCLC. The rules governing OCLC authorizations and record editing are complex, and some members will not be able to change records. Thus the goal of this mandate is to increase cataloging activity at the WorldCat level, with the realization that not all SUNY libraries will be able to edit all types of records.

**OCLC levels for cataloging**  

**Local Aleph cataloging policy reference… Encourage for the Consortium and OCLC Community.**