MSP-12 SUNY Libraries Consortium Metadata Policies

Policy: Language of Cataloging

Policy Justification:

SUNY libraries are required to use English as the ‘Language of Cataloging’ in MARC records. SUNY libraries should not use OCLC records with a ‘Language of Cataloging’ other than English for acquisitions or cataloging.

‘Language of Cataloging’ refers to the language of the descriptive cataloging, not the language of the resource. It is the language used by the cataloging agency.

‘Language of Cataloging’ is coded in field 040, subfield $b.

If subfield $b is not present, the language of cataloging is assumed to be English.

If a matching record is cataloged in a language other than English, create a parallel record in OCLC following the guidelines in OCLC Bibliographic Formats and Standards 3.10, Parallel Records for Language of Cataloging, then export that record into the NZ.

Cleanup of non-English cataloging is recommended prior to migration (as resources permit). To find non-English records with your holdings attached in WorldCat, turn off the ‘Language of Cataloging Limiter’ in the Search WorldCat dialog box, then search by ‘li: [your OCLC code] not ll:eng’.

Example:

Exceptions to this policy may be made in the case of large record sets provided by vendors (including resources activated in a Knowledge Base like the Community Zone), but Consortium members must make a commitment to using the available records that most closely adhere to this policy in such cases.