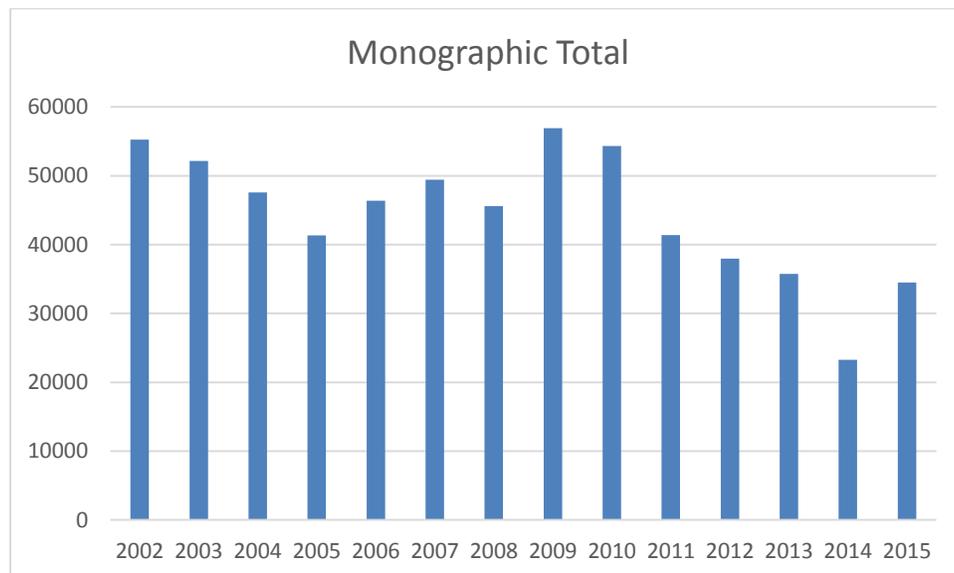


Cataloging and Metadata Services

Annual Report 2014-2015

1. Major activities, accomplishments, significant changes and issues, grants and gifts

2014/15 was the second full year of cataloging operations in the consortial version of the Alma library system. Output increased significantly over the previous year (see Section 3), but still achieved only 72% of the average under Millennium (2002-2012) for monographs. For example, monographic original cataloging and complex copy cataloging are off the Millennium average by 38% and 33% respectively, which is considerably outside historical norms. Serials new title cataloging is higher this year by 35%. While improved over the previous year, Alma operations continue to be time-consuming and “click” intensive.



The division, and the library, made the transition to RDA cataloging on December 1, 2014. RDA training was completed in the Fall and a series of review sessions continued so that staff had opportunities to ask questions and talk through difficult problems. By the end of the reporting period staff were reasonably comfortable with the new cataloging code.

Training on BIBFRAME, which is intended as a linked data replacement for the MARC format, was offered to staff in technical services. Attendance was good, at over 30 staff. A group of ten BIBFRAME reviewers discussed MARC records converted to BIBFRAME and submitted over 125 comments to the Library of Congress. Further work was done on RDA in RDF (i.e. in linked data), and a mapping from RDA Core to BIBFRAME was posted for national review. Additional

training sessions on RDF/XML and Schema.org were given in order to provide a fuller picture of national linked data activities.

Serials Cataloging Section staff focused efforts on routine cataloging and processing work, with cataloging of serials in all formats (print, electronic and microform), but processing work was primarily focused on print and microform serial holdings.

The Database Management Section worked on Alma cleanup projects such as linking IZ bibs to the Network Zone, fixing item records with Alternative call numbers, correcting electronic records with print holdings, correcting linking fields for bound-withs, and eliminating duplicate records for Law and Main created during migration.

Loading of electronic records from vendors, OCLC Cataloging Partners and the OCLC Knowledgebase totaled 141,832, although this includes some deletions and reloads.

Staff in Serials Cataloging worked on records from the OCLC retrospective conversion, cataloging serial titles in Special Collections and cataloging a majority of titles in a gift of approximately 100 serials received from the American Institute of Architects.

Staff continued to work with the Orbis Cascade Alliance to improve Alma. In the first half of the year, staff were active in implementation working groups and task groups. Alliance committees for resource management were less active in the second half of the year, following reorganization from migration-based to program-based teams.

Librarian and classified job descriptions were updated for RDA and other cataloging issues.

2. Major activities and initiatives anticipated for next year and how they contribute to the Libraries' Strategic Directions and focus areas.

*Activities for the coming year contribute to the strategic plan under **Collections & Access**, in particular the focus area Provide access to world-class collections at the UW, and **Organization & Effectiveness** in the focus area Transform work processes and build efficiencies.*

Continue to gain proficiency in RDA cataloging and to make use of Alma as effectively as the system allows.

Implement new genre/form terms as they are released by the Library of Congress, in particular terms for literature and music. Implement Library of Congress Demographic Group Terms (LCDGT).

Offer NACO series training.

Continue to make contributions to the national development of BIBFRAME and RDA/RDF, and begin to gauge how they will affect cataloging in the Libraries.

Continue to contribute to local and Alliance development efforts and enhancement requests for Alma Resource Management.

Contribute to the Organizational Review Initiative, in particular as it concerns CAMS and Resource Acquisition & Description as a whole.

Work on serials cataloging projects, including assigned titles for the Directory of Open Access Journals, OCLC retrospective conversion, architecture periodicals, foreign language records, the Herstory microform set, and cessations.

Continue Alma cleanup projects such as resolution of Main and Law duplicates and linking to the Network Zone.

Complete a recruitment for a Special Collections cataloger.

3. Key statistics not reported or collected centrally

2013/14 – 2014/15 Comparison

Cataloging

	<u>2013/14</u>	<u>2014/15</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<i>New Titles Cataloged</i>			
Original	3,114	3,850	23.6%
Complex Copy	11,676	16,442	40.8%
Serials Cataloging	1,197	1,610	34.5%
Quick Cataloging	7,635	11,830	54.9%
Original K-Level	1,067	2,397	124.6%
Total	24,689	36,129	46.3%
Added Copies	846	909	7.4%
Added Volumes	482	593	23.0%
Rush Materials	1,137	1,427	25.5%
NACO Headings	3,595	4,783	33.0%
SACO Headings	292	289	-1.0%