

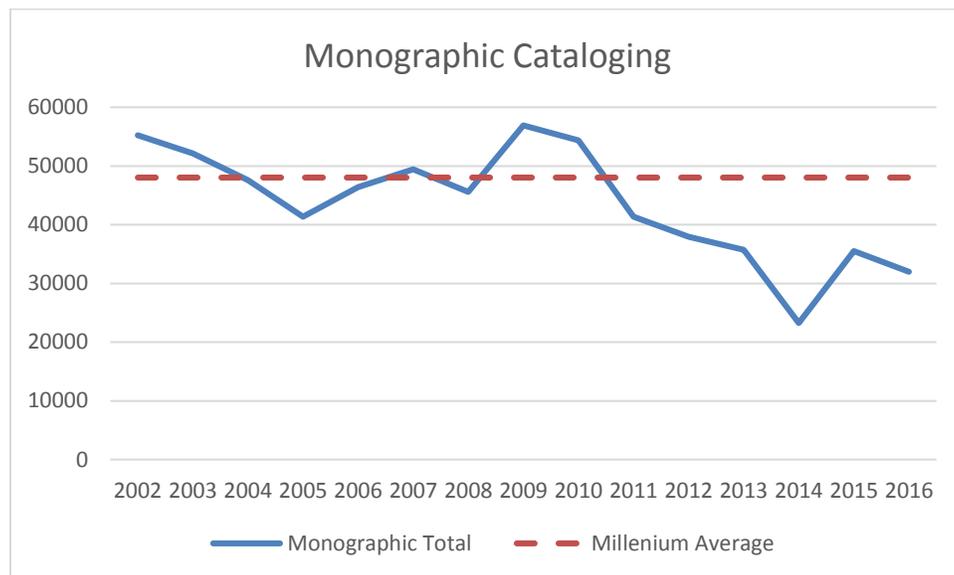
Cataloging and Metadata Services

Annual Report 2015-2016

1. Major activities and accomplishments and how they contributed to the Libraries' Strategic Directions and focus areas.

*Activities for the past year contributed to the strategic plan under **Collections & Access**, in particular the focus areas World-class collections and Online resource access, and **Organization & Effectiveness** in the focus area Processes improvement.*

2015/16 was the third full year of cataloging operations in the consortial version of the Alma library system. Total cataloging output fell by 10% from last year, although the core areas of original and complex copy cataloging increased. As the chart shows, for monographic cataloging in Alma we have not approached the average output we had under Millennium, or even reached the lower range of its historical variation.



Loading of electronic records from vendors, OCLC Cataloging Partners and the OCLC Knowledgebase totaled 115,606: this includes some number of deletions.

Catalogers continued to apply and learn Resource Description and Access (RDA) in the second full year of implementation. The principal cataloger held regular RDA review sessions, where staff were able to discuss difficult cataloging problems.

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

We hired two staff this year. The position of Special Collections Cataloging Librarian was filled by Whitney Buccicone after the previous cataloger resigned. We added a part-time Rare Books and Book Arts Project Cataloger, Crystal Clements, who is funded through Special Collections.

Staff in the division made significant contributions to the evaluation and testing of linked data in the BIBFRAME and RDA/RDF schemas. A mapping from RDA properties for resource relationships to BIBFRAME was published, which demonstrated that BIBFRAME has much less granularity than RDA. An RDA input form was developed to test creation of bibliographic records in native RDA (independent of the MARC format), and these records were output in RDA/RDF and BIBFRAME. Experimentation with the form led to a best-practice document for the application of Web-standard language tags to bibliographic data. Finally, with the release of BIBFRAME 2.0 in April, these documents, as well as an earlier mapping of RDA Core to BIBFRAME, were updated to version 2.0. All of this work was documented on a public Web page: <http://www.lib.washington.edu/msd/pubcat/ld>.

Staff continued to work with the Orbis Cascade Alliance to improve Alma. Major unresolved issues include multi-match problems in the Network Zone, identification and deletion of unused records in the Network Zone, stability and functionality of bound-withs, and uploading of holdings to OCLC.

As follow-up to Active Shooter Training, we held meetings in each of our locations to review safety and physical facilities. As a result, changes were made to safety glass in doors, and mirrors and a keycard door were added.

2. Other significant activities, changes and issues.

Alma continues to impact our ability to do our work. For example, usability issues slow us down: this is now on the road map for change, but in the near term productivity remains low.

3. Major activities and initiatives anticipated for next year and how they will 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 areas World-class collections and Online resource access, and **Organization & Effectiveness** in the focus area Processes improvement.*

Develop a plan to address upcoming retirements. In the next year, five librarians in the division reach the age of 65 and at least one classified staff member will retire.

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

Implement new categories of genre/form terms as they are released by the Library of Congress. Present training based on the manual for Library Congress Genre/Form Terms.

Offer NACO series training.

Continue participation in the shared cataloging of Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) within CONSER.

Continue to make contributions to the national development of linked data in the BIBFRAME and RDA/RDF schemas. Continue to collaborate with Ex Libris to develop linked data in Alma and Primo. Work on a pilot project to publish linked data for the Brumfield Russian Architecture Collection.

Learn the OCLC WorldShare Record Manager, which is the upcoming replacement for OCLC Connexion.

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

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

4. Key statistics not reported or collected centrally

2014/15 – 2015/16 Comparison

	<u>2014/15</u>	<u>2015/16</u>	<u>% Change</u>
New Titles Cataloged			
Original	3,850	4,323	12.3%
Complex Copy	16,442	16,615	1.1%
Serials Cataloging	981	974	-0.7%
Quick Cataloging	11,830	8,341	-29.5%
Original K-Level	2,397	1,709	-28.7%
<i>Total</i>	35,500	31,962	-10%
Serials Recataloging	629	888	41.2%
Added Copies	909	859	-5.5%
Added Volumes	593	602	1.5%
Rush Materials	1,427	1461	2.4%
NACO Headings	4,783	4,492	-6.1%
SACO Headings	289	592	104.8%