

Ideas for Beginning Reparative Description Projects

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1. Start with Conscious or Conscientious Cataloging, ask yourself the following questions:
 - a. How old is this item, ie, when was this originally cataloged (if copy cataloging)?
 - i. Is it in AACR2 format (old record format)? Lack of 336, 337, 338 fields
 - ii. Are there subject terms assigned?
 - iii. Do the subject terms seem outdated?
 - iv. Is it locally important?
 1. Should you add in local geographic (651), name (700s) or subject fields (650s)?
 - v. Other valuable information not included in the original record?
 1. Woman's full name
 2. More precise or accurate geographic terms
2. Areas with Current Accessibility Issues
 - a. Example from Public Elementary School using Dewey Decimal Classification System, Holiday books were spread out, created a special location and call number
3. Dewey Decimal Classification System
 - a. Are non-Christian religious stories included in Folktales (398.2) instead of the 290s?
 - b. Are Queer non-fiction materials in the updated call numbers?
 - i. Pre-DDC Edition 21, out of date call numbers:
 1. 132- mental derangement
 2. 159.9734746 – sexual inversion
 3. 301.4157- abnormal sexual relations
 4. 306.74- prostitution
 5. 363.49- social problems (still in DDC 23 but not preferred for topics about gay people)
 6. 616.85834- neurological disorder
 - ii. How do you know what DDC edition was used for a bib record? Look at 080 field \$2, that is the edition number
 - iii. Current/ Post DDC 21, Common call numbers:
 - 155.344: Psychology of gays and lesbians
 - 306.76: Sexual orientation, Asexuality
 - 306.764: Heterosexuality
 - 306.765: Bisexuality
 - 306.766: Homosexuality/Interdisciplinary works
 - 306.7662: Male homosexuality (gay men)

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306.7663: Lesbianism

306.768: Transgenderism and Transsexualism

306.7685: Intersexuality

616.8583: medical disorders- NOTE from DDC23: “Use 616.8583 for homosexuality only when the work treats homosexuality as a medical disorder, or focuses on arguing against the views of those who consider homosexuality to be a medical disorder. . . . If in doubt, prefer a number other than 616.8583.”

- iv. Are old subject terms like sexual deviance, sexual perversion still in the catalog?
 - c. African American subjects filed in corresponding subject areas outside of 325 (colonization) and 326 (slavery)?
4. Library of Congress Classification System
- a. D810.N4 --World War II, .N4 cuttered for “Negroes”
 - i. Use .A4 for African Americans
 - ii. Also .O7 for Orientals, replace with accurate Asian subject heading, look up ‘Asians’ in demographic terms in ClassWeb
 - 1. Ethnic group cutters (except for American Indigenous groups) based on D, E, and F class. General works go in GN537+, special topics can go in P, B, K, L, M or N, along with RA for medical care, traditional medicine goes in GN.
 - b. Sample Subject terms that are out of date:
 - i. Slaves- enslaved people or persons
 - ii. Illegal Aliens- replace with non-citizen
 - iii. Oriental- replace with country of origin
 - iv. Mixed race—replace with Multiracial or Interracial for adoption
 - v. Homosexuals- replace with Gay people