

BIBFRAME AT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

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Challenges at the Library of Congress

- Large organization
- 300+ catalogers
- Many forms of material – books, serials, maps, music, moving image, still image, audio, digital, electronic, ...
- Many languages and scripts

So we began with Pilots

- Pilot 1
 - BIBFRAME ontology 1.0 – 2015-16
 - 50 catalogers doing MARC and BIBFRAME descriptions
 - “Fundamental” tools – database, editor, input functionality
- Cataloger evaluations said:
 - Needed better alignment with RDA
 - Needed more controlled term lists
 - Could not sustain 5 days a week

Pilots

- Pilot 2
 - BIBFRAME 2.0 – 2018-
 - Better alignment with RDA and more term lists
 - 2 days per week
 - 100 catalogers trained
 - Input to BIBFRAME and to MARC
 - As we adjusted system, used a local namespace for experimentation – bflc:

BIBFRAME 100

- Plan for 100% of catalogers to create and edit descriptions using BIBFRAME system
 - And eliminate double keying
- So for last 2 pilot years have been preparing
- Expect to need to move data between MARC and BIBFRAME for some years

Challenges to move to BIBFRAME 100

- More robust and streamlined system
 - Going from 100 to 300+ catalogers
 - Moved system to the cloud to enable size flexibility
 - Installed latest version of platform (MarkLogic)
 - Integrated cataloger database and public version
 - Developed new editor
 - Revising essential conversions – MARC to BIBFRAME and BIBFRAME to MARC
- Goal: end of 2021 or early 2022

Thanks!

- Key website: www.loc.gov/bibframe