

Merlin Cataloging Assessment

- This assessment has been created to get help measure your individual level of cataloging comprehension. Please do not work on this with a group but independently.
- You may consult whatever print or online resources that you need in order to answer the questions.
- The assessment needs to be filled in and submitted to Mike Sheehan at the NWLS office by December 31, 2015 for review.
- NWLS will look for areas of weakness in current training and work to improve cataloger comprehension through refresher training sessions in 2016.

Section 1: Acronyms

Please fill in the blank with the appropriate name for the following common acronyms.

- AACR2 _____
- BISAC _____
- DDC _____
- GMD _____
- ILS _____
- LCSH _____
- MARC _____
- OPAC _____
- RDA _____
- XML _____

Section 2: Name That MARC Tag

Give the field name associated with the MARC tag number.

- 020 _____
- 022 _____
- 246 _____
- 250 _____

338 _____
490 _____
505 _____
538 _____
650 _____
700 _____

Section 3: Field Indicators and Subfields

The second indicator of the MARC 245 (Title) field acts as a skip character to tell the automation system to skip articles and start indexing at the first real word of a title. For the titles listed below, please mark in the blank the number that shows the correct skip count.

- 245 1__ A farewell to arms.
- 245 1__ The gold train bandits.
- 245 1__ El arbol generoso.
- 245 1__ 8 mile.
- 245 1__ Der ring des Nibelungen.

Fill in the blank with the correct subfield code for the MARC field.

- 082 00 \$a641.5/6384\$__22
- 336 ## \$atext\$__txt\$2rdacontent.
- 650 #0 \$aWhite shark\$__California\$vAnecdotes.
- 700 1# \$aMorales, Rodolfo,\$__1925-
- 700 1# \$aLedwidge, Michael,\$__author.

Section 4: Access Points and Authority Control

Patrons search the library catalog using one of various access points. Access points include the main entry, subject added entries (often called subject headings), series entries, and other added entries.

The audiobook The Cabinet of Curiosities was originally a novel written by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child, is read by Jonathan Marosz, and is part of the Pendergast series. Based on this information, please fill in the blank identifying the type of entry.

The Cabinet of Curiosities _____
 Preston, Douglas J. _____
 Government investigators\$ vFiction _____
 Child, Lincoln _____
 Marosz, Jonathan _____
 Pendergast series _____

In the Merlin catalog, the keyword search is the default search since it searches across multiple fields in the record. Name two of the record fields the keyword function searches on:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

Name the vendor NWLS outsources authority record processing to: _____

Discovery services, discovery interfaces, or next generation catalogs are all different names for the same thing: enhanced versions of traditional library catalogs. Name one feature that discovery layers use that you don't find in traditional library catalogs (like Merlin): _____

Section 5: Field Identification

Use the programming block of data below to answer the questions.

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00994pam 2200313 a
4500001000900000000300060000900500170001500800410003201000130007302000250
008602000150011104000280012604900090015408200160016310000250017924501120
020424600170031624600160033325000120034926000400036130000340040150000530
043565000510048865500320053970000460057190700250061790200110064299800270
065304117662900CoLCo20000125135922.00990407s1999 nyua 000 1
eng 0 0a990221350 0a0688171877 :0c$28.000 0a06881778590
0aDLC0cDLC0dCLE0dC#P0dWNW0 0aWNWb0000a813/.54022101 0aNaslund, Sena
Jeter.0100aAhab's wife, or, The star-gazer :0ba novel /0cby Sena Jeter
Naslund ; illustrations by Christopher Wormell.0300aAhab's
wife.0300aStar-gazer.0 0a1st ed.0 0aNew York :0bWilliam
Morrow,0cc1999.0 0axix, 668 p. :0bill. ;0c25 cm.0 0aA novel inspired
by Herman Melville's Moby Dick.0 00aAhab, Captain (Fictitious character)
0vFiction.0 70aHistorical fiction.02gsafd.01 0aMelville, Herman,0d1819-
1891.0tMoby Dick.0 0a.b126439190bmulti0ci0 0a0412070
0b120c0001250da0ea0fi0g000
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- 1) What is the media format for this title? _____
- 2) List any and all ISBNs. _____

- 3) Who is the author? _____
- 4) What is the main title? _____
- 5) Where was this published/distributed? _____
- 6) How big is it? _____
- 7) List a subject heading. _____
- 8) List a subject heading. _____
- 9) Who else is given credit? _____
- 10) Is it known by another title? _____
- 11) Is this an AACR2 or RDA record? _____

Section 6: True or False

The questions are related to our automation vendor, Innovative Interfaces, Inc. (III) or products and services of the company. Circle either the T or F for the given question.

- 1) III main headquarters are located in Provo, Utah. T or F
- 2) The Merlin Consortium has been a customer of III since 1990. T or F
- 3) The name for the patron catalog optimized for mobile devices is called AirPAC. T or F
- 4) Patrons can register for limited service by filling out an online form. T or F
- 5) The telephone notification system is called Tele-time. T or F
- 6) The IUG is a separate users group for III customers. T or F
- 7) The loan rules for items are determined by the checkout location. T or F
- 8) The name for the Sierra self-check station is called Express-Aisle. T or F
- 9) The discovery interface offered by III is called *Anchor*. T or F
- 10) The two public library systems (IFLS and WVLS) adjacent to NWLS also run Sierra. T or F

Section 7: Sierra Desktop Application

- 1) Provide for me the steps involved to view the public catalog display of a record from the **Catalog** function.

- 2) Explain the importance of the Fixed Field codes labeled **Mat Type**?

- 3) Provide the steps to overlay short order records.

4) Provide the steps to batch delete item records.

5) Why would a MARC tag show up in red?

6) If you come across a blank Item Summary screen, what must you do to attach new items?

7) Provide the steps involved to copy a bibliographic record (like a magazine).

8) If you catalog a new multi-part TV series (DVD) season as a single unit, what do you do to identify this as such?

9) Provide the steps to view Macros settings.

10) The second indicator in a MARC record title field relates to which Sierra fixed-length field..

Section 8. Sierra Remote (z39.50) Access

You have a record created by a Wisconsin author about living in Wisconsin, but there are no records in Merlin. List 7 databases or database names you would select to get you the best results for the title.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

7) _____

Which database would you use if you were searching for a magazine ISSN? _____

Which main search does not work for the WISCAT database? _____

What is it called when you search more than one database? _____

Section 9: Sierra Icon identification

Identify the Sierra icon from the image shown.





















Section 10: Short Answer

1) Name at least five of the nine changes RDA made to AACR2 records.

2) Name at least five Merlin approved bibliographic standards catalogers are expected to follow.

Please provide the following:

Name: _____

Library you work: _____

Level of cataloging you provide: _____