CARL Conversations: April 29, 2021

Topic: Chronology and Enumeration – Volume Records

Question and Answer Session

1. When would you use chronology and enumeration?

   A clear-cut example is for magazines, which have a pattern, such as monthly or yearly. Staff can almost always use chronology and enumeration for those. Another example would be yearly travel guides, like Frommer's Arizona and the Grand Canyon (BID 636821). They come out yearly or every few years and staff can put them on the same bib and identify which volume they are with the chronology and enumeration fields. Test guides and tax guides are considered serials as well. Manga or graphic novels with the same title for every volume would be another example, such as Wonderland (BID 732794). Graphic Novels can be confusing, but OWLS is looking for ways to reassess how they are done in the system.

2. Does it matter if you use an uppercase 'V' rather than a lowercase 'v' for the enumeration?

   Yes, CARL sees these as two separate things. If an item is entered in with a lowercase 'v,' saved, and then this is added in again using an uppercase 'v' then when a patron goes into the catalog to place a hold, CARL will give them 2 different titles to pick from. In the example shown, if a patron chooses the item with the lowercase 'v' then CARL will place the hold for those items on that record. If the patron chooses the item with the uppercase 'v' then CARL will put the hold only on that item. Please be consistent with this and only use a lowercase 'v.'

3. How do you edit the record and remove chronology and enumeration for something that shouldn't have it? The only way I've found is to delete the item and add it back in, but doesn't that remove the circ stats?

   Yes, deleting the item and adding it back on will remove the circ stats. Remove the issue date first (highlight and click backspace, not delete) and then delete the enumeration and then save.

4. Can you explain how one might add numbering to an item record, like the Plum books, that won't mess up the "place hold" listing?

   You would add this to the Call Number field and NOT the chronology and enumeration section. That way, patrons will still see the volume number in the call number through the online catalog but then it won't have holds pile up all on the one item.

5. Is it a possibility to not add the publication date moving forward?

   OWLs agrees and this is not desirable to require chronology in addition to enumeration. OWLS will check with TLC to see if they are actively working on that. This something that is causing more issues with manga/graphic novels than magazines/travel guides.

6. I've made chronology the copyright date of the item and not the pub date of the BID. Is this wrong?

   This isn't wrong and seems to be what majority prefer to do since it's not very easy to see in the record what the pub date is. The two would be different because volume one would be the date in the bib record, but then volume three might come out 5 years later. Use the copyright date of the item right in front of you instead of the pub date of the first item in the record.

7. Have the Dog Man records been cleaned up?

   Yes, these have been causing issues and have mostly been cleaned up. They were on a volume record, but it was more appropriate as a series. We concluded it was a series that should be split up because each volume had separate titles and there was an authorized series attached to it. These should be showing up as separate titles in the online catalog and searchable by their individual titles.

8. Could there ever be a point when we could put words in the volume number spot? And/or more lines for the call number field? Example: Call Number Line 1: Pikey, Call Number Line 2: Dog Man.

   You can use up to five (5) characters in the Enumeration field. OWLS can ask TLC if they would be able to expand that, but it will most likely be development. For the Call Number field, you can only have one line; it's not possible right now to add an additional line by using the volume field but again, OWLS can ask TLC if this is something they can do.

9. If an item appears in the issue router search without an issue number, does that mean it's not in the record? Can it be added?

   If it's in the chronology and enumeration fields, then it should show up. The call number should show up too. If chronology and enumeration is not in the item record, you can edit the record to include it. If you find the chronology and enumeration are in the item record but not showing up on routing lists, please email OWLSnet Help with examples.

10. Can you explain what you mean by 'authorized series?'

    An authorized series is a series that the Library of Congress has identified and placed in MARC records and is 'official' from the publishers. Sometimes the MARC record will have a 490 field with a '0' which means it's unofficial and other times it will have an

indicator of '1' which is official. There is also an 8xx field if it's official. These fields just tie the items together so they are easier to find. Official series are the only ones that are traced. There isn't a convenient place for anyone to look for an authorized series. But if you're interested, you can always check the Library of Congress, just know they don't maintain these anymore. You can always email CatHelp.

11. Can there be a discussion about what items would be multi-volume and what items would not be?

    Yes! This can be brought up at AAC to discuss. OWLS will need help from library volunteers to help decide what should be on one record and what should be split up and then present that at AAC. This will hopefully clear up the difference between volumes and series.

12. When looking for a graphic novel record, and there are single records and one for a volume, how would we know which to add our item to? Patrons will be drawn to the single record.

    In this case, OWLS recommends putting it on the single record for now. If it ends up needing to be moved, OWLS will move it.

13. Are the Boxcar Children graphic novels now?

    Yes, they have started making them into graphic novels now.

14. It is confusing for patrons when they see results and it says "Book 2" on InfoSoup meaning there are two books in the system, but patrons think this is Book/Volume 2 and end up placing a hold on the wrong item. Is this something that can be fixed?

    Yes. In BiblioCommons, this won't be seen in the same way. It will be easier to navigate series and hopefully there won't be any more confusion once the switch is made.

15. If there is a lack of or incorrect 490 fields, does that warrant a catalog request?

    Not necessarily a request but you can certainly email CatHelp. In the meantime, you can attach your item to the bib while they work on the email.