Knowledge Check

Policies for Replacing WorldCat Records

Test Your Knowledge

1) True or False: With a full-level cataloging authorization (which most people doing cataloging on OCLC have), you can edit and replace a master record.

2) Which of the following is not a reason to improve master records?
   A. Contributing to the library cooperative
   B. Improved sales for “library friends” bookstores
   C. Improved discovery experience for users

3) Explain the difference between upgrading a record, enriching a record, and enhancing a record?

4) Where should you look to determine the encoding level of a record?
5) Explain the basic difference between abbreviated-/minimal-level records and full-level records

6) Where can you look for complete definitions of abbreviated-, minimal-, and full-level records?

7) Which encoding levels in the ELvl field (Leader/17) indicate less-than-full-level cataloging?

8) Which encoding levels in the ELvl field (Leader/17) indicate full-level cataloging?

9) Which OCLC document is the authoritative source of information about the rules for editing master records?

10) Respond to each situation below, assuming you have a full-level cataloging authorization (for extra credit, find and cite the authoritative section in BibFormats):

   A. You find a record coded level K, which is missing the appropriate 240, 246, and 6XX fields. Can you “fix” this record yourself?
B. You find a record coded level 3, with an incomplete title and missing several useful fields. Can you “fix” this record yourself?

C. You find a record coded level I, with a typo in the 520 field. Can you “fix” this record yourself?

D. You find a record coded level I with a typo in the 246 field. Can you “fix” this record yourself?

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Answers

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1) True. You need only a Full Level authorization to make edits and replace most master records (PCC-BIBCO and CONSER are excluded).

2) B. Improved sales for “library friends” bookstores

3) An upgrade is an appropriate change in the encoding level of a record (e.g. from 3 to 1). An enrichment is the addition of information to a full-level record. Enhancement is quality control work done to a record by a library with a special “Enhance” authorization.

4) In the ELvl (Encoding Level) fixed field

5) Abbreviated- and minimal-level records represent a less complete level of cataloging. These records are candidates for upgrading.

Full-level records represent a more complete level of cataloging. These records are candidates for enrichment.

6) Bibliographic Formats & Standards (BibFormats), Chapter 2

7) 2, 3, 5, 4 (without 042), 7, K, M

8) ____(blank), 1(one), I (eye), L, 4 (with 042)

9) Bibliographic Formats & Standards (BibFormats), Chapter 5

10) A. Yes (BibFormats Ch 5.1)
   B. Yes (BibFormats Ch 5.1)
   C. Yes (BibFormats Ch 5.3, enrichment table, 520 field)
   D. Yes, if the record is not PCC (BIBCO or CONSER) (Expert Community Guidelines)