Eluna Learns Metadata Management and Government Documents Session Q & A

Do you get an comments from people about using the LCSH subjects and local terms as well?

Rachelle Nelson (Penn): I am not aware of any comments.

Our migrated records DID go through Alma authority control automatically and I'm unclear as to why you say yours didn't. The issue we did have, however, is that if our heading was out-of-date prior to migration, and our version was not in an authority as a cross-reference, those did not get updated. Is that what you're referring to? The most common example is a personal name with birth date, where the NACO record had a death date. Those did not get updated. Thanks!

Rachelle Nelson (Penn): During our migration, we were informed that migrated records would not be impacted by the "Link BIB Headings" and "Preferred Term Correction" (PTC) jobs. See "Jobs Related to Authority Records" (https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Alma/Product_Documentation/010Alma_Online_Help_(English)/Metadata_Management/060Working_with_Authority_Records#Jobs_Related_to_Authority_Records) where a highlighted note states "The Authorities - Preferred Term Correction job does not handle preferred term correction on migrated bibliographic records retroactively." After the migration when records were edited, we expected the PTC job to run and trigger heading corrections. When that didn't happen, a Support case (#00624508-Authorities Preferred Term Correction: term not corrected) was submitted. We were told we had to create sets of records containing problematic headings, manually run the "Unlink Bib Records from Authority Records" job, and then wait for the Link BIB Headings and the PTC jobs to run. We originally reported the issue in Jan. 2019 and received the improbable solution in Oct. 2019. Then in June 2021, we submitted another case (#00964976-Authorities Preferred Term Correction: problem not resolved) because when we attempted to use the recommended solution to correct a specific heading, the results were inconsistent. Finally after a global semi-annual reindexing in Oct. 2021, the multi-step recommended solution did work but we were not going to attempt that process across our entire catalog. We found the MARCIVE authorities process to be a more favorable solution to correct headings on our migrated records. Perhaps Ex Libris is now offering institutions different options related to authorities than we received during our migration.

May I ask, rather than having to use so many tools is there not a way to contain all the work within Alma using Alma analytics?

Rachelle Nelson (Penn): This question seems to refer to the presentation called: Rectify eResource Records Using Normalization & Indication Rules, OpenRefine, and Python Script.