FAST (Faceted Application of Subject Terminology)

Background

*FAST (Faceted Application of Subject Terminology) is a fully enumerative faceted subject heading schema derived from the Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH), a widely-used subject-access vocabulary published and maintained by the Library of Congress. The development of FAST has been a collaboration of OCLC and the Library of Congress with advice from members of the ALCTS/SAC/Subcommittee on FAST.

Beginning in September 2013, OCLC is systematically adding FAST headings to WorldCat bibliographic records. The records affected will already have LCSH assigned, and the routines will be applied only to records that are attributed as being English-language-of-cataloging.

For more information about FAST, click here [1].


YUL Local Workflow on FAST Headings

We get the FAST Headings via record loads from vendors and/or records imported from OCLC. FAST Headings can be in the form of 600 (personal names), 610 (corporate name), 611 (events), 630 (titles), 648 (chronological), 650 (topics), 651 (geographic name) and 655 (form/genre). All FAST Headings would have second indicator “7” with “?2 fast” and “?0 (OCoLC)fst”

REMEMBER that we will continue to retain the Library of Congress Subject Heading (6xx _0), the Medical Subject Headings (6xx _2), and Form/Genre (655 _7 ?2 lcgt (or ?2 lctgm).

Example of FAST Headings from WorldCat #818953763

- 600 17 Obama, Barack. ?2 fast ?0 (OCoLC)/fst00348231
- 600 17 Romney, Mitt. ?2 fast ?0 (OCoLC)/fst00355923
- 650 7 Presidential candidates. ?2 fast ?0 (OCoLC)/fst01075708
- 650 7 Presidents ?x Election. ?2 fast ?0 (OCoLC)/fst01075747
- 651 7 United States. ?2 fast ?0 (OCoLC)/fst01204155
- 648 7 2012 ?2 fast

The SACO Coordinating Committee and the Catalog Coordinating Council (CCC) have approved to:

- **Retain** all FAST headings in the bibliographic record. Do Not Delete!!!
- **Do not manually add** FAST Headings in the bibliographic record. It is OK to overlay Voyager records with OCLC records that have been enhanced with FAST headings.

The Backstage Library Works Automation Service, our vender for MARS processing, also retains FAST Headings in our bibliographic records, as per our profile..

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For information on other Yale cataloging policies and procedures, go to: Cataloging at Yale [4]

Source URL: https://web.library.yale.edu/cataloging/authorities/fast

Links
[3] &amp;#109;&amp;#97;&amp;#105;&amp;#108;&amp;#116;&amp;#58;&amp;#99;&amp;#104;&amp;#114;&amp;#105;&amp;#115;&amp;#46;&amp;#115;&amp;#109;&amp;#105;&amp;#98;
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