

Library of Things

At the item level:

- We are no longer using the Item Cat1 of EQUIP. All pieces of Equipment will have an Item Cat1 of THING. I batched changed existing items with EQUIP to THING 7/31*.
- Puzzles go under Item Cat1 of GAME. I have batch changed any Puzzles I found to Item Cat1 of GAME 7/31*.
- Puppets are THINGs. Toys are THINGs.
- Things with multiple, disparate parts probably belong under KIT-AV, but that is sort of a grey area. For example:
 - Outdoor Adventure backpacks with a fishing pole, some lures, a net, a stringer—and maybe a copy of McElliot's Pool(or not) could be a KIT-AV or THING, but I'd probably say KIT-AV—esp if there is a movie or book included. However, if you have fishing poles to borrow, and you have tackle boxes to borrow, each of those items would be THINGs.
 - A Microscope is a THING. A Microscope with an instruction booklet and some slides is a THING. But a Microscope that comes with a set of chemistry vials and bottles of solution and pamphlet of fun projects could be considered a KIT-AV.
 - Storytime bags, Flash Cards, etc —all go under KIT-AV.
 - If it has a Home Location of KIT or JKIT, it should have a Cat1 of KIT-AV.
 - I don't know of a good way to clearly differentiate the two. But since there will be other ways for patrons to narrow their searches to the kind of thing they are looking for, I'm not too concerned.
- OTHER is for Microform, old newspapers, non-book Local History, and *other items you **don't want included** in the Library of Things series. ??*

I have created a list of all items with an Item Cat1 of EQUIP, OTHER, GAME, KIT-AV. There are 11,000 or so items on that list—many are correct and don't need to be touched. I have already changed the ICat1 for many of them (see above). I will be sending out a list of remaining items that I wasn't sure what to do with that you should go through and fix yourself.

At the Bib Record Level:

- ALL items under Cat1 of THING will get a series title of "Library of Things."
- All items in the Library of Things Series will get a subseries (see attached Word doc of list of subseries).
- Many items under GAME, KIT-AV will get a series title of "Library of Things" But not necessarily all of them.
- Neenah, Menasha and Oshkosh will be working to get existing records updated over the next few months.

In the Catalog:

- “Non-Traditional Things” appears as a Specific Format facet to limit by ICat1 of THING:



The screenshot shows a facet menu titled "Specific Format" with two buttons: "Include" and "Exclude". Below the buttons is a list of format options, each with a checkbox and a count in parentheses:

Format	Count
<input type="checkbox"/> Book	(47)
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Traditional Things	(19)
<input type="checkbox"/> DVD	(7)
<input type="checkbox"/> Video Game	(2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Large Print/Large Type	(2)

A hand-drawn arrow points to the "Non-Traditional Things" checkbox.

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- Once we get most of the bib records updated:
 - We will figure out some sort of canned link to a “Library of Things” series search that patrons can click on from within the catalog.
 - Also a canned link for libraries to use on their websites/facebook/etc.
 - Angela will work up some publicity

About Statistics:

- I am trying to make the big batch changes as close to the 1st as I can for cleaner record-keeping
- Remember you can get stats for your Toys vs Puppets or Video Games vs Puzzles either by Home Loc or by using Item Cat5
- Remember that for a Circulation to count for the State and/or County funding:
 - The item needs to leave the library with a patron and get returned (or is expected to return)
 - The Item Cat 4 needs to be CIRC
- Things or THINGs that get used in the library, need to have an Item Cat4 of INHOUSE