Task Group on Developing Guidelines for Using ISO 639-3 Language Codes for Library Cataloging

Charge:

The PCC Task Group on Developing Guidelines for Using ISO 639-3 Language Codes for Library Cataloging is charged to:develop a set of guidelines for when and how to use ISO 639-3 language codes in library cataloging by revising and expanding the guidelines developed for the BABEL test (https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/taskgroup/BABEL-test-MARC-guidelines.pdf). The guidelines should address the following topics.

- Where to find the codes
- Coding of
    - Macrolanguages
    - Historical languages
    - Standard languages
- Situations where the cataloger is unable to identify the language with the precision required by ISO 639-3
- Coding so that records are usable both in systems that support the use of ISO 639-3 and those that don't

Time Frame:

Date charged: 1 June 2022
Date preliminary report due: 15 August 2022
Date final report due: 15 September 2022

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