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Goals

- Build a catalog that will enable users to identify authors that share the ethnicity African American
- To examine the feasibility using Wikipedia sources to identify author characteristics
- Case study to learn what resources (skills, time, tools, workflow) are necessary

Issue

- Catalog records tend to describe the resource (book, DVD, article, sound recording, etc.)

NOT describe the characteristics of the creator

The Library of Congress Demographic Group Terms (LCDGT)



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Library of Congress Demographic Group Terms

Newspaper editors

[occupation/field of activity]

UF Editors, Newspaper

BT Journalists

Newspersons

USE Journalists

Newswriters

USE Journalists

Ngala speakers (Lingala speakers)

USE Lingala speakers

Ngoni speakers (Zulu speakers)

USE Zulu speakers

[national/regional]

UF Koreans, North

Pukchosŏn inmindŭl

Pukhan saramdŭl

BT Asians

Northern Chinese speakers

USE Chinese speakers

Northern Irish

[national/regional]

UF Eireannaigh (Northern Ireland)

Irish (Northern Ireland)

BT Britons

Cartoonists

[occupation/field of activity]

UF Caricaturists

Cartoon artists

BT Artists

Castellano speakers

USE Spanish speakers

Castilian speakers

USE Spanish speakers

Català speakers

USE Catalan speakers

Catalan speakers

[language]

UF Català speakers

Catalan-Valencian-Balear speaker

Catalonian speakers

Valencian speakers

Catalan-Valencian-Balear speakers

USE Catalan speakers

Catalans

[national/regional]

UF Catalonians

BT Spaniards

Catalog librarians

USE Catalogers

Catalogers

[occupation/field of activity]

UF Catalog librarians

Cataloging librarians

Catalogue librarians

Cataloguers

Library catalogers

Library cataloguers

Wikipedia has lots of lists...



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List of lists of lists

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Natural and physical sciences [\[edit \]](#)

Biology [\[edit \]](#)

- Lists of animals
 - Lists of amphibians by region
 - Lists of birds by region
 - Lists of cats
 - Lists of dogs
 - Lists of elephants
 - Lists of extinct animals
 - Lists of extinct animals of the British Isles
 - Lists of horses
 - Lists of insects of Great Britain
 - Lists of mammals by population
 - Lists of mammals by region
 - Lists of reptiles by region

History and events [\[edit \]](#)

- Lists of disasters
- Lists of incidents of unrest and violence in the United States by city
- Lists of occupations
- Lists of tenants in the World Trade Center (1966–2001)
- Lists of years by topic

Settlements [\[edit \]](#)

- Lists of capitals
- Lists of cities
 - Lists of cities by country
 - Lists of communes of France
 - Lists of ghost towns in Canada
 - Lists of places in Wales
 - Lists of populated places in the United States
 - Lists of places in Kansas
 - Lists of Los Angeles topics
 - Lists of New York City Landmarks
 - Lists of New York City topics
 - Lists of Omaha topics
 - Lists of San Francisco topics
 - Lists of U.S. cities with large ethnic identity populations
 - Lists of U.S. cities with non-white majority populations
- Lists of municipalities
 - Lists of neighborhoods by city
- Lists of places
 - Lists of places by eponym

People [\[edit \]](#)

- Lists of people
- Lists of people by belief
 - Lists of atheists
 - Lists of Christians
 - Lists of former Christians
- Lists of bisexual people
- Lists of celebrities
- Lists of centenarians
- Lists of deaths by year
- Lists of ethnic groups
 - Lists of black people
 - Lists of African Americans
 - Lists of Celts
 - Lists of Britons
- Lists of heroes
- Lists of libertarians
- Lists of Nobel Prizes
- Lists of people by cause of death
 - Lists of people executed in the United States
 - Lists of people executed in Texas
- Lists of people by nationality
 - Lists of people from African Union states
 - Lists of Americans
 - Lists of African Americans
 - Lists of people from Kansas

Library of Congress Demographic Group Terms (LCDGT)

African Americans*[ethnic/cultural]*UF Afro-Americans
Americans, African
Americans, Afro-
RT Blacks

Sources

- > found: Merriam Webster online, May 1, 2015: African-American (an American of African and especially of black African descent)
- > found: OED online, Oct. 27, 2015: African American (An American (esp. a North American) of African origin; a black American)
- > found: LCSH, Oct. 29, 2015: African Americans (SN: Here are entered works on citizens of the United States of black African descent.

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List of African-American writers

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

This is a list of African-American authors and writers, all of whom are considered part of

Advocates (Lawyers)
USE Lawyers
Aeronautical historians
USE Aviation historians**Afghan Americans***[ethnic/cultural]*

UF Americans, Afghan

Afghans (Afghanistan)*[national/regional]*

Residents of Afghanistan.

BT Asians

Afghans (Asian people)

USE Pashtuns (Asian people)

African Americans*[ethnic/cultural]*

UF Afro-Americans

Americans, African

Americans, Afro-

RT Blacks

African Methodist Episcopal Church member*[religion]*

UF A.M.E. Church members

AME Church members

BT Methodists

Considerations

- Ethical and moral issues on author characteristics
- Ethnicity - very high standard of proof needed for this demographic category

Process

- Wikipedia list of African American writers and our library holdings
- Researched entries for evidence of self-identification as African American and created citations
- Create name-title records

Bland, Eleanor Taylor. †t Done wrong

010 no2017162601

040 INS †b eng †e rda †c INS-SF †d INS-SF

046 †k 1996 †2 edtf

1001 Bland, Eleanor Taylor. †t Done wrong

386 †n eth †a African Americans †2 lcdgt

386 †n nat †a Americans †2 lcdgt

670 Bland, Eleanor Taylor. Done wrong, 1996, ©1995: †b title page (Eleanor Taylor Bland)

670 Brown, W. Dale. Conversations with American writers, 2008: †b page 7 (Eleanor Taylor Bland, "Busy Lady" interview; in the black community we're finally starting)

Findings - List of African-American Writers

- 387 names on list
- 25% writers with no link to their name authority records
- 4% names do not have name authority records
- 70% writers in our catalog
- 91% in catalog with self-identification as an African American

“Link your data to other data to provide context”

Tim Berners-Lee’s “5 ★ Open Data,”

- LCCN in the authority data box on Wikipedia page

Authority control WorldCat Identities [WorldCat Identities](#) · ISNI: 0000 0000 5543 0682 [ISNI: 0000 0000 5543 0682](#) · LCCN: n2002045822 [LCCN: n2002045822](#)

- 024 Wikidata identifier in the Name authority record

024	7	Q8004662 #2 wikidata
024	7	http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q8004662 #2 uri
046		#f 1911-11-19 #g 1986-06-17 #2 edtf
100	1	Attaway, William
370		Greenville (Miss.) #b Los Angeles (Calif.) #c United

Next steps

- Extract bibliographic records of titles from catalog
- Add the demographic term African Americans to the bib
- Load the enhanced records in our catalog VuFind and discovery platform, EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS)
- Track the OCLC#s of enhanced records
- Repeat the process for these records in OCLC

Trombone Shorty by Troy Andrews

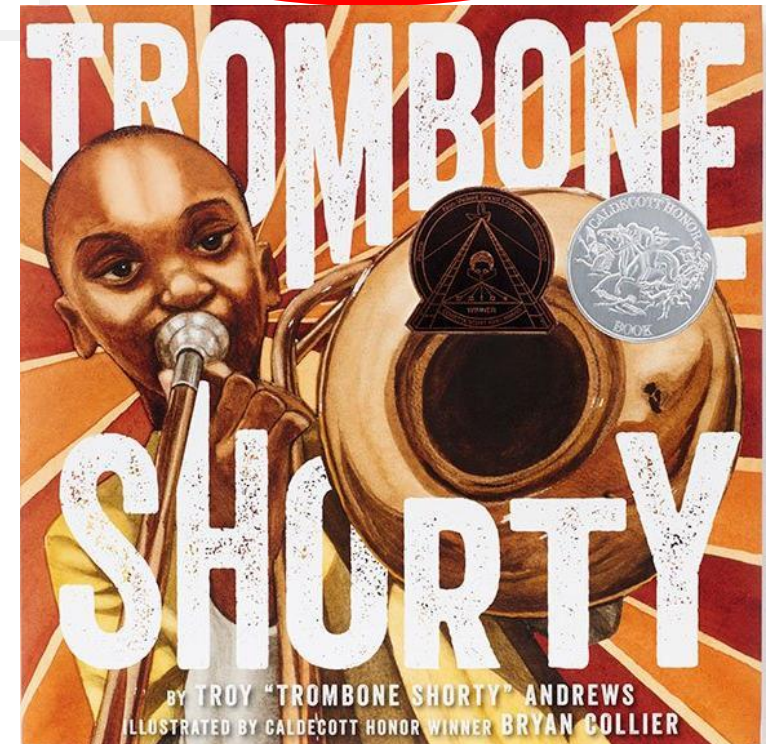
100	1	Andrews, Troy , #e author.
245	1 0	Trombone Shorty / #c words by Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews
264	1	New York : #b Abrams Books for Young Readers, #c 2015.
300		1 volume (unpaged) : #b color illustrations ; #c 27 x 27 cm
336		text #b txt #2 rdacontent
336		still image #b sti #2 rdacontent
337		unmediated #b n #2 rdamedia
338		volume #b nc #2 rdacarrier
347		text file #2 rda
386		African Americans #2 lcdgt
386		Men #2 lcdgt
386		Trombonists #2 lcdgt
386		Jazz musicians #2 lcdgt
386		Americans #2 lcdgt

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Jazz musicians #2 lcdgt



Summary

- 25 % inclusion of links to Name Authority Records
- 70% Wikidata identifier added to Name Authority Records
- 70% writers holding in the catalog, 91% self-identification as an African American
- \$6 per self-identification research and citation
- 2500 bibliographic records in catalog and OCLC
- Enhancement to OCLC records offer opportunities for use by other libraries and faceted navigation

Potential outcomes and future opportunity

- LCDGT Information displays in our catalog and faceted search results
- Grow our documentation and research
- Build on the relationship with Wikipedia and library

Resources

- [“5 ★ Open Data.”](#)
- Library of Congress, Policy and Standards Division. [Demographic Group Terms and Manual](#), 2018.
- [“List of African-American writers.”](#)
- Schiff, Adam. [Applying Library of Congress Faceted Vocabularies](#). Workshop presented at OLAC 2017 Conference, Richmond, VA, October 28, 2017.
- Watch for more information in our IR, [ISU ReD](#).

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