

Assignment 4: BIBFRAME

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Key Elements

Work

A work, in the context of BIBFRAME cataloging, is the conceptual essence of the resource being cataloged (Library of Congress, n.d.-a). It can include information like who or what the resource is about, and what agents are associated with the resource.

Instance

A work exists in one or more forms, like a specific version published, and these individual forms a work exists in are known as instances. Furthermore, each instance has information like the publisher, place and date of publication, and format.

Item

Each individual instance at a physical or digital copy level, is known as an item. Each item reflects information like location, shelf mark, and barcode.

Example

The example I chose is “Midnight” By Erin Hunter (Library of Congress, n.d.-b, n.d.-c).

The work elements include:

- The title: Midnight
- The type: Text
- The contribution: Hunter, Erin (author)
- The subject: Cats--Fiction (CHILDRENSSUBJECTS) and Fantasy
- The genre form: Fiction

- The language: English

The instance elements include:

- The publication information: New York: HarperCollins, c2005
- The edition statement: 1st edition
- Dimensions: 22cm
- Extent: 303 p.

And the Instance include:

- Identified by: LLCN: 2004016135
- Identified by: ISBN: 0060744499

Reflection

BIBFRAME differs from MARC in many ways. While MARC is built around record-based formats that use numbered tags, BIBFRAME is more modern. It's built based on the web using linked data through Resource Description Framework. Instead of everything being in one record, BIBFRAME breaks it down into connected parts: work, instance, and item. This makes it easier to see how various editions and copies relate to the original work, and gives it a more organized feeling.

BIBFRAME makes sense for modern libraries. It works with web tech, which helps connect library data with other systems and improves how users retrieve things. Compared to MARC, which feels kind of outdated now, BIBFRAME is more flexible, easier to expand, and better for sharing information. It's the next step in making library data more useful and accessible in today's digital world.

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