Non-Latin Script Materials Affinity Group

Rationale

This group is intended to provide a forum for Sinopia cataloging community that deal with non-Latin scripts. Current PCC practice for cataloging in multiscript environment is to use MARC 21’s “Model A” (inclusion of non-Latin script data and transliterated data in Latin script that parallels non-Latin script in bibliographic records). Linked data provides libraries with new opportunities for managing non-Latin script data, as well as present challenges. This affinity group is an effort to explore different models when dealing with vernacular scripts in Sinopia Editor and create a community of practice for cataloging non-Latin script materials in the linked data environment in general, Sinopia in specific.

Scope:

Any non-Latin script but may focus on the ones that most likely to appear in cohort’s library collections as listed below:

- East Asian scripts: Chinese, Japanese, Korean
- Middle Eastern scripts: Arabic, Hebrew, etc.
- Southeast Asian scripts: Thai, etc.
- South Asian scripts: Devanagari, Tamil, Bengali, etc.
- European scripts: Cyrillic, Greek, Latin extended, etc.
- American scripts: Deseret, Cherokee, etc.

Approach

- Co-chaired by @Xiaoli Li and Larisa Walsh
- Bi-weekly calls
- Dedicated, open Slack channel in LD4P2 – #nonlatinaffinitygrp (join LD4 public Slack)
- Dedicated, open Google group – https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/id4p2-non-latin-materials
- Google email list - id4p2-non-latin-materials@googlegroups.com
- Folder in LD4P2 Public Google Drive for working documents and running minutes: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oqZvlxnSeiWZMgWWD9uZTnVqmWxdz_bM0IDYrQoVHM/edit

Romanization Survey Report is available here https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HVmtQxXSE0aphipdACNTck6rzT3gPEoqjzKynYgL78/edit#

PDF version:

Calls

Bi-weekly calls - 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 11-12 (Pacific Time), 1-2 pm (Central Time), 2-3 pm (Eastern Time), starting April 30th, 2019

Join: https://ucdlibrary.zoom.us/j/9853745772

Possible topics:

- models for vernacular scripts in Sinopia: vernacular only for transcribed data; vernacular plus transliteration; other? What is Sinopia’s functionality in handling non-Latin data?
- diacritics in Sinopia; tools available for entering diacritics
- authority control for non-Latin script names
- impact of using vernacular script only on local discovery layer and resource discovery in general
- data in specific scripts (right-to-left scripts, scripts without full Unicode support, etc.)
- transliterating vernacular scripts using tools which may not follow LC Romanization tables