

Brief Bot

Reduce the brief record backlog by cataloging brief items on matching OCLC records with rich bibliographic description, improving discoverability in WorkFlows and the RSAcatalog.

STEP 2:

Monthly: Duplicate brief records that share the same title & standard number (i.e., ISBN, ISSN, or UPC) are merged into a single brief record.

STEP 3:

Monthly: Items on brief records are transferred to matching OCLC records in WorkFlows if they share the same title & standard number.

STEP 4:

Monthly: Brief records with 13-digit ISBNs and auto-generated title control numbers are converted to use the 13-digit ISBN in the title control number.

STEP 5:

Monthly: Third-party tool Snapicat searches OCLC for matching records for the remaining brief records with standard numbers. Matching OCLC records retrieved by Snapicat are imported into WorkFlows to replace the brief records.

STEP 6:

Ongoing: Brief items with no matches found by Snapicat, plus brief items without standard numbers, are placed on hold by the RSA Bibliographic Services Department to upgrade to OCLC records.

Annually: RSA emails reports of brief records without standard numbers to libraries, asking them to provide the standard number for each item on the report. RSA adds those standard numbers to the brief records. Those records then join Brief Bot step 2 and continue the process.

STEP 1:

Monthly: 10-digit ISBNs in brief records are converted to the 13-digit equivalent ISBNs.

STEP 0:

One-time: 240,000 OCLC records with only 10-digit ISBNs were enhanced with the 13-digit equivalent ISBNs.

