

MORE Bibliographic Records and Standards Committee Response to the MORE Resource Sharing and Collection Development Committee proposal titled “Resources generated by Artificial Intelligence (AI)”

Proposed Policy

The MORE Bibliographic Records and Standards Committee (Bib. Committee) recommends that the last sentence of the second paragraph read “These items may be retained by the owning library if they meet that library’s selection criteria and collection development policy and are labeled as being AI-generated in a **brief** catalog record as well as on the physical item.”

Brief Records

Due to the time-consuming nature of cataloging AI-generated materials full and complete bibliographic records will not be created for these items if a selector determines it fits the library’s collection development policy and the library will be adding it to the collection. When a potential AI-generated item is found by a cataloger, a note will be added to the record, indicating possible AI-generation. Once, AI-generation is confirmed the note will be updated. Although, we question why MORE libraries would want to retain fully AI-generated material.

Selection

The Bib. Committee believes the while the onus of determining whether or not content is AI-generated or AI-assisted belongs with the material’s selector, catalogers will generally be the first to see items and have a chance to review them. We request that MORE’s Cataloging and Bibliographic Services (CABS) and all cataloging partner libraries create procedures for routing possible AI-generated materials to library selectors for evaluation. We also request the following from Resource Sharing and Collection Development Committee (RSCD Committee):

- that a procedure similar to that for pirated DVDs be developed, so that there is one or more expert available to assist with final determination when needed,
- that the RSCD Committee write definitions of AI-assisted vs. AI-generated, in order to assist catalogers with an initial determination in whether or not a title should be sent back to selectors for further analysis. After all, many self-published books fit the criteria on lists of what to look for when identifying AI-generated content. Other examples catalogers have seen that blur the line between AI-generated and AI-assisted are audiobooks that license a voice actors voice, but use AI to string together words from other audio by the voice actor. The voice actor is getting paid, but is not actually reading the book. Similarly, is an author who uses AI to turn their own work into a graphic novel, AI-assisted or AI-generated?

Physical Labeling Concern

While the Bib. Committee agrees with the RSCD Committee about AI-generated materials, we do have concerns with labelling the physical item, as we feel that this goes against our standard labeling procedure. This because we believe that due to the difficulty in determining whether or not something is AI-generated, we feel like a label on the item is a judgement, not a factual label.