

Centralized Bibliographic Services Proposal FAQ

2021 MORE Budget planning

How do MORE-member libraries benefit from centralized bibliographic services?

Member libraries benefit from skilled cataloging services including full description for all kinds of materials, and quality control for all records to maintain accuracy, authority, and currency. The goal is to make the rich collections developed by member libraries accessible and discoverable to MORE library patrons.

What would the money pay for?

The funds would cover additional Bibliographic Services staff costs.

How much of a delay will there be in getting the items into the patron's hands?

Typically, there will not be a delay in getting items into circulation as long as the order information has been sent to Bibliographic Services. Most often, the process is:

1. The library places an order
2. The library sends information about the order to Bibliographic Services. The method for sending order information varies by vendor; sometimes it can be completely automated (notably with Baker & Taylor).
3. By the time the materials from the order arrive at the library, the bib record will typically be complete

Sometimes, in order to create a complete and accurate record, the Bibliographic Services team will need to have the item in hand to properly catalog it. That process might take a week.

Can I continue to use Acquisitions in Sierra? Will my process change?

Yes. Bibliographic Services will work with libraries using Acquisitions, with a goal of requiring minimal to no change to the library's existing process. This may mean that Acquisitions libraries continue to add short order bibs as placeholders. The priority is that the full bibliographic record cataloging be of a consistently high standard.

Are some of the database errors from when libraries joining MORE had their records dumped in instead of individually adding an item to an existing record?

While there are no doubt older records of poor quality still in the database, the main problems are current and ongoing. The certification option has not eliminated the need to fix bibs multiple times and editing a bib record as little as possible will be the best way to manage the overall database quality.

Would MARCIVE still be needed and used?

Yes, MARCIVE's services are a good failsafe against easy-to-miss errors that can create retrieval problems, like indicator errors, and also helps standardize authorized terms in all records.