

FAST Forward

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FAST (Faceted Application of Subject Terminology)

- Derived from LCSH
- Can convert LCSH to FAST
- An OCLC service, developed in collaboration with Library of Congress
- Supported on OCLC production servers
- PCC has its 2018-2021 Strategic Directions the goal of expanding the adoption of FAST

FPOC (Fast Policy & Outreach Committee)

- Established in September 2018
- Joint Committee of OCLC and FAST implementers
- Advisory and outreach body
- 12 members, including 2-4 from OCLC and 8-10 from institutions
- The first priority is to support OCLC in delivering a stable and sustainable service to FAST users

FPOC Membership

Name	Affiliation	Country	Role
Alan Danskin	British Library	UK	Co-Chair
Judy Jeng	ALA/ALCTS Subject Analysis Committee	USA	Co-Chair
Chew Chiat Naun	Harvard University Library	USA	Member
Kate Harcourt	Columbia University Library	USA	Member
Jason Kovari	Cornell University Library	USA	Member
Amanda Lawrence	Analysis & Policy Observatory	USA	Member
Steve McDonald	Program for Cooperative Cataloging	USA	Member
Jeanette Norris	Brown University Library	USA	Member
Sandi Jones	OCLC	USA	Liaison
Nathan Putnam	OCLC	USA	Liaison
Diane Vizine-Goetz	OCLC	USA	Liaison

Useful links

- FAST website: <https://www.oclc.org/en/fast.html>
- FAST Research website: <http://fast.oclc.org/>
- FACETVOC-L: <http://listserv.occlists.org/scripts/wa.exe?A0=FACETVOC-L>

FPOC activities

- Discussed the practical and technical issues of vocabulary management in meetings with Library of Congress and OCLC
- Conducted internal discussions to identify, scope, and prioritize key features of FAST
- Conducted internal discussions of options for maintaining and developing FAST
- Published the FAST vision statement to guide future development
- Preparing frequently asked questions for publication on the website
- Engaging with the Program for Co-operative Cataloging to raise acceptance of FAST
- Improving our awareness of how FAST is used and of the barriers to its use by opening conversations on List serves and other channels

Vision Statement

FAST will be a fully supported, widely adopted and community developed general subject vocabulary derived from LCSH with tools and services that serve the needs of diverse communities and contexts

How is FAST being used?

- The British Library uses FAST in projects and workflows for which LCSH would be too expensive to assign. Staff on fixed term contracts can be quickly trained to apply FAST.
- Cornell University Library routinely assigns FAST headings to minimal-level cataloging.
- Brown University Library uses FAST for dissertations.