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"When done conscientiously, cataloging has always been more art than science."

-Jay Weitz, OCLC Representative to OLAC

ABOUT US

OLAC, Catalogers Network is the only organization for catalogers concerned with all types of non-print materials. An international organization representing a diverse library constituency, OLAC has been in the forefront for developing conferences, workshops, and publications in cataloging audiovisual formats.

HISTORY

Founded in 1980, when 30 catalogers met to investigate forming an organization to advance the cause of AV cataloging, the organization has grown to hundreds of members. OLAC is a NACO member via the NACO-AV Funnel, a liaison to the ALA Committee on Cataloging Description and Access (CC:DA), and is an ALA affiliate.

PURPOSE

To establish and maintain a group that can speak for audiovisual catalogers by providing a means for exchange of information, continuing education, communication, common understanding of cataloging practices and standards, and to encourage research and professional development opportunities.

BENEFITS

Members enjoy a reduced rate for OLAC conference attendance. A scholarship is awarded at each conference to a member who has not previously attended. Members can also recommend and have influence on developing cataloging standards for emerging and existing formats through OLAC's Cataloging Policy Committee (CAPC).