

Manga Records Enhancement Project



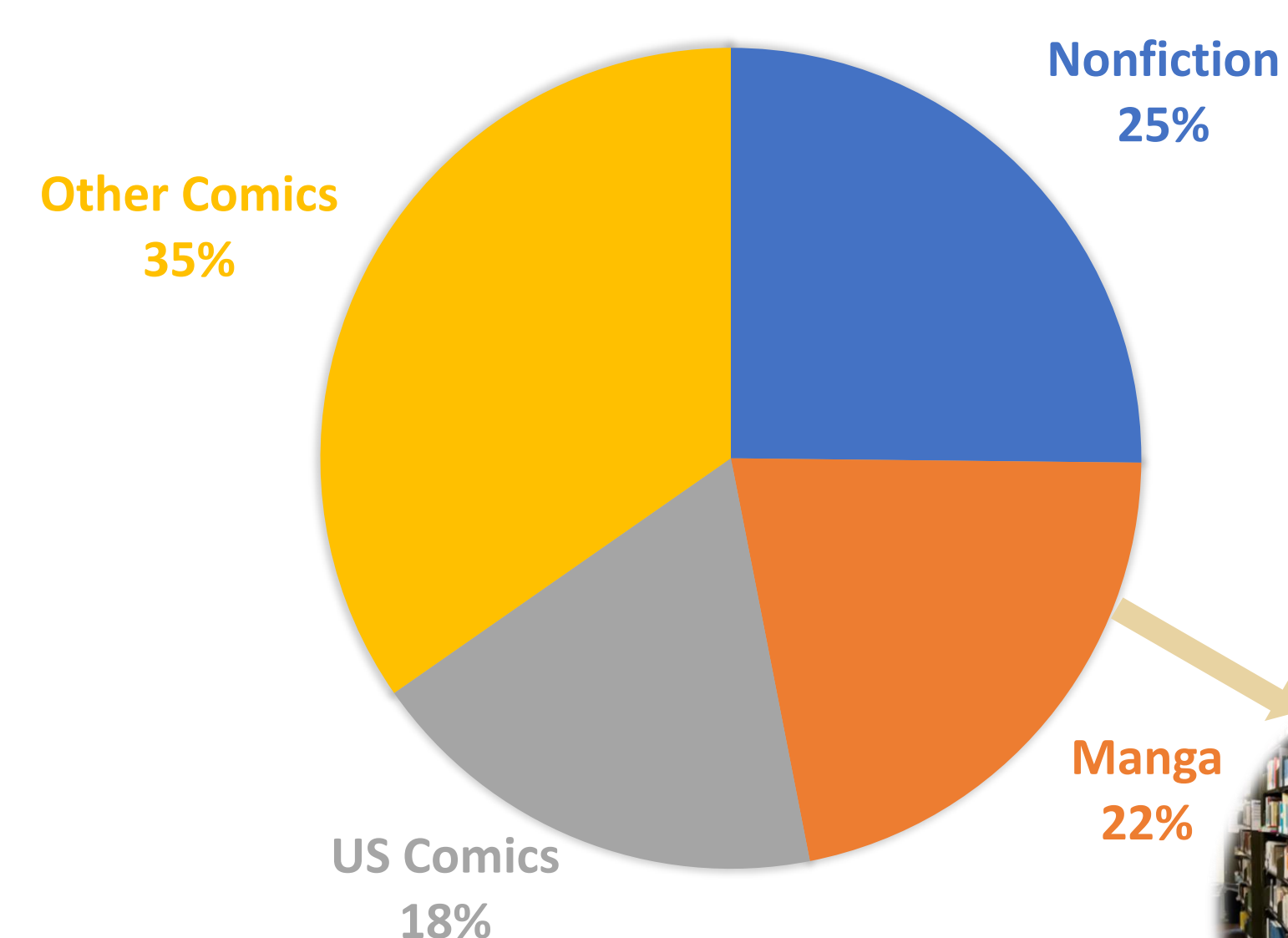
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Retrospective Implementation of LC Subject Heading & Genre/Form Heading through Batch Processing

INTRODUCTION

In response to LC's approval of LCSH "Manga (Comic books)" and LCGFT "Manga" in September 2022, this project aimed to enhance over 2,000 manga records in OCLC, held by the University of Washington Libraries.

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METHODS

- Identified 2,000+ manga records in Alma
 - PN6790.J3 History
 - PN6790.J32 Collection
 - PN6790.J33 Individual authors or works, A-Z
 - PN6790.J34 Individual comic strips. By title A-Z
- Used mixed approach: batch processing (Metadata API) & manual enhancement
- About manga: kept existing 650 #0 \$a Comic books, strips, etc. and add 650 #0 \$a Manga (Comic books)
- Is manga: added 655 #7 \$a Manga. \$2 lcgft
- Removed existing fast headings & local subject headings with invalid \$2 codes
- Manga records in non-Japanese are beyond the scope of this project

CHALLENGES & ISSUES ENCOUNTERED

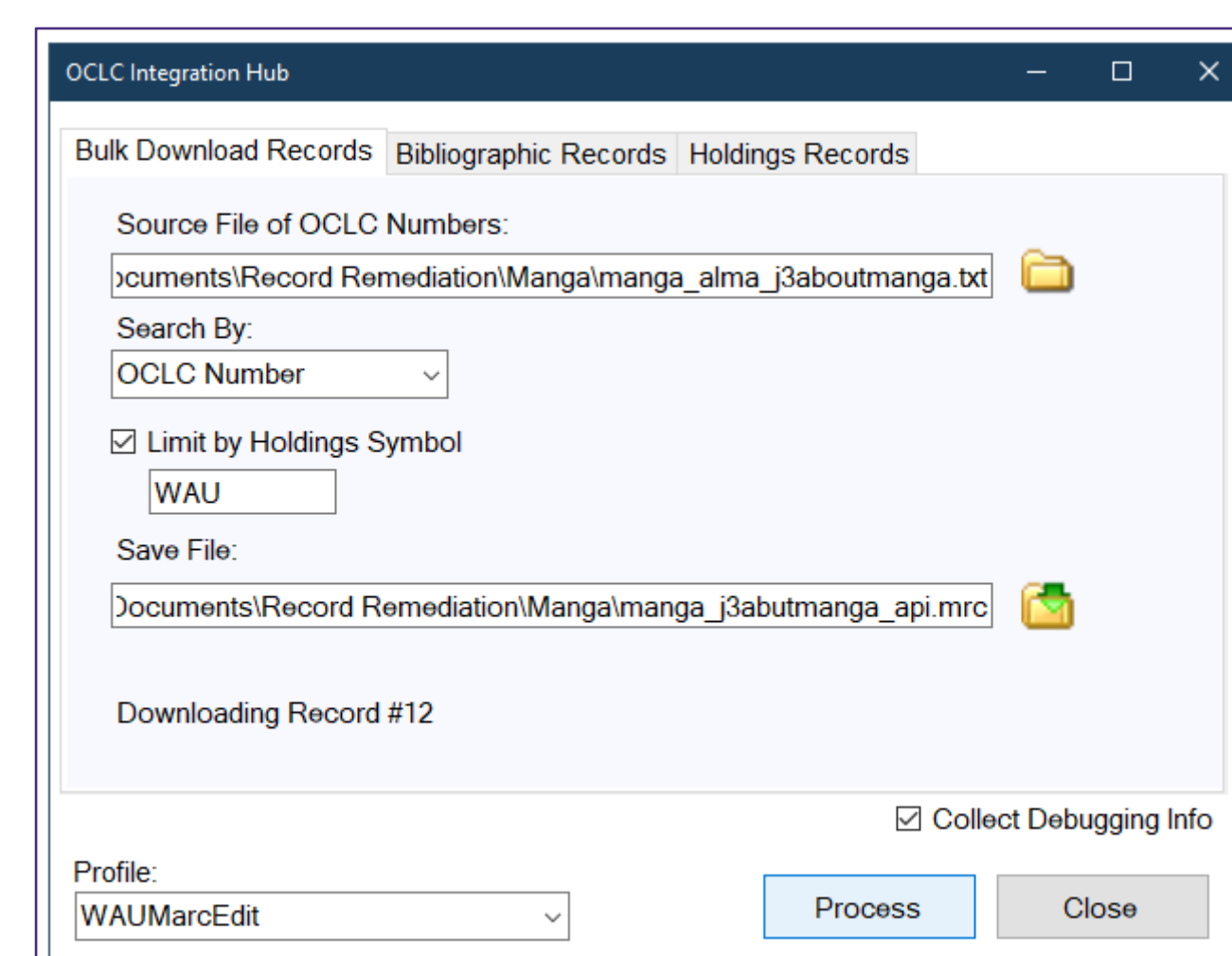
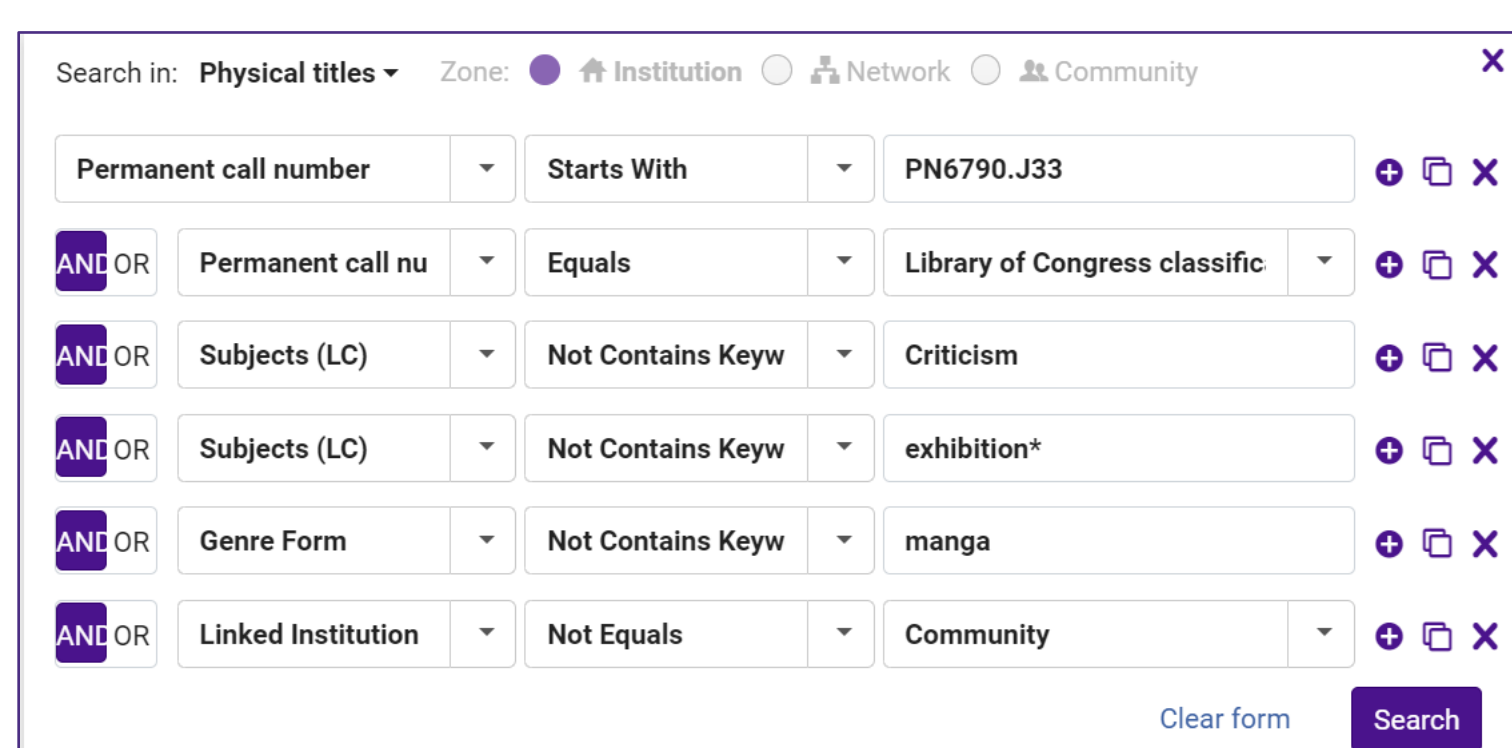
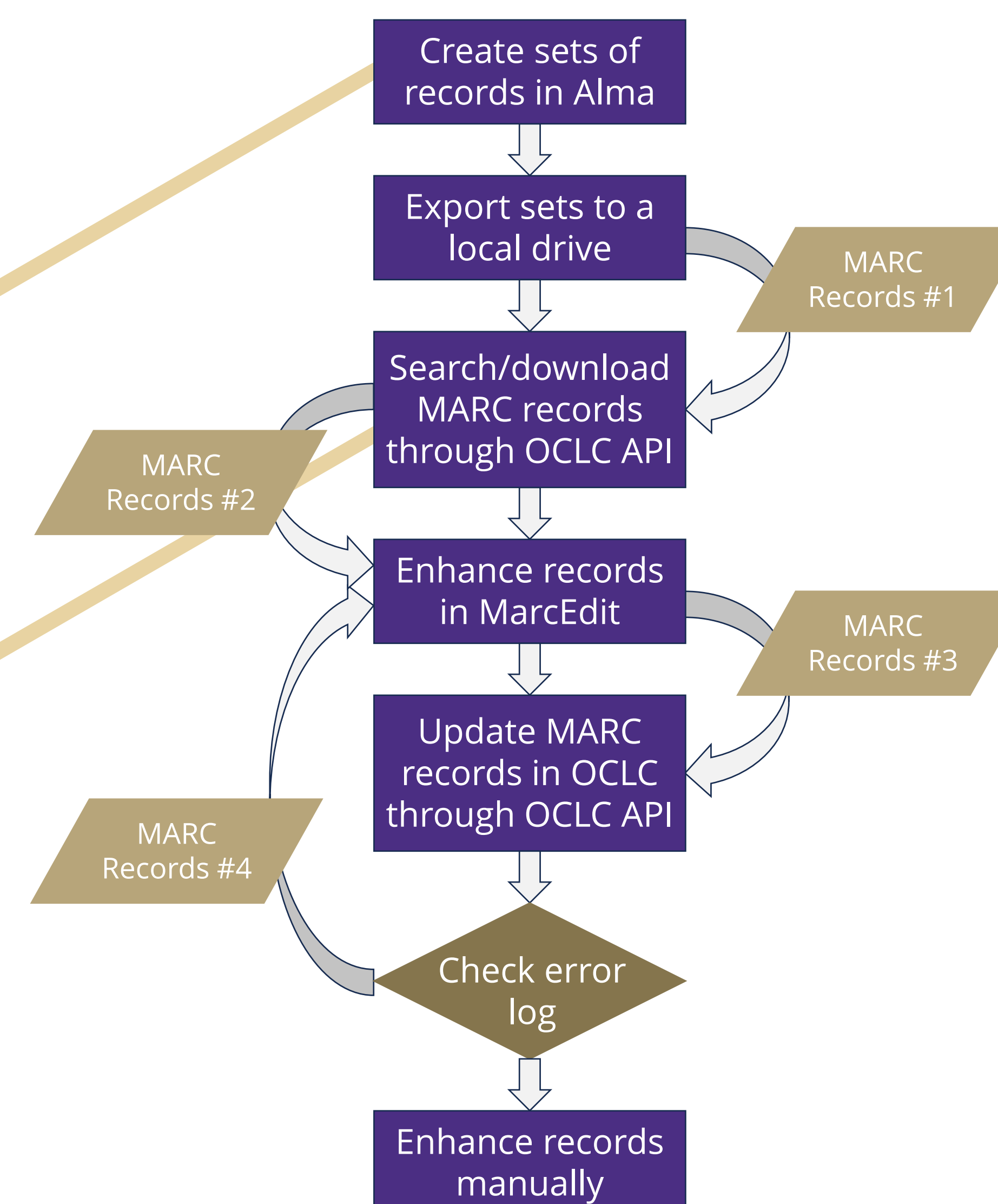
- Batch processing is a complicated procedure, but the documentation is not readily available.
- The functionality of MarcEdit varies. In MarcEdit 7.6.8, only 100 records could be initially downloaded due to a bug.
- Some records were already enhanced with 655 #7 \$a Manga.\$2 lcgft in OCLC due to an interval in the process.
- Some records could not be replaced through batch processing.
 - PCC records
 - Records with invalid codes in subfields \$0 & \$2
 - Records with different timestamps
- Over 10% of manga records were not replaced through batch processing

Enhanced Record Examples

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BATCH PROCESSING WORKFLOW



MANGA (NAF)

"Comics employing a set of Japanese stylistic conventions such as black and white illustrations, right-to-left panel orientation, stylized character design with exaggerated features and expressions, dramatically shaped speech bubbles, speed lines and onomatopoeic and exclamatory typography."



FINDINGS IN MARC RECORDS

- Some records
- Lack 650 #0 \$v Comic books, strips, etc.
 - Have 650 #0 \$a Comic books, strips, etc \$z Japan or 650 #0 \$a Graphic novels \$z Japan for manga records.
 - Lack topical subject headings.
 - Have incorrect call numbers under PN6790.J3X.
 - Cartoonist's textual biography
 - Manga translations
 - Need narrower genre headings such as "Shōjo manga" and "Shōnen manga."

CONSIDERATIONS & NEXT STEPS

- The Manga Records Enhancement Project can serve as a model for future projects of this kind. Since each retrospective cataloging project is unique, it is crucial to identify which matrix of methods is the most efficient for carrying out the tasks. Things to consider includes:
- Scale of a project
 - Metadata quality
 - Cost / Benefit
 - Critical cataloging / EDI