

Library of Congress
CDS Announcement

LC ILS Upgrade Impact on MDS

The Library of Congress will upgrade its Integrated Library System (ILS) starting February 14, 2014. The ILS upgrade process is expected to take approximately one week. During the upgrade process, the creation, updating and importing of bibliographic and authority cataloging records into the LC production database will cease. Consequently very few cataloging records will be available for distribution via the daily and weekly MARC Distribution Services (MDS) during the upgrade time.

Specific impacts on MDS subscribers include:

Daily distribution processing for MDS products will end on Friday, February 14. Normal daily distribution is expected to resume on Monday, February 24.

Weekly distribution processing for MDS products (Issue 07) will take place on Friday, February 14 instead of Tuesday, February 18; however, this distribution will remain on the server for automated or manual downloading. The file will contain records created or modified after the previous distribution on Tuesday, February 11, through the close of business on Thursday, February 13; therefore this issue will contain a smaller number of records. The normal weekly distribution cycle is expected to resume on Tuesday, February 25, again with fewer records.

Questions regarding the availability of MDS files during the LC ILS upgrade can be directed to:

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