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CDS Announcement

New Character Sets in MDS – Books

*These elements will become valid for distribution **no earlier than August 2008***

In order to expand the use of non-Latin scripts used in bibliographic records for books, the MDS-Books file could now include records containing Greek and Cyrillic scripts in addition to those already distributed (Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Hebrew, Arabic, Persian, and Yiddish scripts).

A test file of records containing Cyrillic scripts is available on the Library of Congress rs7 server under the /emds/test subdirectory with file names of books.cyrillictest.records for the MARC 8 version and books.cyrillictest.utf8 for the UTF8 version.

Any questions regarding the data content of these records can be directed to:

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