The TEI Consortium's Special Interest Group on Libraries has recently completed a major revision to the “Best Practices for TEI in Libraries.” The revised Best Practices contain updated versions of the widely adopted encoding levels, which span from fully automated reformatting of print content to deep encoding to support content analysis and scholarly uses. A substantially revised TEI Header section supports greater interoperability between text collections and MARC records. In addition, the Best Practices now include schemas for encoding levels 1-4, providing a mechanism to better ensure conformance and interoperability of digital texts.

The revised section on the TEI header includes more explicit recommendations for transforming headers to and from MARC catalog records and recommends a more rigid structure that should improve interoperability with all types of library metadata. It also provides clearer advice on how to describe the TEI-encoded text versus the source document. TEI header recommendations are applicable to all five encoding levels.

**Purpose:** To support scholarly encoding and analysis. Implementation beyond the scope of these Best Practices.

**5**

**Purpose:** To create a stand-alone e-text, identifies hierarchy and typography, specifies textual and structural elements, and describes the nature of the content.

**4**

**Purpose:** To create a stand-alone e-text and identify hierarchy (logical structure) and typography without content analysis being of primary importance.

**3**

**Purpose:** To support keyword searching, linking to page images, and document-centric navigation (e.g., linked table of contents). Level 2 texts offer a more structured presentation of the text, but the page image is still the preferred form of access. Searching can also be limited to sections.

**2**

**Purpose:** To support keyword searching and linking to page images. Level 1 texts contain robust TEI headers and provide mechanisms for linking to page images, which at this level is the primary form of access.

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