GOAL:
Correct database records so that journal issues and multiple volumes are visible in the library catalog.

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Leveraging the optimal availability of staff working remotely during COVID-19, this project went off the ground in late March and about 40 staff members engaged from the Annex, Central, Divinity, Management, Peabody, and Science Libraries. After training, all participating staff worked remotely using the Grima API tool and have since made tremendous progress.

Several cataloging librarians worked behind the frontline staff, providing support for problem-solving when Grima fell short. This workflow worked perfectly and the project progressed quickly.
OUTCOMES

In only four months, close to half a million item records were fixed by the project staff and the chances of finding specific journal issues and book volumes in Primo were enormously enhanced. In addition, the success of this enumeration project has set a fine example for future across-departmental collaborations on a large scale.

NEXT STEPS

With the majority of the problem records resolved, we will reexamine the remaining scope of work, develop a new strategy and workflow for the next phase, and utilize both cataloging and non-cataloging staff available to complete the remaining work of the project.