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CLCD Launches Class-Shelf Plus v3 — First AI-Powered Solution to Help Districts Manage Massive Classroom Collections

Somers Point, NJ — October 23, 2025 — The Children’s Literature Comprehensive Database (CLCD) today announced the release of **Class-Shelf Plus v3**, the newest generation of its classroom library management platform. This version introduces powerful **AI-driven automation and contextual risk analysis** to help districts gain visibility and control over their expansive classroom collections—while enriching the **CLCD comprehensive database** that powers all current and future CLCD products and partner solutions.

Across the U.S., **classroom collections now outnumber central library holdings by nearly three to one**, yet most remain **untracked, unreviewed, and unmanaged**. With mounting legislative mandates for content transparency and age appropriateness, school districts face increasing pressure to establish consistent oversight across every classroom.

Class-Shelf Plus v3 provides the breakthrough districts have been waiting for.

AI-Powered Oversight at Scale

Key innovations in Version 3 include:

- **AI-Powered Auto-Approve™**: Automatically reviews up to **95% of classroom titles** using deep linguistic analysis and CLCD’s proprietary metadata, allowing staff to focus only where human judgment is needed.
- **Traffic-Light Risk Ratings**: Each title receives a clear **Green (Safe)**, **Yellow (Review)**, or **Red (High Risk)** indicator. These ratings are **context-aware and automatically adjusted by school level**, meaning a title may rate Green in a high school setting but Yellow or Red for elementary grades.
- **Sensitive Material (SOM) Marker**: Flags books containing explicit or sensitive content, automatically marking them as Red for immediate attention.
- **Dynamic Age-Appropriateness Matrix**: Combines seven independent parameters to determine suitability, giving administrators confidence that classroom libraries align with district policies.

Saving Time, Reducing Risk, and Building Trust

Districts using Class-Shelf Plus v3 may **reduce manual review workloads by more than 80%**, empowering media specialists and administrators to devote more time to instructional priorities rather than compliance checks.

The system automatically converts, reviews, and approves teacher collections—whether uploaded via spreadsheets, scanned by ISBN—with real-time reporting at all levels. This allows district administrators and principals to provide full oversight.

“Class-Shelf Plus v3 gives districts the visibility and consistency they’ve long needed,” said **Dr. Ajay Gupte**, President & CEO of CLCD. “It’s not just an oversight tool—it’s an AI-powered evolution that strengthens our database at the core, enhances every future product we create, and deepens the value for all of our educational and publishing partners.”

Enhancing the CLCD Ecosystem for Schools and Partners

The AI-generated metadata, contextual risk ratings, and refined age-level analyses from Class-Shelf Plus v3 are **integrated directly into the CLCD comprehensive database**, benefiting **all CLCD products**—including **Enterprise** and **QuickFind K-12**—as well as the **publishers and EdTech partner-developers** that depend on CLCD’s data to power their own children’s products and learning platforms.

These enhancements ensure that every institution in the CLCD ecosystem gains from the same intelligent, continuously improving foundation.

About CLCD

The **Children’s Literature Comprehensive Database (CLCD)** has been the trusted resource for librarians, educators, and publishers for more than 25 years. Featuring **1.3 million titles**, **630,000 professional reviews**, and **275,000 award notations**, CLCD delivers unmatched insight into children’s and young adult literature. Its suite of products—**Enterprise**, **QuickFind K-12**, and **Class-Shelf Plus**—empower schools, libraries, and partners across North America and around the world.

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