

Managing anonymous works with biblatex

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1 Introduction

In some scholar fields, like history or philology, we have to work with anonymous works.

This package provides facility to manage them with biblatex, with citation and bibliography style of the verbose family. It is compatible with the biblatex-morenames and biblatex-realeditor package.

2 What does the package do?

This package does those things for @book, @bookinbook, @bookinarticle, @bookinincollection, @mvbook, @inbook:

1. Changing label name to author only, never editor.
2. Providing a sorting scheme to put all anonymous works at the beginning of a bibliography. This sorting scheme is derivated from nyt scheme.
3. For French, changing “dir.” by “éd.”.
4. Printing only the author name before the title, and never the editor, even if the book is anonymous.
5. Fixing biblatex bug with `\langle xx \rangle cites` command when using anonymous works.¹

¹<https://github.com/plk/biblatex/issues/285>.

3 Using the package

3.1 Loading

You must load the package after biblatex package:

```
\usepackage[...]{biblatex}  
\usepackage{biblatex-anonymous}
```

3.2 Sorting with anonymous scheme

If you want your bibliographies to have all anonymous works at the beginning, you can pass option `sorting=anonymous`:

- To biblatex package, to apply it to all bibliographies.
- To an optional argument of a `\refcontext` environment, to apply it to a single bibliography.

The package also provides a `anonymous+manuscripts` sorting scheme to use in combination with the *biblatex-manuscripts-philology* package (please read handbook of this package for more details about it).

3.3 Making exceptions

If you want to use the editor or translator for a entry concerned by this package (e.g. `@book`, `@bookinbook` etc.), you can use the `useeditor=true` or `usetranslator=true` option in the options field. However, in many case, such entry should be a `@proceedings` or `@collection`.

3.4 Anonymous works edited on not anonymous books

Sometime, an anonymous `@bookinbook` is printed in a NOT anonymous book. If you use cross-referencing system, you would like to NOT inherit the name from the main entry in the subentry.

From biblatex 3.4.0, you can use entry option `noinherit=author` as in the following example:

```
@book{mainentry,  
  Author = {Name},  
  ...  
}  
@book{subentry,  
  Crossref = {mainentry},  
  Options = {noinherit=author},
```

```
...  
}
```

4 Credits

This package was created for Maïeul Rouquette's phd dissertation² in 2014. It is licensed on the *LaTeX Project Public License*³.

Its code was explained before (in French) on Maïeul Rouquette website⁴.

All issues can be submitted, in French or English, in the GitHub issues page⁵.

5 Change history

2.6.1 2017-11-19

Improve compatibility with biblatex 3.8.

2.6.0 2017-01-24

Add compatibility with the biblatex-morenames package.

2.5.0 2016-10-23

Add anonymousmanuscripts+ sorting scheme.

2.4.0 2016-09-25

Also works for anonymous @inreference, @bookinreference and @bookininreference.

Fix bug added by version 2.2.2 when using the *biblatex-realauthor* package.

2.3.0 2016-09-08

Add compatibility with @bookininbook and @bookininarticle of *biblatex-bookinbook* package.

2.2.3 2016-06-27

Fix bug added on v. 2.2.2 when using prenote argument.

2.2.2a 2016-06-21

Fix typo in handbook.

²<http://apocryphes.hypothese.org>.

³<http://latex-project.org/lppl/lppl-1-3c.html>.

⁴<http://geekographie.maieul.net/Gestions-des-oeuvres-anonymes>.

⁵<https://github.com/maieul/biblatex-multiple-anonymous/issues>.

2.2.2 2016-06-18

Fix biblatex bug with `\langle xx \rangle cites` command when using anonymous works.
Fix bug added by version 2.0.0 when not using the *biblatex-realauthor* package.

2.2.1 2016-06-06

Fix compatibility with biblatex < 3.4, broken by v. 2.2.0

2.2.0 2016-06-05

Takes account of the `realeditor` field of the *biblatex-realauthor* package 2.4.0 and later.
Adds tools to prevent inheriting name from main entry 3.4 .

2.1.0 2014-10-30

Coming back, and improve, the anonymous sorting scheme.

2.0.0 2014-10-27

Use less complex code, and more “biblatex friendly” code to suppress editor and translator.
Compatibility with `@bookincollection` type.

1.0.0 2014-07-23

First public release.