

Legacy metadata, discoverability and collections

Everyone has legacy metadata. Different cataloguing standards and encoding schemes, different levels of competence in cataloguing, different vendors and sources of metadata across the life of the collection.

This e-forum will focus on the question of legacy metadata:

1. What are the common issues with it?
2. What, if anything, do we do with it?
3. What potential benefits are there to improving it?
4. How important is it to the life of the institution?
5. What are implications for the long-term preservation of collections?
6. What impact does it have on collections policies?
7. What impact does it have on discoverability?
8. How do we sell metadata projects to senior management?
9. Is anyone using the NBK for legacy data upgrades?

Learning outcomes

To pull together the experience of colleagues across the collaboration and discover any tools or methods for working on legacy data. To forge links between members who might be able to offer support to anyone engaging in this work. To learn about the kinds of projects undertaken and understand the workload involved. To think about how we might best avoid creating a “legacy” of our own!

Who should attend?

Anyone who has metadata/catalogue records that could use a refresh. Anyone with an interest in bulk metadata processing.

Moderators

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