

Cataloging, Metadata, So On and So Forth

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Library Background

- Started as a Music Cataloger
 - No background in music; got lucky
 - Included collection development and some acquisitions
- Cataloging and Metadata Coordinator
 - UNC Health Sciences Library
- Information Organization and Metadata Librarian
 - Made this change as a trial
 - Cataloging dwindled
 - More and more need for someone with information organization and metadata expertise

Current Job

- Mostly metadata
 - Nontraditional projects
 - YOUR HEALTH Radio WordPress blog
 - Consult on controlled vocabularies & information organization with various groups
 - Institutional repository
 - Also solicit & acquire materials
- Some cataloging related work
 - Enhancing bib records
 - Subject headings & contents

Current Job Continued (More Unusual Stuff)

- Interprofessional Education (IPE) Steering Committee
 - Started off helping with a course inventory
 - Managed Twitter; organized and promoted events; maintained website
- Consulting within the library (sporadic)
 - LibGuides - Offer advice on organizing content on large, complex guides
 - Search Strategies – tough research projects
- WordPress blogs & websites
 - Build sites or consult with a focus on organizing content and search engine optimization (SEA) concepts
- Part of ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) Team

Current Job Continued (More Unusual Stuff Continued)

- Genomic Data Catalog
 - Part of a consortium – UNC has it's own version
 - Used NYU description guidelines with some modifications
 - Input on
 - Fields for description – what to consider for public interface vs. staff side
 - Controlled vocabularies
 - Authority control
- Library Exhibits and Art
 - Taking over some exhibit tasks; involved in rethinking how we do exhibits
 - Special Collections and librarian moved to another library on campus
 - Participate in selecting permanent art for building

Typical Day

- Mostly project based
- Usually working on something with a deadline
 - YOUR HEALTH Radio done weekly
- Have lots of meetings

Educational Background

- Library Science Degree
 - Several internships in cataloging
 - Metadata not yet a thing (2000)
- Bachelor in ART (BFA)
 - Not especially helpful in my career

Relevant, Interesting, Unique About My Position

- Environment that encourages matching skills and interests with library needs

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