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Having Our Say:

Engaging ILL and Liaison Librarians in Metadata Curation in EDS

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Agenda

- Background
 - Georgia Southern University Libraries
 - Discover @ Georgia Southern
 - Metadata Mayhem

Metadata Curation Workflow

- Enable Trial Databases
- Metadata & ILL Review
- Liaison Review
- Deactivate & Monitor

Outcomes

- Lessons Learned
- Next Steps



Background: Georgia Southern University Libraries

Georgia Southern University

- Public R2 in southeast Georgia
- 26,000 students (+/-)
- 141 degree programs
- 3 campuses

University Libraries

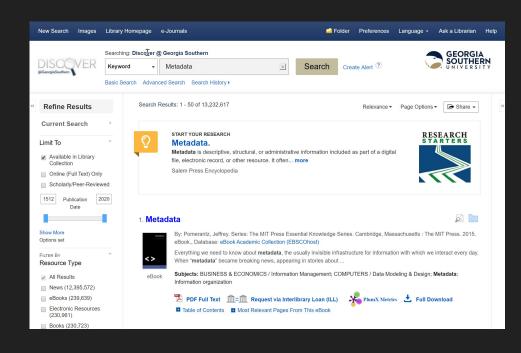
- 2 libraries (Savannah & Statesboro)
- o 70 FT & PT personnel
- 25 faculty librarians
- 860,000 volumes
- 95,000 journals
- 296 databases
- Member of GALILEO





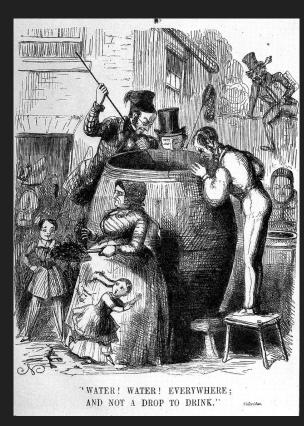
Background: Discover @ Georgia Southern

- Discover @ Georgia Southern
 - Adopted 2012, no prior discovery
 - Alma / Primo catalog
 - Digital Commons IR
 - Alma Link Resolver (ALR)
 - ILLiad via ALR & custom link
 - AiLC limiter enabled by default
 - o Auth: IP / Guest / OpenAthens
 - o Express links disabled
- Content
 - EDS databases enabled: 232
 - Full text results: 450 million
 - Total results: 1.45 billion



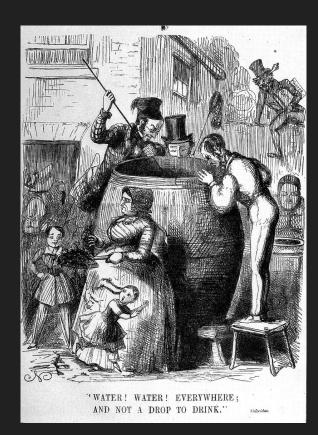
Background: Metadata Mayhem

- First Try: New content automatically enabled
- Second Try: Enable all Open Access content
- Third Try: Intentionally curate, OA or not
 - Overall Metadata Quality
 - Likelihood of ILL Fulfillment
 - Value to the Collection



Background: Metadata Mayhem

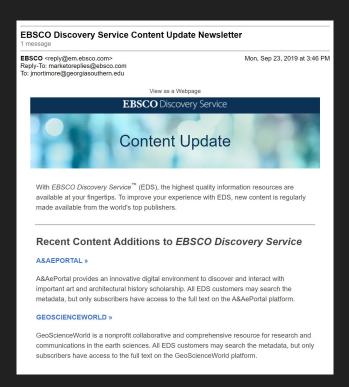
- Overall Metadata Quality
 - Are the records well described, indexed, & maintained?
 - O Do the access points work?
- Likelihood of ILL Fulfillment
 - Does the metadata populate to ILLiad?
 - o Is the metadata adequate to locate the resource?
 - o Is the resource likely to be filled?
- Value to the Collection
 - o Is the content of appropriate quality?
 - Does the content align with reference & instruction?
 - One of the content rank appropriately?



'Water! Water! Everywhere; and not a drop to drink'; anon., 1849. Credit: Wellcome Collection CC BY

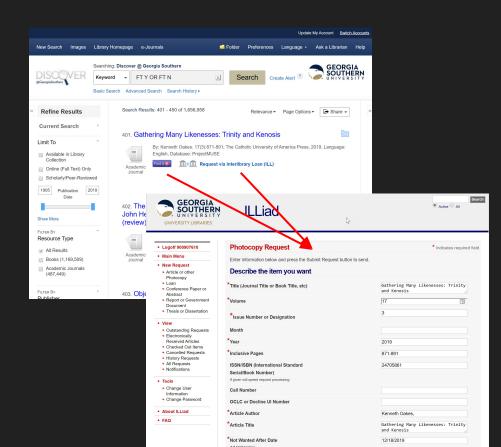
Curation Workflow: Enable Trial Databases

- Accumulate EBSCO's Content Update
 Newsletters until 5-10 new databases
 become available.
- Activate all new databases in the live EDS profile.
- Configure custom links for OA databases only.
- After the profile updates, schedule a meeting of technical services & ILL personnel to review the results.



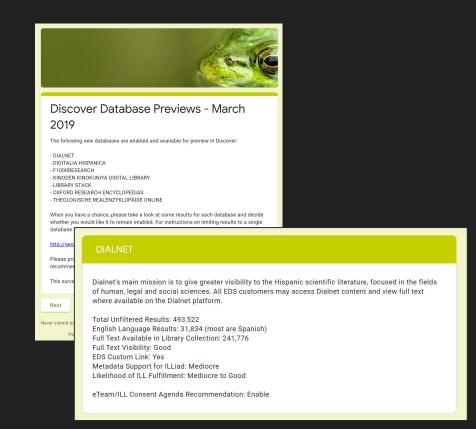
Curation Workflow: Metadata & ILL Review

- Search "FT Y OR FT N" & filter results for each trial database.
- Review quality/completeness of metadata & indexing for language,
 AiLC limiter filtering, etc.
- Test population of ILLiad form via link resolver & custom link.
- Discuss likelihood of fulfillment:
 - Unsubscribed content
 - OA results



Curation Workflow: Metadata & ILL Review

- Prepare a survey for the liaisons to review each trial database for quality, alignment, & relevance ranking.
- Ask whether each database should remain enabled or be disabled.
- In the survey, include:
 - Description of the database
 - Description of the results
 - Visibility of OA/FT resources
 - Likelihood of ILL fulfillment



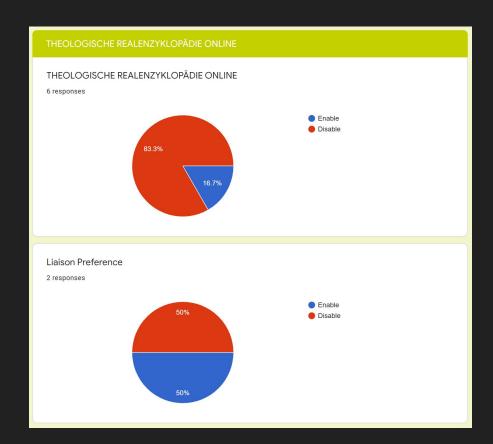
Curation Workflow: Liaison Review

- Give the liaison librarians 2-3 weeks to complete the survey.
- Include a mechanism for liaisons who claim unique subject area overlap to weight their score.
- Provide instructions for how to conduct the search & filter results to each database.



Curation Workflow: Liaison Review

- When the survey closes, analyze the liaisons' feedback.
- In this example:
 - Technical services and ILL personnel recommend the database be disabled due to poor metadata quality & low likelihood of fulfillment.
 - 83.3% of all liaisons (n=6) recommend the database be disabled.
 - Liaisons claiming unique subject area overlap (n=2) are evenly divided.



Metadata Curation: Deactivate & Monitor

- After analyzing the liaisons' feedback in context of technical services & ILL's recommendations, prepare a final set of recommendations for approval by the library faculty.
- Based on the faculty's final approval, disable any 'rejected' databases.
- All library personnel monitor & report any access issues through established troubleshooting channels.

Recommendations for Consent Agenda: August/September Discover Database Trials

C&RS, September 19, 2019

Following are recommendations for enabling or disabling databases trialed in Discover during August and September 2019. Recommendations are informed by liaisons' survey feedback and ILL's evaluation of the likelihood that requests originating from these databases reasonably could be fulfilled.

ADEAC

- 100% of liaisons (n=10) support disabling
- 100% of liaisons with strong content-area overlap (n=2) support disabling

ARC REPORTS

- 70% of liaisons (n=10) support disabling
- 100% of liaisons with strong content-area overlap (n=1) support enabling

BLOOMSBURY APPLIED VISUAL ARTS

• 80% of liaisons (n=10) support enabling

BLOOMSBURY ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PHILOSOPHERS

- 100% of liaisons (n=10) support disabling
- 100% of liaisons with strong content-area overlap (n=1) support disabling

BLOOMSBURY FASHION CENTRAL

- 80% of liaisons (n=10) support enabling
- 100% of liaisons with strong content-area overlap (n=1) support enabling

Recommendation: Disable

Recommendation: Disable

Recommendation: Enable

Recommendation: Disable

Recommendation: Enable

Outcomes: Lessons Learned

- Since Late 2015:
 - 17 database reviews completed
 - 156 unsubscribed & OA databases reviewed
 - 65 databases permanently enabled
 - 92 databases disabled
- Most liaisons follow technical services & ILL's recommendations; however, they diverge enough to make the effort worthwhile.
- No permanently enabled unsubscribed or OA databases disabled since review!

Outcomes: Next Steps

How often (and to what extent) should we review **ALL** of our enabled databases & custom links?

- Metadata quality & indexing
- OA status
- Custom links
- Relevance to reference & instruction changes

Thank You!

Questions?

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