University of California Libraries
Metadata Sharing Policy

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Why is the Policy important?

- Establishes a major area for collaboration
- Who would make use of shared library metadata?
- Is library metadata the most beneficial focus?
- How might LOD be hosted/deployed?
- What technical options make sense for a UC LOD implementation?
UC Libraries Metadata Sharing Policy

UCL Plan & Priorities Goal #3

Maximize discovery of and access to information resources:

“Faculty and staff are adopting new techniques to identify, find, and use information resources. As user behaviors evolve, library services must adapt to provide better, faster, and broader access and support.”
Introduction, con’t.

- Bibliographic and authority data in local library systems
- Descriptive, administrative, and technical metadata in local digital asset management systems
- Archival finding aids
- User-contributed metadata
- Metadata in institutional repositories
Policy

“All UC Libraries, including CDL, are empowered to share metadata within constraints imposed by contractual agreements or by law. This includes metadata that is managed by an individual campus library or collectively managed by CDL.”
Policy, con’t.

“For the purposes of this policy, metadata is defined as structured information that describes resources, allowing users to locate, retrieve, interpret, or manage those resources.”
“... Although the UC Libraries are not obligated to share their metadata, sharing is encouraged because the use and re-use of open metadata facilitates discovery, furthers knowledge and research, and provides public access to rich scholarly and cultural heritage content.”
Seven Guidelines

1. “Libraries will place the fewest possible restrictions on the reuse of the metadata they share. The preferred standard under which to share UC Libraries metadata is CC0, the Creative Commons Zero Public Domain Dedication.”
The person who associated a work with this deed has dedicated the work to the public domain by waiving all of his or her rights to the work worldwide under copyright law, including all related and neighboring rights, to the extent allowed by law.

You can copy, modify, distribute and perform the work, even for commercial purposes, all without asking permission.”
2. “Metadata will be shared in accordance with the law:”

- Consistent with contractual terms, copyright law, privacy rights
- UC will make reasonable effort to retract if in violation of the above
4. “Metadata should be shared in formats that facilitate its reuse, such formats to be determined by the sharing library.”
Panoply of schema in use by UC libraries:

- CDWA
- CSDGM
- DC
- EAD
- HTML
- MARC
- METS
- MODS
- PREMIS
- RDF
- TSV
- VRA
- XML
Seven Guidelines

5. “Those who contribute metadata to UC Libraries that is not covered by a purchase and/or contractual agreement must be made aware of the terms under which their metadata may be shared.”
6. UC Libraries will take reasonable measures to keep shared metadata accurate and correct.

7. UC Libraries should include their preferred URL in the metadata they share to direct users back to the resource being described.
UC Shared Metadata is...

1. Open
2. Legal
3. By Choice
4. Interoperable
5. Community created
6. Accurate
7. Linked
Collaborative Activity

- Break into 9 groups of approx. 10
- Use sticky-notes to write responses, ideas, follow-up questions
- After approx. 10-15 min. move to a different question board
Question Board 1:

a) What are the benefits to sharing UC library metadata?

b) How would it be used?

c) Who would make use of it?
Question Board 2:

a) What types of data/metadata should we focus on sharing - Library only? Campus partners? Faculty/Research?

b) How might we acquire and make use of campus partner, faculty, or research data / metadata?
Question Board 3:

a) What value would UC get from publishing its Library metadata?

b) Should campus libraries be responsible for campus metadata in general?
Question Board 4:

a) How might UC LOD metadata be hosted / deployed?

b) What technical solutions are available?
Question Board 5:

a) What are some barriers to making UC LOD available using the Metadata Sharing Policy and its guidelines?

b) What role should ‘Open’ play in metadata sharing?
Question Board 6:
How would you rank the importance of UC LOD against other UC initiatives and/or CoUL plans and priorities? Why?
Question Board 7:
What challenges and opportunities might the UC libraries encounter around shared schema development?
Question Board 8:
What schema, vocabularies, and kinds of resources or collections might be good candidates for a UC collaborative project?
Question Board 9:
What technical options might make sense for a UC LOD implementation?
Thank you!

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LOD Reception begins at 5:30 pm in the Morrison Room, of Doe Library