What is the Library’s Role in Discovery
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Improvements to Starting Points

- Under “Support short-term positions for reducing...backlogs”
  - Enable Berkeley’s community of experts to create bibliographic metadata about backlogged materials and low-level records (the CataWiki), with workflows for catalogers to approve or alter changes.
- Under “Redesign library websites as subject portals...”
  - Add a catalog or federated search function to library home pages.
  - Develop a Google CSE-like service that supports subject-based vertical, user configurable, and extensible search interfaces to library content.
  - Support tools that enable vertical search as well as web widgets to access and reuse library content.
- Under “Create a Discovery team...”
  - As a customer, be firm about what we want included in upgrades to WorldCat Local, ILS, and other discovery tools.
- Under “Advocate for open metadata...”
  - Offer our own metadata under OAI or Creative Commons.
  - Pressure vendors to open source their bibliographic information, allowing reuse of metadata in other discovery environments (Facebook, Google CSE, etc.).
  - Advocate for vendors and the library community to adopt appropriate standards (OpenURL, DOI, Microformats, RDF, etc.) to facilitate discovery and reuse.

Suggested New Starting Points

- Implement value-added and social networking features in our local OPAC and/or at the network level (WorldCat Local).
  - Offer recommended subject headings based on keyword searches.
  - Provide spell-checking on searches.
  - Add user tagging to supplement controlled vocabulary.
  - Offer virtual browsing through recommender systems, subject groupings, or call number groupings.
  - Offer virtual browsing with book covers (like iTunes cover flow).
- Implement an ILS or enterprise-level service layer that supports standards and API creation to allow others to remix and mash-up metadata and content, creating new services.
- Coordinate, consolidate, and standardize cataloging across UC
  - Consider creating a new position responsible for planning and monitoring coordinated cataloging projects.
  - Implement pilot coordinated cataloging projects for specific languages and/or area studies materials.
  - Investigate with other campuses the possibility of consolidating processing for some or all material into one/two sites.
• Work with other campus units to advocate for and finish implementing electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs).

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