Facilitating Open Knowledge: The Intersection of Wikidata and Libraries

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Wikipedia, as one of the best-known open knowledge projects, has attracted numerous users, including legal scholars, faculties, students, to learn the specific concept and/or as a starting point for finding links to external resources related to their topic of interest. Behind the scene, Wikidata, like its sister project under Wikimedia Foundation, provides full data support via both human and machine-friendly accessing methods. While there are many discussions in the library community about linked data and BIBFRAME toward the next generation of library metadata that will be more user friendly, it is time to look at Wikidata and study the success of it.

This program will give an introduction about basic concepts of Wikidata, including its data infrastructure and functions, etc. and some tools for interested law community colleagues to explore further. The program will also give some inspiration by covering a few use cases of how some libraries are using Wikidata in their working environment to benefit their projects and end-users, including usage of Wikidata at Harvard Law.

Clara Liao: Clara worked as Law Section Head at the USPRLL Division of Library of Congress from 2016/9-2020/4. Now she is the Section Head of the Cooperative Training and Policy Section (CTP), PTCP at the Library of Congress. Before LC, Clara worked as Head of Cataloging and Metadata Service at Georgetown Law from 2006-2016.

Mairelys Lemus-Rojas: Mairelys is the lead author of the chapter "Wikidata and Libraries: Facilitating Open Knowledge" of the book "Leveraging Wikipedia: Connecting Communities of Knowledge," published in 2018. She works as the Open Knowledge Librarian at IUPUI and is an active author and speaker. Mairelys has shared her insightful thoughts about exposing curated library data and increasing the representation of scholars in Wikidata through the development and implementation of the Scholarly Profiles as a Service model.

Tom Ma: Tom is the Cataloging Manager for the Professional Schools at Harvard University, which includes the Law Library. Tom has over 16 years of experience as a Law Librarian at Harvard since getting his MLS degree from Southern Connecticut State University in 2002. In addition to cataloging, Tom works with ISNIs, Wikidata, identity management, and linked data. He is also the project manager for the Nuremberg Trials Wikidata Project at Harvard.
Monday, July 27, 2020
10 AM – 10:15 AM CT
Break

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10:15 AM – 11:15 AM CT
Metadata Policy and Standards Advisory Group (MPSAG)

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The purpose of MPSAG is to support the work of liaisons to other professional organizations and TS-SIS colleagues by advising and initiating discussions on policies and standards for description, classification, subject analysis, and content designation.

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Library systems migrations have ramped up drastically over the last 5-7 years. The rising cost of library materials and management has led many universities and firms to switch systems with an eye towards the cost and staff savings. Even the smoothest of migrations have consequences that make it seem like there is no end in sight to the errors and issues, and law materials and workflows can be particularly problematic during migrations. Turning a library system on a dime and fitting it into a new paradigm is complicated, stressful, and can seem nearly impossible (and that is when it goes well!). Still, there can be a silver lining to system migration! During this open, honest, (and possibly therapeutic) discussion, Karen Scoville and Liz Graham will share their experiences and talk about the unique issues law libraries experience as they transition to a new platform. Because migrations are a rare occurrence for many employees, measuring their success goes beyond getting the library’s information into the new platform. It must also be about recognizing and capitalizing on the unique opportunities system migrations bring about. Yes, migrating to a new platform is hard, but that does not mean it has to be an overwhelmingly negative experience for you and your team.

Elizabeth Graham: Liz began her law librarian career as the Access Services Librarian for the UCLA Law Library and since then has worked in academic libraries for more than a decade. Her library experience crosses multiple departments, including access, collection, and public services. She is currently the Head of Technical Services at the University Of Maryland Carey School Of Law, where she oversees library resources. Before that, she worked in various capacities at the Georgetown Law Library, including circulation, reference, and managing the acquisitions department. While most of Liz’s experience is in academic law libraries, she spent several years working and living in the small Gulf country of Qatar, where she provided library services to a diverse group of international students studying at Georgetown's School of Foreign Service.

Karen Scoville: Karen has worked at the Ross Blakley Law Library at Arizona State University in a variety of roles for nearly 20 years. She began in Access Services, working in circulation and stacks as a student and later staff member, before defecting to Technical Services, where she took on serials receiving, copy cataloging, and acquisition support. After earning her MLS, her duties gradually expanded to include all original cataloging, electronic resource and materials management, and reference services. The last Technical Services employee standing, Karen often jokes that she is the Technical Services department, and now handles all aspects of the collection from the cradle to the grave. Additionally, Karen has provided contract-cataloging services to firms in the Phoenix metro area for ten years.
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12:30 PM – 2:30 PM CT

**OBS-Hot Topic/Local Systems Committee Meeting Making Post System Migration Efficient and Effective**

Keiko Okuhara – Coordinator, the University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Bibliographic Services/Systems Librarian, William S. Richardson School of Law

Angela Jones, Moderator - Southern Methodist University, Head of Technical Services, Underwood Law Library, Dedman School of Law

Andi Molinet, Panelist - Sturm College of Law, Head of Technical Services, University of Denver, Westminster Law Library

Rebecca L. Bearden, Panelist - Boston University School of Law, Senior Serials & Metadata Librarian, Fineman and Pappas Law Libraries

Morgan Wood, Facilitator of the breakout session for the firm library - Holland & Knight LLP, Research Analyst

Chris Todd, Facilitator of the breakout session for the academic library/Alma users - Barco Law Library University of Pittsburgh, Systems Librarian

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The system migration is of interest to anybody who engages in the implementation. After go-live with a new system, the seemingly infinite work starts, including such as mass training, learning to get the hang of the new system; and creating a manual to maintain integrity in local practice. There should be some way to ease this painful undertaking to deal with after-the-fact surprises and new issues as you progress through the migration. This program focuses on the post-migration, to transform your library catalog into a service-oriented system to increase discovery, and to offer high quality, timely access to end-users.

Who should attend: Library directors, technical services librarians, system's librarians, public service librarians

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2:30 PM – 2:45 PM CT

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Online Bibliographic Services Special Interest Section (OBS-SIS) Business Meeting

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OBS-SIS:
● Fosters communication between public and technical services to improve access to resources through metadata and systems
● Explores opportunities for enhancing access to electronic resources through metadata and systems
● Facilitates the exchange of information about systems among its members
● Investigates and shares new ways to use metadata that enhance user access to information

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3:45 PM – 4:00 PM CT

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4:00 PM – 5:30 PM CT

Metadata Management Standing Committee (MMSC) Business Meeting

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The Metadata Management Standing Committee addresses issues on the cataloging and classification of legal resources. This meeting will be of interest to those working with cataloging and metadata.
Tuesday, July 28, 2020

9:00 AM – 9:50 AM CT

**TS Resource Management Roundtable: Budget Cuts & Collecting Pivots**

Discussion Lead: Wendy Moore

Discussion Lead: Heather Buckwalter

Discussion Lead: Gilda Chiu-Ousland

Discussion Lead: Anna Lawless-Collins

[Click here to attend](#) the TS Resource Management Roundtable

Please join in on a conversation on how law libraries are coping with budget cuts and collecting pivots. The Resource Management Standing Committee serves as the research and discussion group on areas of acquisitions, including collection development; acquisitions policies; encumbrance systems; accounting and record-keeping; internal acquisitions procedures; approval plans related to collection development and acquisitions policies; duplicate order control; and other topics within the scope of the preceding list. It provides a forum for addressing issues unique to serial publications, including, but not limited to, check-in systems, subscription agencies, binding, claiming, and recordkeeping. It focuses on measures to preserve legal information, in all formats, that is, at risk due to deterioration, neglect, or disaster and addresses issues related to the preservation of and access to digital content.

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM CT

**TS Heads of Cataloging in Larger Libraries**

Discussion Lead: Thomas Ma

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Join a session and have a conversation with colleagues who are catalogers' at large law libraries.
Tuesday, July 28, 2020

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM CT

**TS-Hot Topic: Technologies We Use**

Presenter: Jesse Lambertson

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**Jesse A Lambertson.** Jesse is the Metadata & Digital Resources Librarian at D'Angelo Law Library (U of Chicago), writes the Description & Entry column for Technical Services as well as book reviews for Library Journal - among other places. He likes metadata at scale, systems-thinking, and developing workflows and efficiencies (as well as bike riding, guitar, and theological/philosophical conversations)

Hot topic: Technologies We Use

We will be discussing technologies we use day-to-day: what works, what kinds of workarounds we have designed in certain situations, and what, if any, locally created tools we have implemented in the mode of programming, or the like. There are diverse libraries and technical arrangements represented in AALL’s TS-SIS and OBS-SIS - so this will be a fun topic to fill an hour.

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11:00 AM – 11:15 AM CT

**Break**

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11:15 AM – 12:15 PM CT

**Management Issues Virtual Roundtable**

Discussion Lead: Alan Keely

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Please join us on Tuesday, July 28, the very first TS-SIS Management Issues Virtual Roundtable. Once again, we hope to have a lively discussion facilitated by Alan Keely. For those of you who have never attended the roundtable. We usually start by discussing a scenario and ways to address it. In the course of the discussion, other ideas surface, and the conversation takes off from there. If you have issues you wish to discuss, there is also time for that as well.
Within LC's Law Cataloging Section, there has always been training specifically to meet the needs of the section. Also, a program was prepared for non-law catalogers to facilitate them, recognizing when to send a book to the Law Section. Over the last few years, there have also been regular continuing education through quarterly cataloging forums, and last year these were all combined to produce a comprehensive training package for non-law catalogers working with Middle Eastern materials to start doing legal materials. Due to communications issues in doing a live program with LC's Nairobi office, a complete session was recorded using WebEx and existed as eight, roughly one hour, webinars. One possibility is that a revised version of that eight-ten hour training program, covering all areas of law cataloging, could be permanently adapted both for use in training law catalogers at LC and perhaps being adapted for general use by law catalogers elsewhere. In its current form, the training assumes those being trained are already competent in applying descriptive rules (RDA, etc.), LCSH, LCGFT, and LCC (for non-K schedules). The video training is highly LC-Centric, and integrates descriptive, subject, and classification, unlike typical LC and PCC training, which focuses on single aspects in isolation. It also includes enough discussion of substantive law and legal history so that a cataloger without a law degree will understand enough legalese to function professionally as a law cataloger. An additional issue is how to deal with current cataloging practices that require revision or perhaps even "wrong." The law cataloging community should consider if this already existent training curriculum should be adopted for general use, and how.

This session will be of interest to those desiring to learn more about training opportunities for catalogers.

Aaron Kuperman. Aaron is the Acting Section Head of LC's Law Cataloging Section At LC since 1987, retiring, hopefully, in the foreseeable future. Retired as a columnist for Technical Services Law Librarian (after 20 years). B.S. in Journalism from Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism, A.M. in Library Science from the late Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago, JD from Cardozo School of Law of Yeshiva University. A retired member of the New York Bar.
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**Break**

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**Vendor Supplied Records Advisory Working Group (VRAG) Meeting**

Discussion Lead: Heather Buckwalter

Discussion Lead: Tom Ma

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The mission of this working group is to assist and encourage vendors to use appropriate national cataloging and authority standards. They have a recommended list of vendor records that are available to law libraries.

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**Break and No Conflict Time**

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**Technical Services Special Interest Section (TS-SIS) Business & Awards Meeting**

Chair: Pat Sayre-McCoy

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TS-SIS promotes the communication of ideas, interests, and research in all areas of law library technical services, including acquisitions, cataloging and classification, preservation, binding, serials control, and management.

Join the Technical Services SIS in the annual business and awards meeting. Help Technical Services salute TS and AALL award winners.
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Break

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5:00 PM – 6:00 PM CT

Technical Services Special Interest Section (TS-SIS) Incoming/Outgoing Board & Committee Chairs Meeting
Chair: Pat Sayre-McCoy
Incoming Chair: Carol Morgan Collins

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