Digital Collections

- BookOps collaborated with NYPL staff on a pilot project to test a process to “unlock” in-copyright, out-of-print titles and make them accessible again via digital editions. Catalogers provided metadata for titles selected from the research collections. NYPL worked with the Authors’ Guild to identify and contact rights holders, and with a vendor to produce an e-Pub and a hard-copy reproduction.
- NYPL continues to send public-domain books and serials for digitization by Google at a current rate of 10-12K volumes per year. NYPL has sent over 400K volumes to Google since August 2005.

Library Management System/ILS

- Library leadership tasked a team with exploring tangible short-term improvements to NYPL’s catalog and discovery experience and develop a vision for the future of these technologies. No ideal off-the-shelf Catalog and Discovery technology solution exists that can support all business processes, owing to NYPL’s unique structure as a large research and circulating library.
- NYPL is currently running on Sierra 4.1 from Innovative Interfaces, with a planned move to Sierra 4.4 this fall. NYPL currently offers three distinct public catalog interfaces--Innovative’s Encore and WebPAC, and the NYPL-developed Shared Collection Catalog, a first step toward a new discovery layer for the Research Libraries. A Library Services Platform working group developed a roadmap of incremental improvements for short- and medium-term implementation.

Midtown Campus Renovation Project

Planning continues for the closure of the Science, Industry and Business Library (SIBL) in FY20 and the transfer of its research collections to offsite storage (ReCAP) and to the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building (SASB). Since September 2018, 125K volumes have been transferred to SASB and 170K volumes were sent off site through May.

Shelf-Ready

NYPL is receiving shelf-ready monographs from Amalivre and Casalini. In FY19 we added two more vendors (Cambeiro and Puvill) to our shelf-ready program, with adjustments planned in FY20. NYPL shelf-ready monographs are in languages other than English and ship directly from our Library Services Center to offsite storage at ReCAP, where they become part of the Shared Collection.

Personnel

- Andrew Medlar started as the new Director of BookOps in March 2018. Andrew comes to us from Chicago Public Library, where he was Assistant Chief, Technology, Content & Innovation and where he oversaw that library's multi-million dollar program covering city-wide collection management, technical services and special collections work. He has led innovative programs such as patron driven acquisitions and developed collaborative partnerships with regional library consortia and the Chicago Collections Consortium.
• Michael Santangelo was promoted in November 2018 to Deputy Director, Collection Management, from his previous role as Assistant Director, Acquisitions. He replaces Charlene Rue, who retired at the end of FY18.

• Tomasz Kalata was promoted in February 2019 to Manager, Cataloging Metadata, a new role which focuses on applications used in Cataloging and elsewhere within BookOps by staff who work with bibliographic metadata. Tomasz developed several applications which are used to manipulate and load MARC records; a QC bot for quality control of catalog records; and is working on a new application to automate the copy cataloging workflow for title in non-English languages.

• BookOps has ended its search for a music cataloger. We are pleased that Alica Stephens will join the Cataloging team in June 2019 as a Senior Librarian.

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