University of Wisconsin-Madison
Report for ALA Annual Meeting 2019

ALCTS Technical Services Directors of Large Research Libraries

General

- Lisa R. Carter assumed her position as Vice Provost for Libraries and University Librarian on August 1, 2018
- Doug Way will be leaving his position as AUL for Collections and Research Services in mid-July 2019 to become Dean of Libraries at the University of Kentucky
- Jackie Crinion is retiring as Asst. Dir. for Acquisitions
- As part of library consolidation, the Engineering and Geography libraries closed in FY19 with their resources being redistributed to other libraries on campus or off-site shelving. In FY20 the Astronomy, Math, and Physics libraries will be combined into a new single collection in the former Physics library space.
- Our central Acquisitions and Cataloging physical space is currently being remodeled into a modern open office that will also be shared with staff from UW Digital Collections and our applications developers
- UW-Madison is a participant in Phase II of HathiTrust Shared Print and added retention commitments to 30,000 titles (in addition to the 750,000 commitments from Phase I)

Cataloging & Metadata Services

- UW-Madison completed a Data Sync project with OCLC but decided not to turn on WorldCat Updates; we are currently developing an in-house process for identifying and deleting OCLC holdings for titles no longer represented in our local ILS
- We are continuing gift-funded outsourcing projects with Backstage to complete Special Collections retrospective conversion and the cataloging of major collections of Yiddish materials and engineering technical reports
- Wisconsin is a major contributor to the BTAA Cooperative Cataloging Partnership. In FY19 we cataloged almost 300 titles for other institutions in Slavic, East Asian, and South Indian languages. At the same time, we outsourced the cataloging of 90 titles in Hebrew and Turkic languages to BTAA partners
- Our E-Resources Cataloging Coordinator has been given supervisory responsibilities with 3 FTE direct reports
- One of our principle catalogers has been designated Cataloging Coordinator for Special Collections as we increase the integration of cataloging staff into Special Collections workflow
- UW-Madison has formed a Critical Cataloging Interest Group to explore and suggest solutions for overcoming bias in technical services practice, especially as found in LCSH

Linked Data

- In January 2019 we added the display of so-called InfoCards to the full record display in our discovery layer. For name headings that are under authority control, the InforCard displays information retrieved from DBPedia and Wikidata.

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