Better Together

Cataloging and Metadata Librarians, Archivists, and New Understandings for Description and Discovery

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Overview

• Technical services organizational structure
• Shared metadata philosophy
• Training and education
• Manuscripts metadata migration
• Challenges and achievements
• Looking forward
Organizational structure

- Integrated special collections and non-special collections units
- Metadata Analysis and Design (MAD) group:
  - Archivist
  - Processing Archivist
  - Processing Specialist
  - Metadata Librarians (3)
  - Metadata Specialist
  - Metadata Librarian-turned-Manager
Metadata philosophy

- Arrangement and description
- Schema + content standard + controlled vocabulary = metadata
Training and education

- Society of American Archivists (SAA) training and webinars
  - Arrangement & Description
  - More Product, Less Process (MPLP)
  - EAD3 webinar
- ALCTS webinars
  - Future of Technical Services series
  - From MARC to BIBFRAME series
Manuscripts metadata migration

• From paper to a second-generation content management system
• Inputs:
  • MARC records
  • EADXML documents
  • Digital objects
  • Finding aids in MS Word*
  • Finding aids in paper
• Output:
  • Single, unified EADXML

*we’ve built an app for that:
Transmog on Github -
https://github.com/uvalib/transmog
Challenges and achievements

- John Warner papers
  - Before:
    - 19 MARC records
    - 841 item records
    - 2 EADXML documents
  - After:
    - 1 MARC record
    - 1 EADXML document
Challenges and achievements

- **Challenges**
  - Data encoding errors
  - MARC records as a product of their time
  - Validation failures
  - System limitations
- **Achievements**
  - MARC + EAD = EAD
  - (Cataloging/metadata librarian + Archivist = collection discovery)
Looking forward: projects and initiatives

- Manuscripts metadata migration in production
- Web archiving
- Zepheria/Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA)
- Social Networks in Archival Context Cooperative (SNAC-C)
Looking forward: as an organization

- New leadership
- New possibilities for organizational arrangement
Thank you

Questions or comments?

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