Looking outward

Preparing for cataloging practice through interdisciplinary studies

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BACKGROUND IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
Goal

Well-prepared new librarians who:

• Are adaptable
• Make sound local decisions
• Contribute a diversity of perspectives to cataloging and metadata work
What if:

Future catalog and metadata librarians need fewer courses focused on learning library-specific standards.

Greater understanding of potentially related disciplines were employed to prepare new librarians

We expected metadata and catalog librarians to master the relevant standards on the job.
Interdisciplinary approaches
Looking towards other fields
Interdisciplinary approach & metadata
Interdisciplinary studies & metadata
What about library standards & context?
”RDA is a package of data elements, guidelines, and instructions for creating library and cultural heritage resource metadata that are well-formed according to international models for user-focused linked data applications.” – About RDA
A couple of core competencies

- Application of universal standards within a local context
- Integration, mapping, and transformation of metadata within a bibliographic system
Preparing for full engagement in metadata profession:

- Constructive critique of standards
- Local implementation of standards
- Research on user needs
- Understanding the universe being described
- Technical requirements
- Historical context
Potential relationship between studying specific standards & metadata librarianship careers

Specific standards coursework

Focus of career in metadata
## Metadata-related Courses

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Entry-level metadata librarian job requirements
What if metadata librarians:

- History
- Business analytics
- Theory & Philosophy
- Data modeling
- Computer science
- Design
- User experience research
- Social science research
Thanks!

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