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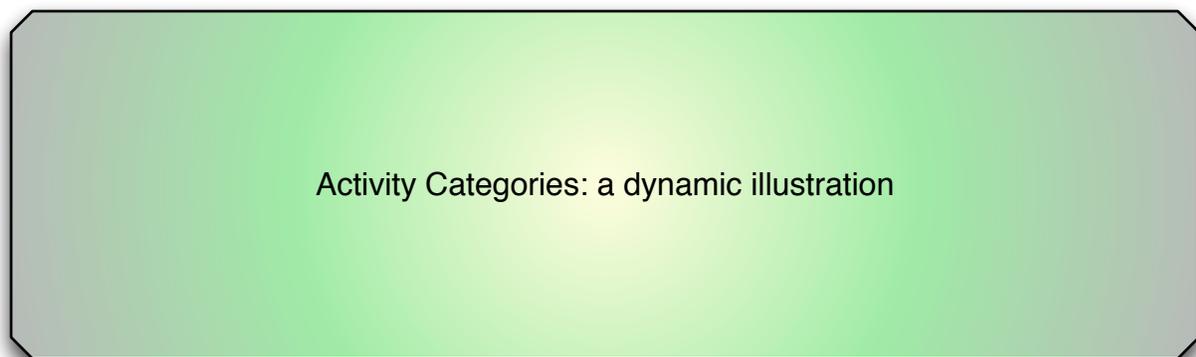**Web scale library management services** (Lorcan Dempsey's weblog)

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Research : Activities

Activities

One of the world's leading centers devoted to exploration, innovation and community building on behalf of libraries, archives and museums, OCLC Research is dedicated to helping cultural heritage institutions more effectively serve users of information and collections.

Activity Categories: a dynamic illustration

List of all current activites

Academic Research Excellence Landscape Survey. A study which scopes the terrain and proposes a common vocabulary. Lead: Ricky Erway, John MacColl.

Classify. To prototype cataloging productivity tools using FRBR worksets. Lead: Vizine-Goetz. **RW**.

Disciplinary Research Behaviors and Library Services White Paper. To provide a high level summary of recent literature on disciplinary research behaviors and suggest how these might best be accommodated in library services. Part of Survey the Academic Research Excellence Landscape project--may become part of a new Personal Research Collections project under same theme and program. Lead: Constance Malpas.

VIAF. Demostrate the feasibility of an VIAF and then take VIAF past prototype stage. Lead: Edward O'Neill.

WorldMap. A data mining project to support the ARL Global Resources Network Project; and provide information for decision making in regards to remote storage, collection management, marketing, and cooperative collection development, preservation, and digitization. Lead: Lynn Connaway. **RW**.

RW (use an icon)

Some of the activities listed here have prototypes or demonstrations you can explore and play with. You can find a list of just those hands-on activities in **ResearchWorks**.

SW (use an icon)

A few of these activities have generated software that you can **software** and build upon. Go to our **software** page for a list of only those activities.

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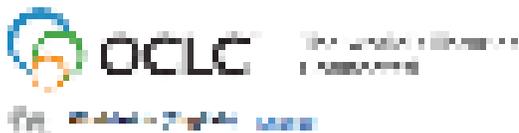Subscribe to OCLC Research News

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ResearchWorks

Welcome to OCLC ResearchWorks, OCLC's research laboratory. ResearchWorks demonstrates a few of our ideas for applying new technologies to organize information. In some cases, they serve as examples of things you can develop or incorporate into your own systems.

These are explorations and works in progress. We invite you to play with these prototypes and **send us your ideas**.

Note: these demonstrations are still in development, and they may perform erratically or disappear without notice. If something is not working on this page when you visit, please come back and try it again later.

ResearchWorks Activites

Audience Level. Enter an ISBN, ISSN, or OCLC WorldCat number for a book, and view an estimated audience-level indicator for the item's FRBR workset. Lead: John Doe.

Classify. To prototype cataloging productivity tools using FRBR worksets. Lead: Vizine-Goetz.

Crosswalk Web Service (CWS). Translate a group of metadata records from one format to another.. Lead: John Doe.

DeweyBrowser. Browse and search collections organized by the DDC. Lead: Jane Doe.

ERRoL. Browse OAI repositories easily, and build services on top of them. Lead: John Doe. **SW**

FAST. The rich vocabulary of LCSH in a simpler syntax. Lead: John Doe

FictionFinder. Locate fiction for your reading pleasure. Search by favorite author, title, genre, and more. Lead: Jane Doe.

Info URI. Come here to define identifier schemes (LCCNs, OCLC#, etc.). Lead: Jane Doe.

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WorldMap

This is not a complete version of the WorldMap page. It is meant to be illustrative of an activity page. The key takeaway is that every activity has one (and only one) landing page. They should be constructed in a similar way. From here you can point off to prototypes (as this page does) or a collaborative "members-only" space as some other activities might. Software downloads, references, publications, and all the rest of the output of an activity should be referenced from the activity landing page.

The OCLC WorldMap is a prototype system that provides an interactive visual tool for selecting and displaying international library holdings represented in WorldCat, and publishing, library, cultural heritage, and collection data.

Why we developed this prototype

People can be inundated by an overwhelming amount of information. One method for organizing and retrieving geographically-based information is to use maps for data visualization.

Data such as those presented in this prototype can be used to provide information for decision making in regards to remote storage, collection management, marketing, and cooperative collection development, preservation, and digitization.
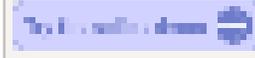
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If it were true, then we would say that this work has been sponsored by a grant from the **Andrew W. Mellon Foundation**.

Research team

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JD Shipengrover

Timothy J. Dickey

ResearchWorks

This activity is part of **ResearchWorks**. Use of our prototypes is subject to **OCLC's terms and conditions**. By continuing past this point, you agree to abide by these terms.

Additional Info

Key to OCLC WorldMap display (.pdf: 607K/6 pp.)

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We invite you to draw on our publications for information and ideas. Browse archival copies of **newsletters** on information technology, trends, and projects, review **articles** that originally appeared in print, listen to **PARcasts** interviewing colleagues around the library, archive, and museum landscape, or explore **reports** and **presentations** results from collaborative work and international conferences.

2009

Dempsey, Lorcan. 2009. "**Always On: Libraries in a World of Permanent Connectivity**." First Monday, 14,1 (5 January).

2008

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Godby, Carol Jean, Devon Smith, and Eric R. Childress. 2008. "**Toward Element-level Interoperability in Bibliographic Metadata**." The Code4Lib Journal, 2 (2008-03-24).

Lavoie, Brian. 2008. "**The Fifth Blackbird: Some Thoughts on Economically Sustainable Digital Preservation**." D-Lib Magazine, 14,3/4 (March/April).

Above the Fold

Don't miss our current newsletter: **Above the Fold**.

Blogs

In addition to these more formal communications, many of our staff share insights and opinions on a variety of **blogs**. To get a more dynamic view of what's going on in OCLC Research, check out these staff **blogs**.

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Above the Fold. A weekly current awareness
newsletter for the changing world of libraries,
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Archived newsletters

RLG DigiNews. A bimonthly Web newsletter of
reports on evolving practices and technology for
digitizing materials and digital preservation of
research collections, as well as in-depth
coverage of notable projects in the field.

RLG Focus. A bimonthly electronic newsletter
for users of RLG's information resources and
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RLG News. A full-color news magazine
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RLG TopShelf. A monthly email of news from
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OCLC Research program officers, research scientists, and staff have a wide range of expertise. They develop software, consult with partners, organize events, develop collaborative projects, facilitate working groups, and pursue other professional interests.

Through the **Members Council** Research Service Group, representatives of the OCLC membership have the opportunity to meet with OCLC researchers and exchange ideas and information about current trends and research regarding digital libraries. The **RLG Partnership** also provides additional opportunities to interact with OCLC Research staff.

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Research : People : Ricky Erway

Ricky Erway

Senior program officer, works on topics related to mass digitization
(policies, end-user behaviors, and increasing the scale of digitization of
special collections).

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Publications

**This is really meant to be a list of all Ricky's
publications.** OCLC Senior Research Scientist
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On the road

Ricky Erway at CNI 4/6

Brian Lavoie at AASE 5/3

Lorcan Dempsey at JISC 5/15

Constance Malpas at DLF 9/22

...more road trips

Upcoming Meetings and Speakers

2 May 2009   **RLG Partnership LAM Panel** at American Association of Museums (AAM)   Philadelphia, PA

1–3 June 2009   **2009 RLG Partnership Annual Meeting** at the Radisson Hotel   Boston, MA

10-13 July 2009   **RLG Partnership Meetings** at ALA Annual   Chicago, IL

11 July 2009   **RLG Partnership LAM Panel** at the American Library Association (ALA)   Chicago, IL

15 August 2009   **RLG Partnership LAM Panel** at the Society of American Archivists (SAA)   Austin, TX

Recent Events

23–28 January 2009   **RLG Programs** at ALA Midwinter   Denver, CO

5–6 November 2008   **2008 European Partner Meeting** at the Radisson SAS Hotel   Paris-Boulogne

17 October 2008   **SHARES Meeting** at Yale University   New Haven, CT

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Paper airplanes soar outside OR offices. This report provides an interpretation of the results of an
RLG Partnership survey about best practices in metadata creation workflows
November 2008. (1/15/09)

OCLC researcher named MacArthur Fellow. Use an OCLC resource to
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happening between these three different types of
institutions.

Outgoing
Thom Hickey, Chief Scientist for OCLC Research,
covering library metadata techniques and trends.
Weibel Lines Stuart Weibel, Senior Research
Scientist for OCLC research, featuring ruminations
on libraries and Internet standards.

It's all good
Five OCLC staff, including PAR's Eric Childress,
share personal, unvetted reflections on issues and
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Enter by July 2009!

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For libraries and other research institutions who want to invest money and staff in collaboratively designing their future services, the RLG Partnership is a global alliance of like-minded institutions that focuses on making operational processes more efficient and shaping new scholarly services by directly engaging senior managers. The RLG Partnership is supported by the full capacities of OCLC Research, informed by an international, system-wide perspective, and connected to the broad array of OCLC products and services.

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Offices

We have two offices.

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HangingTogether
A place where some of the staff at the RLG Programs partnership of libraries, archives, and museums, talk about the intersections we see happening between these three different types of institutions.

Outgoing
Thom Hickey, Chief Scientist for OCLC Research, covering library metadata techniques and trends. Weibel Lines Stuart Weibel, Senior Research Scientist for OCLC research, featuring ruminations on libraries and Internet standards.

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Five OCLC staff, including PAR's Eric Childress, share personal, unvetted reflections on issues and news that impact libraries and their users.