Regional collaboration and global visibility to a global audience

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Workshop

• Short presentation to set the scene: examples from OCLC’s experience

• Split in workgroups: discuss values of regional and global cooperation

• Re-unite and share: each workgroup presents essential findings
What if all libraries were able to work within their region as they have always done…

…**AND**…

…at the same time connect with libraries globally to create a huge network of shared knowledge for all to see?
WHAT ARE REGIONAL AND GLOBAL SERVICES?
Library Consortia in Europe

Some well known consortia providing regional software services to libraries
Community, Innovation, Technology:
Fifty Years of Sharing Knowledge

The Regional Services

1967  July 6, OCLC founded as a cooperative of Ohio university libraries

1971  First book cataloged online into Ohio central database used to print catalog cards

1975  Data Provisioning for library systems from the central shared catalog

1979  Interlibrary Loan online system using the shared central catalog

198x  OCLC expands across Americas as well as to Europe, Africa and Asia-Pacific
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<td>1991</td>
<td>Aggregated searching of library catalogs from around the world (FirstSearch)</td>
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<td>1995</td>
<td>Ingest of vendor metadata in addition to librarians cataloging</td>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>Electronic copy in addition to paper copy for global resource sharing</td>
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<td>2006</td>
<td>Public web searching of global library material (WorldCat.org &amp; web syndication)</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>Cloud infrastructure for library services (WorldShare)</td>
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Very similar services
General structure of library IT services

Metadata Infrastructure is both…

• **The technology** to store and manage metadata centrally and/or regionally for a group
• **The network of relationships** with partners and services in that process
Lifecycle of scholarly communication

- Publish
- Write
- Study / Research
- Read
- Libraries

Global nature of content creation and publication

Regional nature of library cooperation

WEB of data
Infrastructure Evolution

EVOLVE LOCAL WORKFLOWS
BETTER EFFICIENCIES
GREATER VISIBILITY

Connect the regional with the global
GLOBALIZATION DOES NOT MEAN HOMOGENIZATION

Globalization happens by *opening up* to the essential differences in the world and *integrating* them with a *global platform*.
Syndeo

Evolve regional metadata practices

and

Connect with libraries globally
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Services

• WorldCat shared cataloging
• WorldCat Discovery
• Regional and global Resource Sharing

Regional specific:
National authority file in Māori available during cataloging
Services

- WorldCat shared cataloging
- WorldCat National Authority File
- WorldCat Discovery
- WorldShare Interlibrary Loan
- WorldShare Acquisitions & Circulation

Regional specific:
National authority file Canadiana
- Available during cataloging and
- Maintained in the same system
Jisc (UK)

Components

• Regional aggregated catalog
• WorldCat.org visibility

Objectives

• Build foundation for shared collection development and shared print initiatives
• Increase visibility of library collections worldwide

Regional specific:
Aggregate national metadata with full regional governance
French National Infrastructure
ABES (France)

Components

• Regional shared catalog
• WorldCat as global data source
• WorldCat.org visibility

Objectives

• Primary cataloging for all academic institutions, using UNIMARC
• Global visibility of library collections and resource discovery

Regional specific:
Shared cataloging with full regional governance
WORKSHOP
3 Questions per Workgroup

1. What things are truly region/country specific for you?

2. Which services beyond regional borders would help you increase the impact of your library?

3. How could your library help others beyond regional borders?
WORKGROUP REPORTS
Are your libraries connected to
the global knowledge network?

www.are-you-connected.org
Thank you

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