

Consortium Master Catalog (OPAC) Project



Objectives

- Using mostly existing digital data from each library, create an Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) of materials for each library plus summarization for the consortium as a whole, starting with digital magazine holdings
- Must be capable of being expanded to catalog any/all other materials

First steps

- Collect existing digital catalog files from each library
- Export data from those files to a GoogleSheet (GSheet) for each library

Establish Specific Data Elements Needed for Master Catalog

- Use catalog of Johnson Library and develop digital GSheet version of Johnson catalog, including a master title names listing
- Using further review of Johnson, plus evaluation of all other data captured from the libraries, create specific data elements to be captured for each magazine

Develop Title Name Translation Table

- Evaluate catalog holdings from each library title by title
- Link each library title to the corresponding master title
- Many of these translations will be trivial, but all must be checked

Translate non-title data elements

- Evaluate data from each library, magazine by magazine, against fields on OPAC
- Determine any edits needed to transfer into proper OPAC fields for each library
- Run scripts to make edits if needed
- Copy edited library data to proper columns of OPAC
- Repeat for each library

Finishing steps

- Summarization section: Which libraries hold which magazines?
- Create search protocols and links by various elements - - title, publisher, format, publication dates, etc.
- Link OPAC >> GSuite scans for each title and provide immediate search capability
- Link OPAC >> Johnson data each title

“Johnson Data” for each title

- Earlier title names, later title names
- Dates & numbers first and last issues
- Format (magazine size), normal pages, frequency of issue
- Short description of content, publisher, country, languages
- Illustrated (Y/N) and Johnson’s code for type of illustrations