Connected collections

An update from the University of London

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- 17 federal member institutions with their own libraries
- 9 institutes at the University of London's School of Advanced Study, 4 with their own libraries
- University of London 'Worldwide' (distance programmes), with digital library service

- Senate House Library is the 'central resource' (arts, humanities, social sciences, 2m+ items, 50 named special collections, 1,800 archives)
- Federal Collections Group to coordinate activity across key institutions, with internal SHL Collections Group looking after acquisitions, cataloguing and stock management

SHL collection management

- SHL work to date:
  - Completed RFID tagging 547,000 open shelf items (September 2018)
  - Completed barcoding and cataloguing for 80,000 items from integrated collections (June 2019)
  - Completed remedial cataloguing for 20,000 more SHL items (June 2019)
  - Started decant of 165,000 from Tower storage to third party storage to create 4,000 linear metres 'swing space' for reclassification (complete by December 2019)
  - Associated cataloguing and barcoding of 65,000 items (complete by December 2019)
  - Submission of 350,000 records for reclassification of various open shelf sequences to single sequence Library of Congress
  - Stock moves for 547,000 items planned from autumn 2020 to spring 2021
  - New sequencing work for depository, with disposal of stock identified under UKRR

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- Various collection segmentation exercises (LSE, UCL) with broad agreement on categorisations
- Use of Greenglass for project management (KCL, UCL; others to join)
- 'Metadata day' and plan M to review metadata ecosystem and define 'good enough' data for NBK
- Planning for cooperative storage model amongst participating federal members, with potential de-duplication of low use / legacy content; various partners identified
- Shift from print to digital (global register of digital books) to reduce further the number of retained copies
- Planning linked to RLUK collections strategy network, with desire to bring all elements together as proof of concept for 'UKRR-M' (discussions ongoing with British Library)