Sharing & Standards

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Standards

- Full RDA records preferred

- Greater accuracy in using long-standing cataloguing practices

- Chief offenders: code fields, 020, 776, country codes identifiers, date of electronic resources, for example

- All metadata should describe the specific resource e.g. if using a print record to describe an electronic publication ALL expression level fields need updating

Sharing

- Cataloguers accept and embrace the need to add value for metadata themselves, but when they do so, wish to share this work with their community

- Collaborative Collection management demands that shared print resources are jointly discoverable (perhaps even jointly owned under schemes like UKRRM)

- The change in education and research delivery across the sector mean that libraries must be able to collaborate
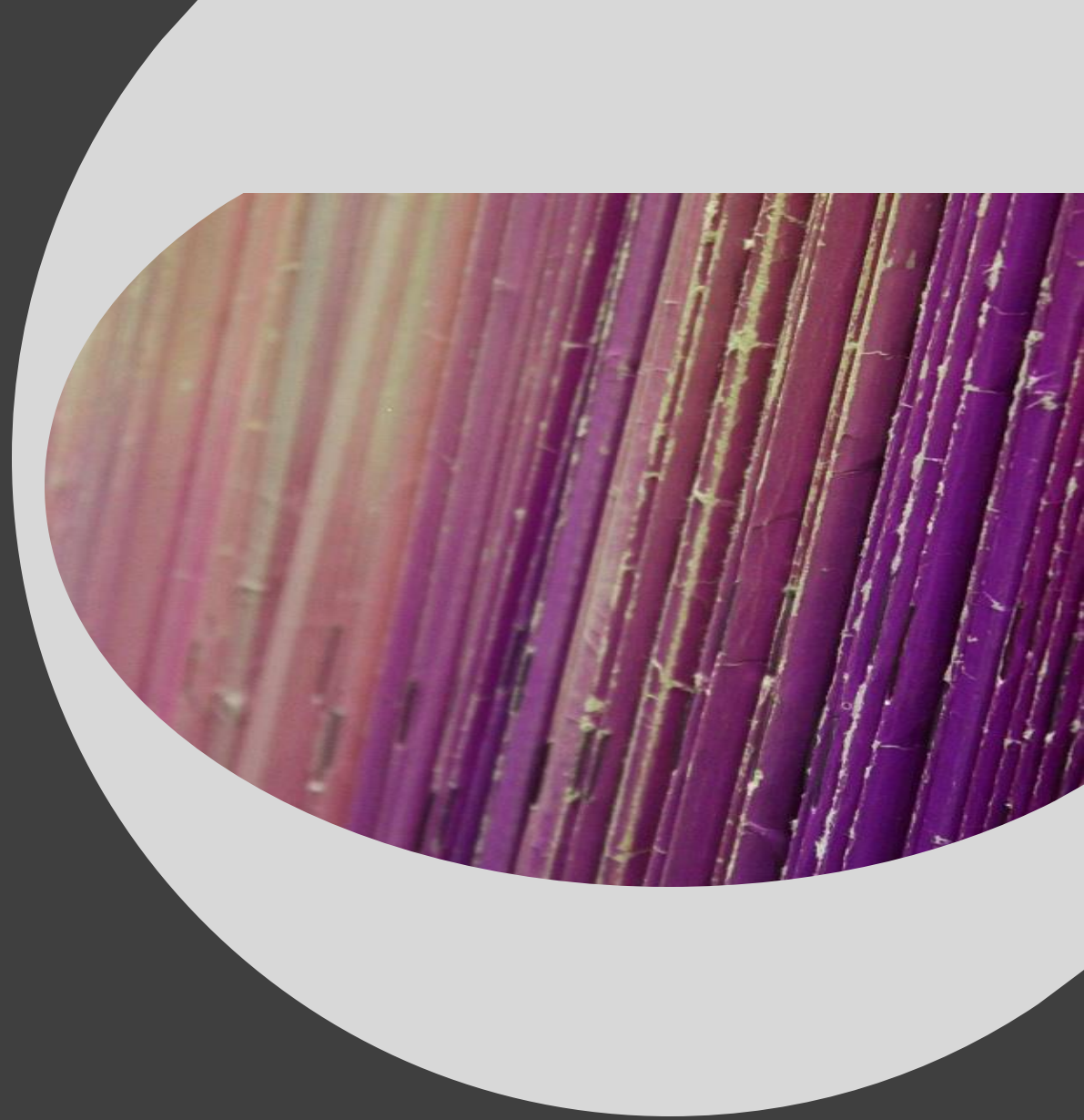
Benefits for Providers

- Demonstrates responsiveness to evolving customer requirements for integrated and automated workflows

- Greater customer satisfaction & enhanced business reputation

- Streamlined workflows & end-to-end processes to drive discovery and access

- Increased confidence that usage data accurately reflects the true value & relevance of resources

- Releases staff time & money to invest in metadata initiatives - especially Search, Discovery & Access

- More opportunities for collaborative ventures.

Benefits for Libraries

- Better search & discovery experience via catalogues, knowledgebases & Google

- Greater customer satisfaction & enhanced reputation as a service provider

- Streamlined workflows – less delays or need for manual intervention

- More accurate & reliable usage data to inform decision making

- Demonstrable return on investment for resources, systems & services

- Release staff time for collaborative ventures with service providers, other libraries
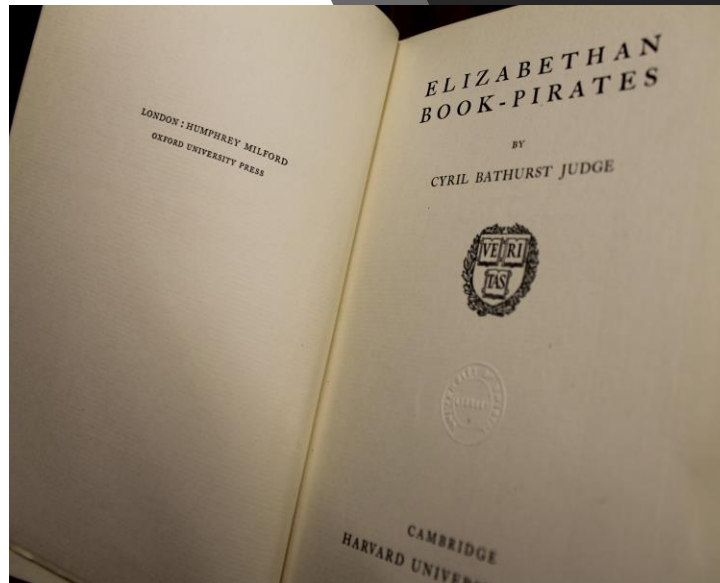
Thinking big

- I want to be able to share the work that I do

- I want to use, and not repeat, the work that other librarians do

- I want this sharing to be international

- I want any metadata I buy (or feel compelled to accept as part of a subscription or package we pay for) to be of a consistent and nationally agreed standard

- I want to own the above metadata so that I can re-use, share and re-purpose it

- I want to legally make use of available technology to enrich and share my metadata

- I want to be able to talk about, enrich and share my metadata without it being sliced and diced by re-use licences that may or may not exist

- I want metadata I link to as part of library spend (subscriptions, LMS knowledge-bases, Jisc's KB+) to meet the same standards of metadata that we explicitly buy and create

- I want e-resource description to meet the same FISO standards as print so that I, and users, can quickly identify and access appropriate resources regardless of how they have been paid for or provided

- I want the value of good OA resource description to be recognised and increased and not exploited by commercial providers as part of big deals

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Outcomes

- *Convened by representatives from the library community and supported by Jisc, 'Metadata Day' took place on 22 May at the University of London. It was attended by a wide range of stakeholders, who came together as a community to consider the metadata ecosystem, and specific needs of the library sector, in the context of the National Bibliographic Knowledgebase. Discussions were positive and all parties gained a greater understanding of the interests of each other, agreeing that by working collaboratively everyone would gain greater value from their existing relationships. As a result, an action plan was proposed, focusing on moving towards a common definition of key information that underpins 'quality' metadata, and an open licence framework to facilitate the use and re-use of metadata. Three pieces of research were also identified. Task and finish groups will be convened to take these activities forward.*