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Metadata for Transmedia Resources

Ana Vukadin. 2019

Chandos Publishing

Metadata for Transmedia Resources offers insight into some of the challenges, both conceptual and practical, of describing and providing access to transmedia resources in libraries. Whether introducing specific new demands or shedding new light on the long-existing questions in the realm of bibliographic organization, transmedia content delivery calls for the rethinking of principles, standards and workflows used in descriptive cataloguing. The book explores theories and practices of bibliographic organization in the context of their application to transmedia resources, focusing on current tendencies, such as implementation of FRBR model(s) and RDF syntax.

Key Features

- Explores transmedia from the point-of-view of information organization
- Uses concrete examples of recent publishing practices, such as ‘media convergence’, new forms of authorship etc., to evaluate data models, standards, formats and technologies used in, or proposed for, today’s bibliographic organization
- Presents an original and unique approach to the topic

Academic Libraries and Public Engagement with Science and Technology

Eileen Harrington. 2019

Chandos Publishing

Libraries have historically played a role as a community builder, providing resources and spaces where knowledge can be archived, shared and created. They can also play a pivotal role in fostering the public’s understanding of science and scientific processes. From makerspaces to data visualization labs to exhibits, many libraries already delve into scientific explorations and many more could join them. Scientists often need to include “broader impacts” goals in grant proposals, but they might not know where to begin or feel that they do not have the time to devote to public engagement. This is where libraries and librarians can help.

Research in science communication also supports tapping into libraries for public engagement with science. Studies show that it is important for scientists to present findings in an apolitical way—not aligning with one solution or one way of thinking and not being seen as an activist (Druckman, 2015; Jamieson & Hardy, 2014). One of the core tenets of librarians and libraries is to present information in a neutral way. Research also shows that Informal conversations about science can have a greater

effect on people than reading about it online or hearing about it on the news (Eveland & Cooper, 2013). Again, libraries can play a role in fostering these types of conversations.

Key Features

- Demonstrates concrete ways that libraries and librarians can play a role in fostering public engagement with science
- Features best practices and case studies of different types of programming and services that libraries can offer
- Provides a conduit to bring informal science educators, communication officers, and librarians together to explore ways to align their work to promote scientific literacy

Conversations with Leading Academic and Research Library Directors

Patrick Lo, Dickson Chiu, Allan Cho, and Brad Allard. 2018

Chandos Publishing

Conversations with Leading Academic and Research Library Directors: International Perspectives on Library Management presents a series of conversations with the directors of major academic and research libraries. The book offers insight, analysis, and personal anecdote from leaders in the library field, giving a unique perspective on how the modern library operates. Readers will learn about the most up-to-date trends and practices in the LIS profession from the directors of 24 internationally acclaimed academic and research libraries in Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Russia, Singapore, and the UK and USA.

This is the first book focusing on leaders and managers of library institutions to offer a global outlook. Facing the need to respond to the expectations of changing populations that librarians strive to serve, this book aims to develop a new understanding of the core values

of academic and research libraries, and asks how librarians can innovate, adapt, and flourish in a rapidly shifting professional landscape.

Key Features

- Presents conversations with library leaders from 24 major institutions
- Offers a global perspective on the operation and management of libraries
- Discusses the director's impact on institutional structures and future landscapes
- Gives insights based on first-hand experience

Front-Line Librarianship

Guy Robertson. 2018

Chandos Publishing

Front-Line Librarianship: Life on the Job for Librarians presents a diverse range of observations, viewpoints and useful commentary on the current workplace experiences of librarians and their associates. The book's author presents an unrivalled portrait of front-line librarianship that is based upon his unique experience and voice. Chapters consider workplace matters, the fate of hardcopy books, speech making at conferences, the effects of recessions on libraries, continuing education, and corporate gift-giving programs. This book will make an excellent and useful addition to library collections in library science.

Key Features

- Tells stories and presents interviews, bringing color and texture to library experience
- Shows librarianship from the perspective of a long-term practitioner
- Gives different approaches to a great range of real-life workplace issues

Developing New Services, Targeting New Users

Alvin Hutchinson. 2018

Chandos Publishing

Science Libraries in the Self Service Age:

Developing New Services, Targeting New Users suggests ways in which libraries can remain relevant to their institution. This book describes the myriad of new services and user communities which science librarians have recently incorporated into their routines. Where applicable, the book focuses on both researcher needs and the simple economics that emphasize the need for new service development. Science librarians will have to adapt to changing behaviors and needs if they want to remain a part of their organization's future. As this trend has hastened science librarians to develop new services, many of them aimed at audiences or user groups which had not typically

used the library, this book provides timely tactics on which to build a cohesive plan.

Key Features

- Provides a list of practical, targeted services which science librarians can implement
- Presents unified topics previously only dealt with separately (data management services, scholarly communication, digital preservation, etc.)
- Considers economic and resource issues in developing new services
- Written by an experienced librarian at a global institution