TOWARDS COUNTER-CULTURAL COMPETENCIES:

Mutual Metadata Creation and the Zine Union Catalog Project

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WHAT ARE ZINES?

▪ Self-produced, self-published, and self-distributed

▪ Non-commercial

▪ Give voice to those not often heard in mainstream media

▪ Primary sources documenting social, political, and artistic movements

Zines are tricky to catalog

Genres and topics often fall outside the mainstream; their categorization and context needs to remain fluid.

Anonymity and multiple identities are essential to the voices behind zines, their publication, circulation, and audiences.

From the Zine Librarians Code of Ethics:
http://zinelibraries.info/2015/11/06/code-of-ethics-final-draft/
AND WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

▪ Zines aren’t the only resources described by heterogeneous metadata/variable levels of description

▪ Zinesters aren’t the only people concerned with how they’re described by libraries

http://zinecats.tumblr.com/post/158762424602/photo
THE STATE OF ZINE METADATA

- Zine metadata on a variety of platforms, created by a variety of people
  - MARC based library catalogs (local and WorldCat)
  - Archival finding aids
  - Standalone databases
  - Spread sheets
  - Online platforms (LibraryThing, etc.)

https://sadmetadataskitty.tumblr.com/image/132469201370
The East Village Inky

Publisher: New York, NY : The author, 1998-
Series: East Village Inky.
Database: WorldCat

In this handwritten parenting zine, Ayun Halliday compactly inks in tiny type and diminutive drawings her experiences raising two small children in New York City. Inky, Halliday's three-thumbed firstborn, becomes an expat of the East Village when her parents move to Brooklyn, but she still associates with the Tompkins Square Park playground scene. An active and activist stay-at-home mom, Halliday shares birth

Rating: ★★★★★ (not yet rated) 0 with reviews - Be the first.
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Parenting -- New York (State) -- New York -- Periodicals,
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Papercut Zine Library

(photo credit: flickr @gruntzooki)
ABOUT THE ZINE UNION CATALOG PROJECT

- xZINECOREx for descriptive metadata
  - Dublin Core based schema, developed at ZL(u)C 2011, Milwaukee, WI
  - Implemented by QZAP, Minneapolis Community & Technical College

- ZineWiki for authority control
  - Semantic Media Wiki extension in conjunction with templates for RDF extraction

http://mkezluc.wikispaces.com/union-catalog
xZINECOREx: An Introduction

Freely available/reproducible zine by Milo Miller

https://github.com/MiloQZAP/xZINECOREx
Zine Wiki

http://www.zinewiki.com
ZineWiki is an open-source encyclopedia devoted to zines and independent media. It covers the history, production, distribution and culture of the small press.
DEVELOPING COUNTER CULTURAL-COMPETENCIES

● Recognizing that all community members bring skills and knowledge to the table
● Open participation, extensible for people and technology

Like, you know, from outer space.

Anchor Archive Zine Library Subject Thesaurus published in the Open Metadata Registry by Minneapolis Community and Technical College.

Anchor Archive is located in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and there catalog is online here: https://www.robertsstreet.org/catalogue
NEXT STEPS

- Hackathon at ZL(u)C Long Beach
  - Try to ingest 30 records from as many libraries as possible in as many metadata formats into Collective Access test instance
- Work on governance structure for sustainable future
- Further development of ZineWiki for identity management
- Future grant planning
  - Knight Prototype Fund?

White board from ZUC work day, July 2016 by Jenna Freedman
HOW TO JOIN THE FUN:
ZINE LIBRARIES LINK LOVE

▪ All about Zine Libraries! http://zinelibraries.info/
▪ All about the Zine Union Catalog! http://zinelibraries.info/zine-union-catalog/
▪ Zine Union Catalog test site! http://test.zinecat.org/index.php
▪ xZINECOREx! https://github.com/MiloQZAP/xZINECOREx
▪ Join the Zine Librarians mailing list! https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/zinelibrarians/info
▪ But why have one list, when you could have two! http://lists.qzap.org/listinfo.cgi/zlunioncat-qzap.org
▪ Meet us live and in person! BYOD! http://zinelibraries.info/wiki/zluc-2017-lgb/
▪ Jenna’s Digital Humanities class project zine! http://blog.zinecat.org/final-zine/shared-authority-zine-union-catalog-for-beginners-zine/
▪ True fact! Zines are easier to catalog in RDA than in AACR2!
THANK YOU!

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