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# Beyond '2010 the Year of Cataloging Research'

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# ALCTS E-Forum: Beyond 2010 the Year of Cataloging Research

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Discussion took place  
March 9 - 10, 2011  
(Approximately 2500 subscribers)





# Background

- Motion initiated by Implementation Group on the Library of Congress Working Group Report to “develop a stronger ... research agenda and evidence base”
- ALA Midwinter 2010 resolution by ALA and ALCTS Boards of Directors designated “2010 the Year of Cataloging Research”



## Questions Addressed by E-forum

- How do you keep up with current trends, best practices, and research in cataloging?
- How would you disseminate the results of your own research?
- What future research agendas would you like to see someone address?



# How Catalogers Get Information

RSS feeds    **BLOGS**    Library literature  
Internet searches    **Listservs**  
**WIKIS**    **Webinars**    online journals  
Institutional repositories    TOC alerts  
Blog Aggregators    **TWITTER**

# Disseminating Research

- For journal articles, use Institutional Repositories
- For links to research, use Twitter



# Issues in Research Dissemination

- Need sources that are quickly and easily accessed
- Traditional literature may get ignored
- Metadata research involves a wider audience (programmers, digitization)
- Journal articles often not full-text accessible online, more difficult to retrieve
- Match the resource used to the type of info needed (e.g. Twitter for links to info)

# Potential Future Research Agendas

- Elements of the catalog record most useful to searchers. Related: How users use the data.
- Can user tagging supplement or replace controlled vocabularies.
- Data that helps libraries advocate for the value of cataloging.
- The use of embedded metadata for e-books.
- How staff loss affects cataloging expertise.