2015-02-23 breakout: Community building

February 23 LD4L Workshop breakout session: Community Building
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Table 1

- look at existing community structures, like LODLAM et. al.
- build community through practice:
  - Tools
  - Methods
  - Use cases?
  - "Profiles"
- Non-Library community, crowdsourcing
- Existing players, like vendors, search etc.
- New community group, or glom on / co-opt existing structures?
- Baby steps, quick wins, simple tools

Table 2

- implementing tools
- archives & museums in particular really need skill development in LOD
  - But use it or lose it – can’t just train
- Look at other, existing communities: LODLAM, Europeana, DPLA? IDH projects, SWIB, ALA
- Market useful things, not linked data
- Sharing data, finding data
- international, multilingual communities

Table 3

- Organize & publish best (or some) practice
  - we can’t define best practice right now
- Useful tools in library
- Partnerships with non-libraries and open Web
- Ontologies: microcommunities. There will never be a single to rule them all
- End users <-- software developers --> Data providers
  - software devs are the connective tissue between data and users
  - they need things:
    - data
    - platforms
    - education
- Find/adopt a central org to serve as a hub for LOD in LAMs (NISO, LC, etc.)
  - Or not?
  - LOD is inherently distributed...
    - but we’re too distributed / ethereal right now

Table 4

- Void in community right now
  - even the VIVO people don’t talk to digital repository people in our own orgs
  - problem when people try to do Whole stack? technology implementation + top down community direction + own relationship to users. Need better separation of concerns
  - Cross domain is hard – people tend to divide up and talk to each other, in their own echo chambers
  - We really need connections to industry and research
  - is LD4L too narrow? isn’t LD “4” everyone?
  - Who’s not here?
    - Lotsa libraries (including Special libraries, publics, states)
    - Catalogers
    - Semantic Web industry
    - Information Management industry
- What do we do to forge links?
  - List touchpoints just out of scope
  - Do outreach
  - Invite people in