

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