Integrating Access for Information Discovery and More

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Scenario:
A teacher is putting together a lesson plan comparing immigration in the early 20th century to immigration and wants to include a variety of primary sources.
IMLS funded digital collections with relevant content

The New York Public Library
Mid-Manhattan Library
Picture Collection Online

COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN ETHNIC HISTORY ARCHIVE

Welcome to Banana
To view the mini exhibitions of the Banana Exhibition
— enter here...

Terence Vincent Powderly
Photographic Prints

The Virtual Motor City: Images from the Detroit News

MOAC
California museums working with libraries and archives to increase and enhance access to cultural collections
Why Integrate Access?

Building a digital library out of digital collections

- Creating connections between disparate collections
- Developing better and more extensive services
- Enabling collaborations among resource developers

Search Less, Find More

(Roy Tennant
California Digital Library)
Descriptions of digital collections and individual items within collections
Who is doing this work?

Academic libraries using Metasearch products like these ➔

Collection registries like EnrichUK ➔

Services gathering disparate scholarly materials

IMLS Digital Collections and Content
Our work

- Collection Registry
- Item level metadata database
- Connecting the two
- Researching implications of local metadata practices for federated/aggregated collections
Challenges for Implementing

- Community differences
- Integration of metadata
- Infrastructure barriers

Open Questions

- Usefulness?
- What services?
- Specialized or everything?
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