

Tech Services expands inclusion of URLs in the Catalogue

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We are now launching into an expansion of the inclusion of URLs in the Library Catalogue.

This will initially include the following:

1. Link checking of existing URLs in the Catalogue:
 - Link checkers will run periodically to find broken URL links
 - Broken link reports will be divided up and distributed to TS staff for resolution.
2. Further loading of record sets for electronic books we purchase or license:
 - for e-book sets, as vendors supply MARC records for their offerings, these records will be loaded into the catalogue.
 - for e-books purchased or licensed individually (i.e. not as part of a set), these titles will continue to be catalogued individually by staff.
3. URL additions for "digital surrogates" of our physical holdings of monographs:
 - for freely available digital surrogates, we will add a note and the URL to our record for the print (or other physical) format. This will be done upon request of branches.
 - for local digitization projects, we will add a note and the URL to our record for the material from which the scan (or other form of digitization) was made. These we will try to do for all known local (i.e. UBC Library-sponsored) digitizations that have copyright clearance.
4. PDF and other Web printout cataloguing:
 - for freely available online titles deemed of research value worthy of permanent retention in the UBC Library collection, printouts will be accepted for cataloguing, to which URLs for the online source copy will be added. Printing and binding of these printouts will be the responsibility of the branch wishing to house the material.
5. Loading of records for selected electronic government publications:
 - as governments archive and supply reliable MARC record sets for their archived e-documents, we will try to load those deemed of research value by collections librarians into the catalogue.
 - the pilot for this initiative will be with the depository e-titles we receive from the Canadian federal government.