Pushing the Boulder, Pushing the Envelope: Embracing the Iterative Nature of Improving Metadata

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Zine Librarianship



critical cataloging

radical cataloging

reparative metadata

mutual metadata

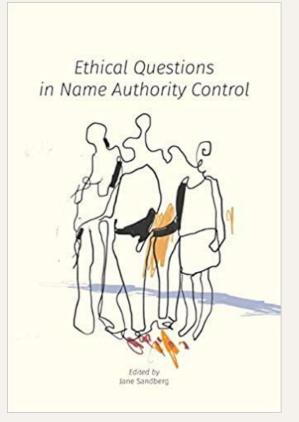
ethical metadata

conscious editing

metadata justice

"Authority Control as Outreach" with Tina Gross

"My Zine Life is My Private Life': Reframing Authority Control from Detective Work to an Ethic of Care" with Kelly Swickard





Frances Yocom





Dorothy Porter

Doris Hargrett Clack



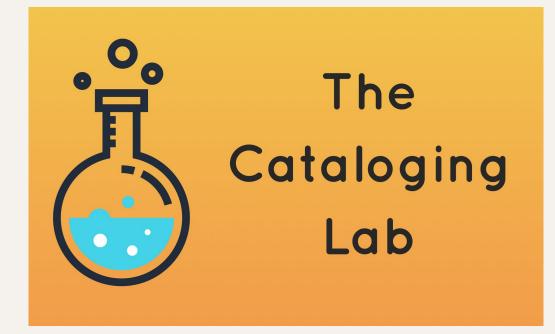


Recent wins!

- changing *Blacks* to *Black people*
- changing Noble savage to Noble savage stereotype
- changing *Brothers and sisters* to *Siblings*
- changing *Problem* youth to At-risk youth
- soon: LC's Indigenous headings project (replacing Indians of North America, Eskimos, etc.)

More recent wins!

- more people have been aware of these discussions, their own responsibility for this work
- more people have been trained in how the LCSH approval process works and how they can get involved
- LC has started inviting attendees to the monthly meetings where they discuss controversial proposals



A brief story about choices







To keep in mind:

How do we move forward sustainably?

How do we move forward with justice work as an integral part of our day-to-day efforts?

How do we encourage each other to keep questioning the boundaries that we're working within?

Questions?? Please get in touch! violetfox@gmail.com @violetbfox