

Resolution Declaring and Promoting 2010 as the Year of Cataloging Research

Whereas, The Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS), a division of the American Library Association, provides “leadership and a program of action on the access to, and identification, acquisition, description, organization, preservation, dissemination of information resources in a dynamic, collaborative environment” as well as “forums for discussion, research and development, and opportunities for learning in all of these areas”; and

Whereas, The division journal, *Library Resources & Technical Services* (LRTS), published since 1957, is recognized as a leading research journal in the field and supports a vigorous publishing program and collaborative information sharing; and

Whereas, ALCTS encourages and recognizes new professionals and library support staff, outstanding contributions to the field, and excellence in scholarship and research through awards; and

Whereas, ALCTS applauds and supports the recommendations of *On the Record: Report of the Library of Congress Working Group on the Future of Bibliographic Control* to support ongoing research by the following means:

- 5.1.2.1 Encourage ongoing qualitative and quantitative research (and its publication) about bibliographic control, for various types of libraries and over a protracted period of time.
- 5.1.2.2 Through library and information (LIS) and continuing education, foster a greater understanding of the need for research, both qualitative and quantitative, into issues of bibliographic control.
- 5.1.2.3 Work to develop a stronger and more rigorous culture of formal evaluation, critique, and validation, and build a cumulative research agenda and evidence base. Encourage, highlight, reward, and share best research practices and results.
- 5.1.2.4 Promote collaboration among academics, the practicing library community, and related communities, as appropriate, in the development of research agendas and research design, in order to assess research needs, profit from diverse perspectives, and foster acceptance from the broader information community.
- 5.1.2.5 Improve mechanisms to publicize and distribute research efforts and results.

Whereas, Organization of information, including cataloging and metadata creation, is a core function of the library profession; and

Whereas, A corpus of research to support continued growth and development in this core area is needed; now, therefore, be it

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Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Acknowledges the importance of outstanding research in the area of cataloging and metadata and declares 2010 as the Year of Cataloging Research.
2. Promotes 2010 as the Year of Cataloging Research throughout the association, among professors of library and information studies and to other library associations; and promotes 2010 as the Year of Cataloging Research throughout the association, among professors of library and information studies and to other library associations.

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