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Reorganization of Cataloging and Metadata Services

In August, the original catalogers and the metadata librarians combined to form the [Cataloging and Metadata Services Division](#). Glen Wiley and Liz Muller manage this diverse, multi-talented staff as assistant directors. Point your browser [here to see the org chart for all of Central Library Operations](#).

ARTstor Shared Shelf

Liz Muller and Glen Wiley continued to participate in the development of ARTstor Shared Shelf, along with other librarians at Cornell and partner institutions. This cataloging and image management system will be available in beta form in mid-January and in full release in June 2011. Cornell plans to use the cataloging interface as part of the workflow for digital project creation beginning in January. The extent to which we will utilize the full functionality of ARTstor Shared Shelf has yet to be determined and is contingent on the future development of Open Shelf, the publicly-accessible version of Shared Shelf.

Cataloging for the 2CUL Collective

Columbia and Cornell are reviewing techniques and workflows that permit one institution to perform original cataloging for the other. Yes, this all sounds very ordinary, but by combining our language and subject expertise, we are leveraging capacity to support unmet demand. Currently efforts are focused on Korean, Turkish, and Hungarian original cataloging. In the process, we will determine best workflows: book-in-hand or surrogate? file distribution or cataloging directly into the other's OPAC? In addition to workflow, we are working to harmonize cataloging philosophies and treatments. Cornell and Columbia see this experiment as a first step towards developing a model to support a larger networked of libraries and a broader range of subject and language expertise for those circumstances where an in-house model offers advantages over a third-party cataloging agency.

POOF! The PreOrder Online Form

Work continues on POOF!, our [2CUL](#) initiative for an online tool that will automate largely manual steps required to review and place a firm order. ([See more background in report from June 2010](#).) For Cornell, POOF! picks up much of the firm order business that doesn't fit well with the materials vendor approval slips approach we currently enjoy through WorldCat Selection. We anticipate a February roll-out.

Patron Driven Acquisitions

Cornell continues to tweak its patron-driven acquisitions model to blend print and electronic choices for users. Our current goal is to allow a patron to access content as quickly as possible whether it is made available as an ebook or in a print edition. Current development with Coutts/MyiLibrary will allow Cornell to load records into its discovery systems for users to find and, if for an ebook, access the content immediately. If for a print edition, the user will receive information about how quickly the print edition will be available for them to use before they proceed to execute an unmediated rush order for the collection. For both plans, the records we load into our discovery systems will have been prefiltered to match subject/publisher profiles designed by subject specialists in consultation with our vendor liaison.

Review of Off-site Storage Facility and Workflows

Staff just completed a self-study of the Cornell University Library Annex to recommend staffing levels and sustainable workflows to support an operation with significant shifts in ingest rates while offering a rapid turnaround to deliver requested content from this off-site storage facility. As the Library system continues to consolidate physical collections, we anticipate a several-year surge in ingest rates that greatly exceeds current levels of new acquisitions.