

Coming in February: A hands-on look at linked data

Please join us for a 2 hour hands-on look at existing linked data sets.

We often discuss linked data as a silver bullet for our metadata strategies, but we stop short of linked data native implementations because adequate tools are not available, decisions about which model to use are highly political, etc. Ignoring orthodoxy, politics, and the all-or-nothing mindset, this workshop will give an introduction to some practical approaches for evaluating whether an existing external dataset could be used to enhance our existing metadata strategies.

We will introduce strategies for evaluating datasets using [SPARQL](#) (the query language for RDF) through the use of Wikidata's Query Service and possibly other SPARQL Endpoint services. We will also do some exercises using [cURL](#) (an open source command line tool) to retrieve linked data from a known URI. With access to the data we can perform analysis on whether this existing data can extend the metadata we already generate in our library platforms to support identified use cases. If we have time, we can discuss what considerations would need to be taken into account to follow through on this hybrid approach.

Please R.S.V.P. describing your level of comfort and interest with Linked Data/RDF and command line tools so we can make sure the focus of this workshop is catered to the participants.