

Mashcat in Evergreen

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Mashcat

- Catalog(u)ers and coders, together
- Started in the UK in 2012
- Revived in 2015
- <http://mashcat.info/>

Mashcat activities

- Twitter chat
- 2016 event at Simmons College
- Mashcat Slack channel

Why Mashcat?

- The case of the MARC record that was thrown over the wall

Mashcat in Evergreen

- Open source software projects in libraries have already brought catalogers and coders together

Common starting points

- Work done for other people
 - ... who are sometimes at a great remove
- We both sometimes eat our own dogfood, but not all the time
- The craft of applied empathy
- Attribution
- Collaboration
- Sharing
 - ... in a systematic fashion

Exercise

- Sharing frustration sandwiches

Tools to exchange

- Cataloging policy manuals
 - Lots of software projects could stand to have more policy documentation
- Version control
- Diffs
- Quality control procedures

Diffs

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+040  $a DLC $b eng $c DLC $e rda $d DLC
+042  $a pcc
+043  $a n-us---
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+082 00 $a 372.210973 $2 23
+100 1  $a Tough, Paul, $e author.
+245 10 $a How children succeed : $b grit, curiosity, and the hidden power of character / $c Paul Tou
+264 1  $a Boston : $b Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, $c 2012.
+300  $a xxiv, 231 pages ; $c 24 cm
+336  $a text $2 rdacontent
+337  $a unmediated $2 rdamedia
+338  $a volume $2 rdacarrier
+500  $a LC copy 1 signed by author. $5 DLC
+504  $a Includes bibliographical references (pages 203-222) and index.
+505 0  $a How to fail (and how not to) -- How to build character -- How to think -- How to succeed -
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+650 0  $a Cognitive styles in children $z United States.
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Exercise

- Cataloging a book

Evergreen cataloging

- Webby!
 - <https://webby.evergreencatalog.com/>

Areas to work on

- Authority control
- Linked Data
 - ... but what does that look like?
- Batch changes
- What does BIBFRAME look like to the catalogers?
- What else?

Exercise

- Making a coding change

Wishlists

- Functionality
- Process

Next steps

- Coding catalogers?
- Cataloging coders?
- Lines of communication
- Workflow exchange
- Continuing the discussion: *#mashcat*

Thanks!

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