Catalogers know how to party!

Resource sharing the cataloging process
Any excuse for a party!
Collective intelligence for the win!
It begins with a plan
Setting the date
Timing

❖ One day at a time.
❖ Ask the guests for input on the date.
The guest list
Guests

- Party planners
  - Coordinate the event to ensure sufficient equipment and staffing to justify the party.
Guests

- Catalogers
  - Copy catalogers
  - Original catalogers

Most work will be done on the copy cataloging level, so all ranges of experience are welcome.
Guests

- Support crew
  - Shelf runners
  - Weeding crews
Party props
Party Planners

- Laptops
- Barcode scanners
- Wireless hotspots
- Configured workstations
Hosts

- Preweeded collection and/or weeding plan + collection
- Spine label policy
- Barcodes and label covers
- Cataloging templates
- Snacks! (optional)
Guests

◊ Know-how and enthusiasm!
“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

– Helen Keller
Let’s get this party started!
9 Parties in 12 Months

- 4,704 items cataloged
- 14% of total items cataloged across the participating sites to date.
Go big and then go home!
Party Favors
Getting more done

An average day's work

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- Party Average: Purple bars
- Local Average: Orange bars
Learning together

- ~40 unique participants
- Workflow improvement
- Practical procedural review
- New client training
- On-the-spot collective decision-making to find a best fit practice
Entertaining our collective intelligence!
Party poopers
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After party work

- Discovering housekeeping projects
- Focus on speed on-site can result in staff feeling they have to take work back home from the party for follow-up.
Keeping the party going
Collection Processing
Dark Collections

- Local history materials
- Local archives
- Self-published materials
Celebrating at your library
Party Prep

Location (two-factor)
- How far do participants have to travel?
- Dedicated space in open library?
- Close the library?
- Open just for the party on a day normally closed?
Party Prep

- **Supplies**
  - Software cataloging seats/licenses
  - Hardware for additional staff
  - Physical processing materials
Party Prep

- Invitations
  - Non-disclosure forms
  - Event sponsors
  - Finding interested catalogers
Party Prep

- Rehearsals
  - Documentation of standards and procedures
  - Training workflows
Questions?

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Thank You