# Catalogers know how to party!



Resource sharing the cataloging process













### **Timing**

- One day at a time.
- Ask the guests for input on the date.



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

- Catalogers
  - Copy catalogers
  - Original catalogers

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

- Support crew
  - Shelf runners
  - Weeding crews



### 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)

• Know-how and enthusiasm!

# "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

- Helen Keller



### 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!









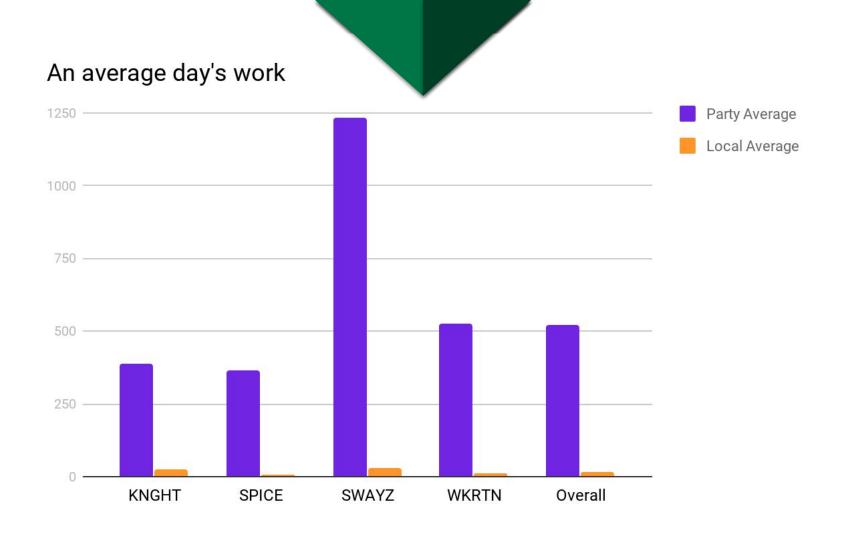












### Learning together

- ~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!

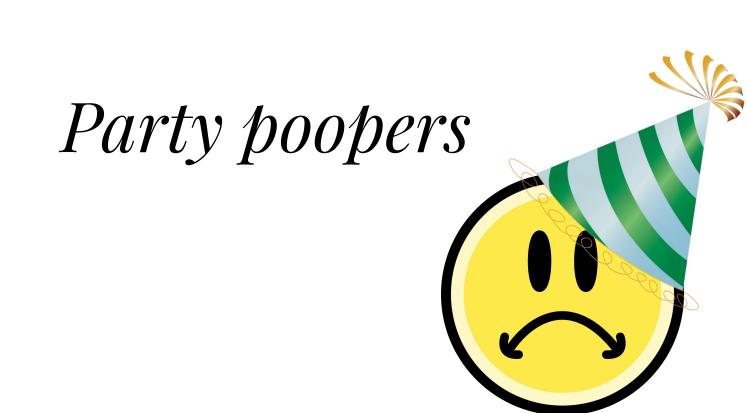




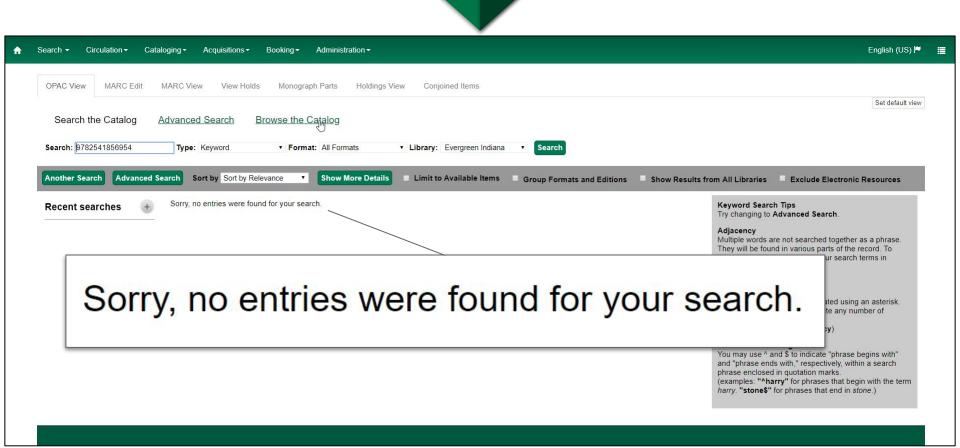












### CALENDAR STATUS



### 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



- Location (two-factor)
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- Dedicated space in open library?
- Close the library?
- Open just for the party on a day normally closed?

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

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

- Rehearsals
  - Documentation of standards and procedures
  - Training workflows

### Questions?

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