# Integrating Digital Libraries and Traditional Libraries: Collaborating for Sustainability

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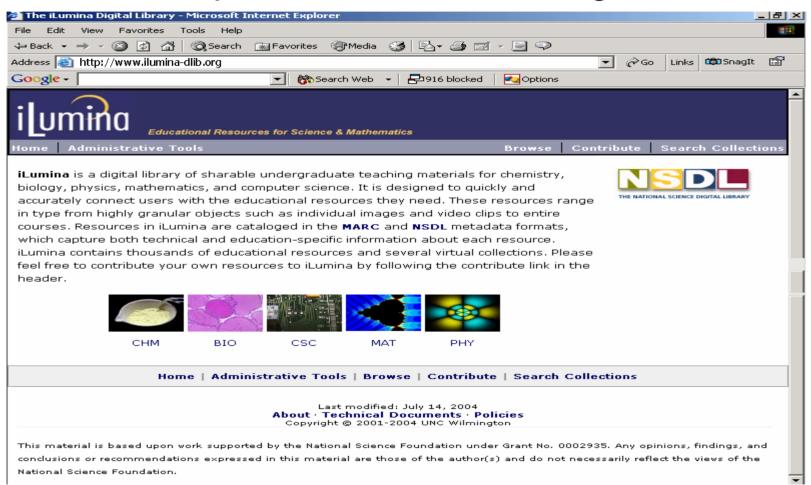
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# iLumina Digital Library

http://www.ilumina-dlib.org







# iLumina Digital Library

- One of 356 collections of the National Science Digital Library (NSDL)
- Features 1600 digital learning objects for undergraduate education in science and mathematics
- Funded by the National Science Foundation Digital Library Initiative Phase II (NSF DLI-II)
- Created by scientists using IMS-compliant metadata in XML format





# iLumina History

- Original iLumina project (2000-2003) funded to develop database & interfaces for searching and contributing learning object resources
- With NSF funding ending, the key issue became sustainability of the collections
- The original team of scientists turned to librarians for collaboration





# Sustainability Issues

- 80-88% of NSDL projects are universitybased
- Libraries' traditional roles are adaptable to the digital environment:
  - Innovative use of technology
  - Standards of bibliographic description
  - Philosophy of open access





# Integration Issues

- What is gained by integrating iLumina into a traditional library catalog?
  - Wider dissemination
  - Stable environment
- What may be lost?
  - Contribution form for new submissions not integrated into catalog
  - Robust search form with multiple pull-down menus





### iLumina Goals

- Current iLumina project (2003-2005) funded with scientist-librarian team in place
- Goal 1: Create a widely applicable model for sustaining NSDL collections beyond the period of their grand funding
- Goal 2: Develop a method for enhancing access to the digital resources contained in the collections





### Librarians' Roles

- Cataloging, Systems, Technical Services, & Public Services librarians involved as a team
- Provide expertise in bibliographic standards
- Analyze and study iLumina record fields
- Create metadata crosswalks
- Harvest the digital library's metadata
- Convert metadata to MARC format
- Add records to local library catalog and WorldCat





# Cataloging Challenges

- iLumina record fields vs. MARC fields
  - Fields not in local system load table
  - Fields not indexed in local library system
  - Lack of label for 5xx fields in MARC
- Limiting searches to iLumina
  - Location scoping
  - Advanced keyword search
- Determining publisher, distributor





#### Metadata Scheme Crosswalks

- Two tracks for iLumina data:
  - Ending at NSDL
  - Going into local library and ending at WorldCat
- Three initial crosswalks considered before availability of Innovative XML Harvester
- Two final crosswalks created and used after understanding functionality of XML Harvester





### Crosswalks Continued

Experimental crosswalks:

**IMS-DC-MARC** 

**IMS-MARC-DC** 

**IMS-MARC** 

Final crosswalks:

IMS-NSDL\_DC (Qualified DC)

**IMS-MARC XML** 





#### Innovative XML Harvester

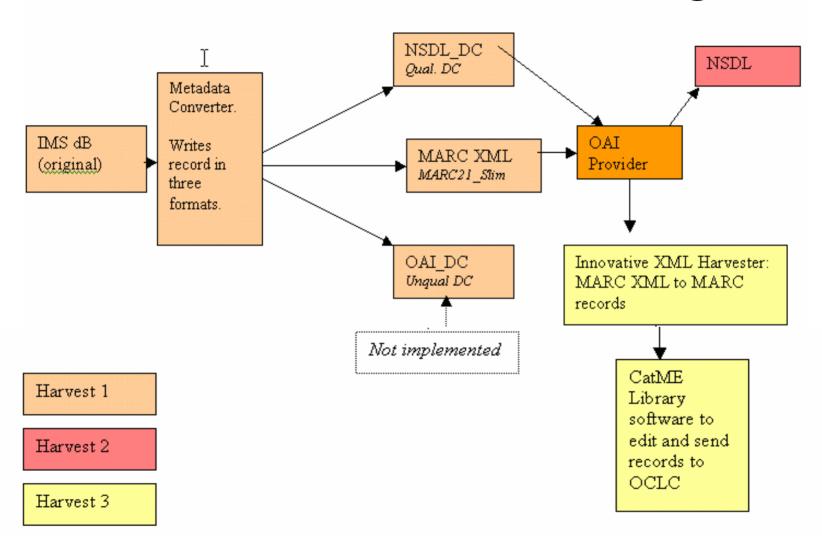
- Converts XML data to MARC and provides mechanism for loading records
  - DC (Unqualified) to MARC
  - MARC XML to MARC
  - Other XML schemes to MARC

Processes XML data through OAI provider





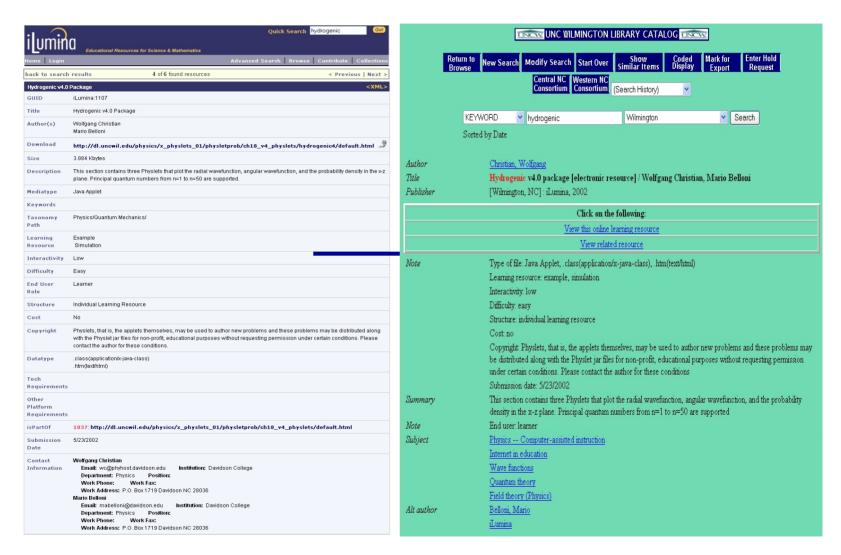
# Metadata Harvesting







## Metadata: IMS to MARC





# Harvesting to Library

- Customize local library system load table
  - 270 field

- Review local library index table
  - 024 indexed in ISN (I)
  - 516 indexed in Keyword notes (w)





# Clean up and Enhancement

- Catalog librarians enhance harvested iLumina records in local library database
- Authority work
  - LC Subject Headings
  - Name authority
- Bibliographic quality control
  - Punctuation & capitalization
  - Abbreviations
  - Fixed fields





# Sending Records to WorldCat

 Import enhanced iLumina records from local library system into CatME

 Batch upload iLumina records file to OCLC WorldCat





## iLumina's Future

- Integration of submission, review, & cataloging processes within library
- Determination of usage trends by monitoring library holdings added to iLumina records in WorldCat
- Implementation of plans to increase size of the collection
- Creation of model for sustainability through documentation of the integration process





### Collaboration & Teamwork

- Benefits for scientists and librarians
- Scientists learn about record structure and bibliographic standards and conventions
- Librarians learn about NSF environment, grant writing, new resources for science instruction, and new XML/OAI applications
- Both groups explore ambiguity of terminology: "library," "cataloging," "metadata"





# **Implications**

- Sustainability is an important challenge for digital collections
- Integrating digital collections into an established university library catalog is a feasible model
- Non-librarians will be increasingly involved in creating digital collections
- Librarians can collaborate to provide expertise in library systems and bibliographic standards and conventions





#### Additional Web Resources

NSDL

http://www.nsdl.org/

IMS

http://www.imsglobal.org

http://www.imsproject.org/metadata/imsmdv1p2/imsmd\_infov1p2.html

OAI

http://dl.uncw.edu:8080/oai/index.jsp

http://www.openarchives.org

Dublin Core

http://dublincore.org/documents/dces/





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