

Automated Cataloging

The Problem:

- Present cataloging practices are resource intensive and redundant
- The volume of new information is expanding rapidly
- Resources are scarce
- Many rare and unique items are uncataloged and consequently undiscoverable because resources are not available

Part of a Solution:

- Re-use metadata created by publishers, vendors, and others to automatically generate bibliographic records
- Enrich these bibliographic records through the application of automated techniques
- Generating records by machine for “mainstream” publications should allow for reallocation of cataloging resources

What can OCLC do?

- Build the infrastructure to enable automated cataloging
- Develop the necessary partnerships and alliances to support this effort
- Establish a pilot project to demonstrate proof of concept