Missing Materials and a WorldCat Back Door

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“Suspicion always haunts the guilty mind...”

“We’ll shine the bright light,” BPL President Bernard Margolis told the Globe, “and see if some of these things out there can find their way home.”
Concept

• RLG partners working with OCLC Research:
  • Prove operational concept with existing OCLC tools
  • Facilitate a sustainable, effective process
  • After concept is proven, invite more early-adopters among RLG Partners

• OCLC members (and in later phases, other agencies) disclose stolen/missing rare and unique materials:
  • In a low-touch, low cost, simple workflow
  • At web-scale for disclosure in search engines
    • Wide disclosure favors recovery
Missing Materials procedure

**Setup**
- Start with WorldCat record
  - Create Library’s MM WC list
  - Register RSS with MM

**Report**
- Add item to WC list
  - MM system automatically adds MSMAT holdings symbol and publishes...

**Disclose**
- Publish
  - FirstSearch WorldCat
  - MM Blog
  - -RSS feed
  - -Searchable
  - -RSS2email

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Missing Materials demonstration, 2009 RLG Annual Meeting, Boston