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How to Be Indiana Jones in the Catalog: Treasure and Power in/of the Bibliographical Record

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Understanding the dynamics and rules of cataloging gives strong insight into how to search: When to use the basic search box, i.e. keyword search; and when to use advanced search, i.e. the indexes. I will discuss the bibliographic record, the kinds of decisions catalogers make about how to encode information, and tools to release and enhance your power to find the bibliographic treasure you seek!

Some links of interest

1. Andrew Abbott, sociologist at UChicago:

<http://home.uchicago.edu/~aabbott/>

He led the UChicago team to determine what to do about more storage/stack space, and has written a good bit about the disciplines in general, and library research. Of particular interest are these two papers, the first a formally published article, the second a talk about the process of writing the article and preparing the talk for the erstwhile Graduate School of Library & Information Science at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (I was present for that talk . . .):

- 1) 20th-century library research: <http://home.uchicago.edu/~aabbott/Papers/RISS.pdf>
- 2) The story of the research process for (1): <http://home.uchicago.edu/~aabbott/Papers/illinois.pdf>

His papers on “Library Matters” — all very interesting: <http://home.uchicago.edu/~aabbott/library.html>
Too funny: <http://home.uchicago.edu/~aabbott/barbara.html>

2. Authorized Access Points a.k.a. authority files:

<https://authorities.loc.gov/>
<https://viaf.org/>

3. Catalogs we may play with:

<https://www.worldcat.org/>
<https://catalog.loc.gov/>
<https://library.princeton.edu/>
<https://library.yale.edu/>
<https://www.library.miami.edu/>
<https://www.library.illinois.edu/>



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