Luxury or necessity?
Enhancing bibliographic records at The University of Auckland Library

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Quality of bibliographic records ...

1. Quality = level of content (AACR2, inclusion of subject headings, authority control)
2. Quality = accuracy of content
3. Quality = fitness for purpose

MacEwan and Young
...vs. users’ needs

- Is the local catalogue attuned to the needs of the local user?
- Is what cataloguers consider to be valuable information really answering the users’ needs?
Focus of this paper:

- Improvement of the functionality of bibliographic records
- Effectiveness of catalogue in supporting users’ needs
Authority Work

- Headings function as access points
- Tedious and time consuming work
- Neglected
Example 1:

• Dudevant, Amantine Lucile Aurore Dupin
• Dupin, Aurore
• Dudevant, Aurore
• Zand, Zhorzh
• Sand, George
Example 2:

- *Et al.* are a conundrum: a shifting group of artistic entities designed to jam the systems and institutions of art.
Example 2, cont.:

- Budd, Lillian
- Lotringer, Sylvère
- Merkel, Florian
- Tweedie, Merylyn
- Real name Merylyn Tweedie
Necessity or optional extra?

- Computers only manipulate the data that is entered by humans
- Authority control is required for effective online retrieval in library catalogues
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Other enhancements

• Going beyond prescribed level of data in order to improve accessibility of records
For FTVM:

- Feature films – Italy (650)
- Entries for directors…(508)
- The note about original release date of the film (500)
- Summary note (520)
- Language note (546)
For Education:

• Genre subject headings (|655):
• Summary note (|520)
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082 04 a 372.835952 2 22
100 l_ a Ledger, Richard.
245 10 a Snapshots of Asia: Malaysia / c Richard Ledger and Sue Ledger; illustrations by Richard Mitchell.
246 30 a Malaysia
300 __ a 28 p. : [b] ill. ; 1 col. map, ports. ; [c] 48 cm. [e] + 1 Teacher guide (4 p. : ill ; 30 cm).
440 _0 a Access Asia
500 __ a Cover title.
500 __ a "A NALSAS Initiative"
620 __ a An introduction to daily life in Malaysia, including family life, environment, buildings, transportation, school, cooking, games, customs. Includes a board game and a story.
651 _0 a Malaysia [x Social life and customs [y Juvenile literature.
651 _0 a Malaysia [y Juvenile literature.
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655 _7 a Blow-up books [2 .local
700 1_ a Ledger, Sue.
710 2_ a Asia Education Foundation.
710 2_ a Curriculum Corporation (Australia).
For Fine Arts:

- Additional Subject headings for individual artists and countries
- Country of the origin of artist
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100 1_ |a Fisher, Celia.
245 10 |a Flowers in medieval manuscripts / |c Celia Fisher.
260 __ |a Toronto ; |a Buffalo : |b University of Toronto Press, |c 2004.
300 __ |a 64 p. : |b col. ill. ; |c 25 cm.
504 __ |a Includes bibliographical references (p. 60) and index.
650 _0 |a Illumination of books and manuscripts, Medieval.
650 _0 |a Flowers in art.
710 2_ |a Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.
Is it necessary?

• We can educate users how to search, but if the information is not in the catalogue, it cannot be retrieved

• MARC and local database not perfect – take the best out of them
Some experiences

• Very easy to overdo
• Different collections need to be treated differently
• Not a problem that can be sorted out once and for all
Questions?