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Call for participation: A Bibliographic Framework for the Digital Age

“The Library of Congress is committed to developing, in collaboration with librarians, standards experts, and technologists a new bibliographic framework that will serve the associated communities well into the future.” A new bibliographic format would “accommodate and distinguish expert-, automated-, and self-generated metadata, including annotations (reviews, comments, and usage data).” The working group has posted a general plan. The Library of Congress welcomes your comments and appreciates suggestions for improvement.

Deanna Marcum, “A Bibliographic Framework for the Digital Age (October 31, 2011): Bibliographic Framework Transition Initiative (Library of Congress),” Library of Congress, www.loc.gov/marc/transition/pdf/bibframework-10312011.pdf (retrieved November 1, 2011).



Works in translation

Only about 3 percent of all books published in the United States are works in translation. Considering only literary fiction and poetry, the number is closer to 0.7 percent.

“Three Percent: About,” Three Percent: A resource for international literature at the University of Rochester, www.rochester.edu/College/translation/threepcent/index.php?s=about (retrieved October 3, 2011).



Open Government Data

The Working Group on Open Government Data (a project of the Open Knowledge Foundation) has produced a Web site for the following purposes: 1) to act as a central point of reference and support for people who are interested in open government data; 2) to develop principles for making official information legally and technically open; 3) to document background and status of initiatives to make official information open in different countries; and 4) to support development of open government data catalogs around the world, and ensure different platforms are technically interoperable.

Open Knowledge Foundation, <http://opengovernmentdata.org/> (retrieved November 7, 2011).



Common Crawl

The Common Crawl Foundation makes a freely accessible index of 5 billion Web pages, their page rank, their link graphs, and other metadata. “It is crucial [in] our information-based society that Web crawl data be open and accessible to anyone who desires to utilize it,” writes Common Crawl Foundation director Lisa Green on the organization’s blog. The foundation is an organization dedicated to benefit “individuals, academic groups, small start-ups, big companies, governments and nonprofits” by providing free access to an openly accessible archive of the Web “that’s not owned and controlled by Google.”

Marshall Kirkpatrick, “New 5 Billion Page Web Index with Page Rank Now Available for Free from Common Crawl Foundation,” ReadWriteWeb, https://www.readwriteweb.com/archives/common_crawl_foundation_announces_5_billion_page_w.php (retrieved November 8, 2011).

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