

Cataloging 101

Frequently Used Cataloging Standards & Systems

Standards

Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACS):

files.archivists.org/pubs/DACS_2019.0.3_Version.pdf

Dublin Core Metadata Initiative: <https://www.dublincore.org/>

Encoded Archival Description (EAD):

<https://www2.archivists.org/sites/all/files/EAD3-TL-eng.pdf>

Getty Research Institute Art and Architecture Thesaurus (AAT):

<https://www.getty.edu/research/tools/vocabularies/aat/>

Library of Congress Name Authority:

<https://authorities.loc.gov/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&PAGE=First>

Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH):

<https://authorities.loc.gov/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&PAGE=First>

Machine Readable Cataloging Record (MARC):

<https://www.loc.gov/marc/umb/um01to06.html#:~:text=What%20is%20a%20MARC%20record%3F,data%20in%20the%20cataloging%20record.>

Nomenclature 4.0: <https://www.nomenclature.info/>

Some cataloging systems that have public access portals

ArchivesSpace: <https://archivesspace.org/>

Example: UVM Special Collections: <https://scfindingaids.uvm.edu/>

CatalogIt: <https://www.catalogit.app/>

Example: Vermont Historical Society: <https://vermonthistory.org/catalog>

CollectiveAccess: <https://collectiveaccess.org/>

Example: Champlain College Special Collections:

<https://specialcollections.champlain.edu/digital-collections/>

PastPerfect: <https://museumsoftware.com/>

Example: Bennington Museum: <https://bennington.pastperfectonline.com/>

Preservica's Starter Edition: <https://starter.preservica.com/>

Example: VHRP's digital repository for citizen-led documentation projects:

<https://tee5072759aafb563.starter1ua.preservica.com/>

TinyCat: <https://www.librarycat.org/>

Example: Barre Historical Society's Vermont Labor Studies Center book collection:

<https://www.librarycat.org/lib/timnoonan> (TinyCat view)

<https://www.librarything.com/catalog/timnoonan> (LibraryThing view)

Public portal only

Green Mountain Digital Archive (GMDA) an "access hub" of the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA): <https://vt.dp.la/>

(other systems are used for internal collections management)

WordPress-based "Catablog"

Robert S. Cox Special Collections & University Archives Research Center at UMass:

<http://scua.library.umass.edu/overview/>

(a database is used for internal collections management)