

What Are the Cooperative Aspects of Digital Library Project Work?
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With PCC bibliographic records there is high value in creating a high-quality record for a publication shortly after its issuance so that many others acquiring the same title can take advantage and use the record largely as-is.

Within digital library projects, items digitized frequently represent unique materials from special collections, and the cooperative aspects of this bibliographic control work, potentially guided and sponsored by PCC, would be different.

- Name access points conform to authority file entries and subject terms are assigned from controlled vocabularies, to enhance the chances that users can discover these resources alongside books and journals.
- With a common approach to the bibliographic control of digital objects, users might benefit from the common presence of certain data elements that would support retrieval, across multiple projects.
- The digital object metadata output of multiple institutions will show greater comparability when it is pooled, if an effort is made to influence the thinking behind it.
- It will probably not be important that the metadata for each individual item in a project to carry an 042 field. To signal that a particular project's metadata was created under the influence of PCC thinking, it may be sufficient to indicate this on the collection level.
- The nature and quantity of the material involved in a project may preclude establishment of every access point in an authority file. The best practice may be conforming to authority files whenever there is something to match, to be complemented by establishing those names/subjects that occur repeatedly within a project.