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Overview of Presentation

• Introducing
  – Library Dynamics
  – Weedlist
  – Spectra CRC

• Viewing the Spectra CRC Service Application

• Questions and Comments

• What’s Next
Dedicated to providing libraries with innovative tools for:

- analyzing,
- understanding
- making decisions regarding, and
- interpreting to key audiences

the development and management of library

collections,

resources, and

capabilities.
Company founded in 1998

Weedlist Program

Spectra CRC Service in 2004
Weedlist

Libraries submit

- a copy of the Library’s database (shelflist) in MARC format

Weedlist produces printed and spreadsheet reports of titles in the Library’s collection

- appearing in Edition 1 or 2 of *Books for College Libraries (BCL)* but

- dropped from Edition 3 of *BCL*

Such titles represent candidates for potential weeding.
Spectra CRC:
Libraries submit
   a copy of the Library’s or Library Group’s database in MARC format
   and use data in tab delimited form

Library Dynamics provides an
   Internet hosted service to the Library or Group which
   allows librarians to analyze graphically Library and Group collections,
   resources and capabilities holdings and use
   compares the Library or Group to a variety of other library and core
   bibliographic databases at any of three successively more detailed levels
   provides access to both list oriented and detailed bibliographic
   information for titles of interest.
   and more…
Introducing
Library Dynamics Spectra CRC
in the words of others

.... a new tool from Library Dynamics ... that combines machine-readable shelflists with contemporary data-mining techniques.

In some ways, I think of this as “the [RLG] Conspectus on steroids,” a way that libraries and consortia can compare holdings without being drowned in details.

Walt Crawford, *Cites and Insights* Volume 4, Number 3: February 2004 ISSN 1534-0937 p.2
http://cites.boisestate.edu/civ4i3.pdf
and in American Libraries...

Library Dynamics . . . has developed the most impressive data-analysis product I saw in the exhibits.

The product analyzes and compares collections for decision support more deeply and thoroughly than any other collection analysis product I have seen.

Collections … and more

• Collections:
  – the physical material that the library purchases, stores, and manages.

• Resources:
  – the electronic material that the library licenses or owns and the electronic tools that provide access to both resources and collections.

• Capabilities:
  – the material that the library can invoke and deliver to meet user need via partnerships or other on demand solutions.
Spectra CRC

designed to assist in

Visually Analyzing

Understanding

Decision Making

Interpreting and reporting to Key Audiences (e.g. faculty)

designed to span

Collections

Resources

Capabilities
Introducing

Spectra CRC Service
Comments and Questions

Thank you.

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