

## **Breaking Open the Silos: Building a Collaborative ILS Middleware Platform**

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In 2007-2008, the DLF convened a Task Group to recommend standard interfaces for integrating the data and services of the Integrated Library System (ILS) with new applications supporting user discovery. The group produced a report with recommendations in December 2008. In February 2010, at the Code4Lib Conference, an ad hoc group was formed to carry on the work of systems interoperability that the ILS-DI group had begun. This session will discuss what has happened since February, our current work focused on the eXtensible Catalog (XC) NCIP Toolkit, and future work to collaboratively maintain this middleware layer between ILSs and other systems.

We will also solicit the participation of other libraries in furthering this work. Some specific ways that others can get involved (besides participating in working group meetings) are to:

- \* Be a testbed (host a test system that has a connector attached).
- \* Be a tester (download and beta test the connectors).
- \* Help with test data so we can do sane regression against connectors.
- \* Write an XC NCIP connector for your ILS.

After a description of what we are seeking to accomplish, where the work stands at the moment, and ways in which others can become involved, we will invite discussion of these topics.