A first foray into Linked Data: practical aspects of working with BIBFRAME from the viewpoint of three academic libraries

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Outline

- About the Ex Libris Linked Data focus group
- Sinopia/Alma workflow
- About Miami, Newcastle and Leeds Universities
- Cataloguing in Sinopia
- Testing BIBFRAME records in Alma Sandbox and Primo
- What works
- What doesn't work yet
- Next steps

Ex Libris Linked Data Focus Group

- Initial meeting July 2023
- Phase One Goals
 - Trial Sinopia editor
 - Test BIBFRAME records in Alma and Primo
 - Provide feedback
 - Help to develop and refine Alma BIBFRAME workflows
 - Participate in discussions

















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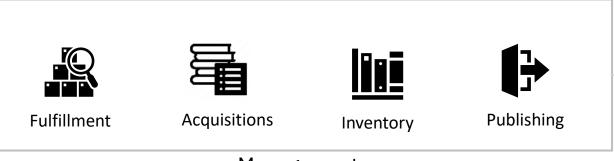
Harvard
National Library of Medicine (U.S.)
Princeton
Yale

Sinopia – Alma Workflow

SINOPIA













Other Discovery **Systems**



Discovery

University of Miami

Reasons to join the Exlibris Linked Data Focus Group

- Implement first linked data project
- Lack of knowledge (Linked Data, Bibframe, Sinopia)
- Collaboration among members of the group

- Private university founded in 1925.
- Located in Miami, FL USA
- 19,000+ students
- UM Libraries:

Architecture, Business, Medical, Music, Interdisciplinary (Main Library), Marine Science and LAW.

4.5 million active titles







https://library.law.miami.edu/

Pilot project at the UMiami Law Library The collection

Law Library pilot project BIBFRAME collection: Faculty Publication materials

- Print monograph MARC records already cataloged in our ALMA production environment
- Re-cataloged titles in BIBFRAME using SINOPIA's print monograph templates
- Integrated SINOPIA with ALMA Sandbox via API
- Exported BIBFRAME records (Work and Instance) from SINOPIA to Alma Sandbox
- Worked the BIBFRAME record as another MARC record in ALMA and PRIMO.

Future collection:

The Law Library plans to move into production with BIBFRAME soon. New Special Collection project: *U-Matic videocassettes (videos)*



Newcastle University

Newcastle | Library

- Russell Group University, North-East of England
- 27,000 students
- 1,500 students at Singapore & Malaysia campuses

Library

- Three libraries: central, medical
 & law
- Customer Services Excellence Award





Newcastle and the Linked Data Focus Group

An opportunity to:

- Develop knowledge of Resource Description Framework (RDF), Linked Data, BIBFRAME
- First look at BIBFRAME in Alma
- Build partnerships

Collection

- Ebook collection 20 titles
- Already catalogued in MARC
- Copy-catalogued ebook records in Sinopia
- Exported into Alma Sandbox

University of Leeds

- In Leeds, West Yorkshire
- 39,000 students
- Part of the Russell Group of research-intensive UK universities

- Five libraries with 2.7 million items
- The Arts Council designated five collections as nationally and internationally significant





Leeds and the Linked Open Data Focus Group

- An opportunity to
 - Learn more about BIBFRAME
 - Experiment with the Sinopia BIBFRAME editor
 - Explore Linked Data opportunities
 - See how BIBFRAME represents copy-specific information



Cover from *Trade catalogue for H. F. & G Carte? of brass and iron handles ...* c.1800.

Bedford Collection. University of Leeds

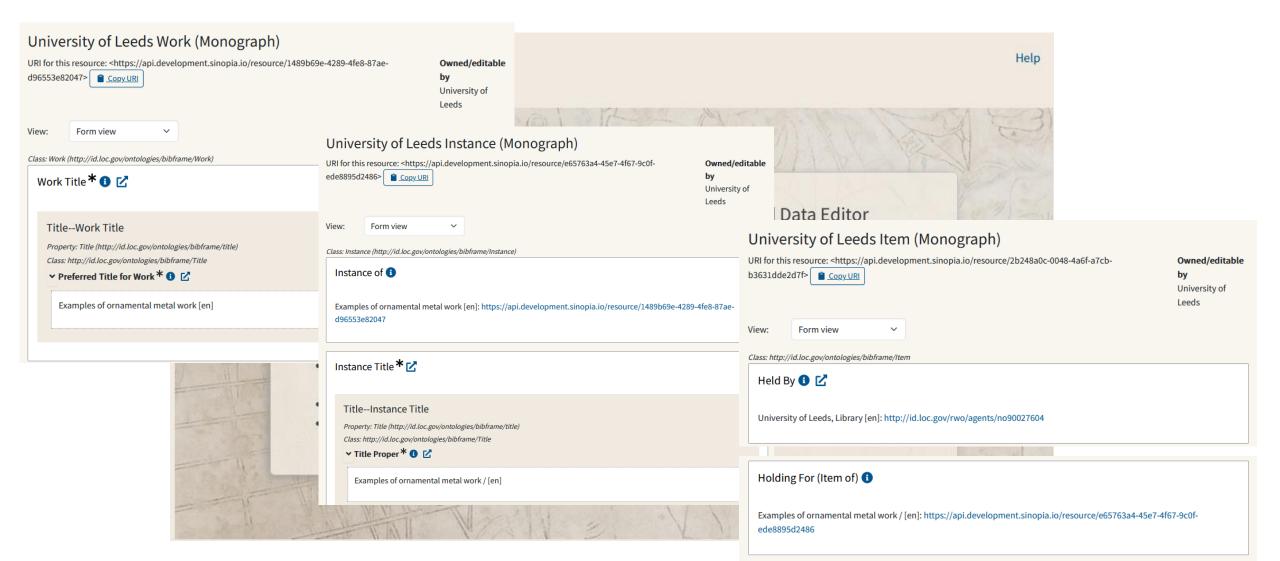
Libraries.

- The records for testing in Sinopia:
 - 25 records from a recent Special Collections acquisition
 - Worked from MARC records, not original cataloguing
 - Plenty of copy-specific metadata, also bound-withs

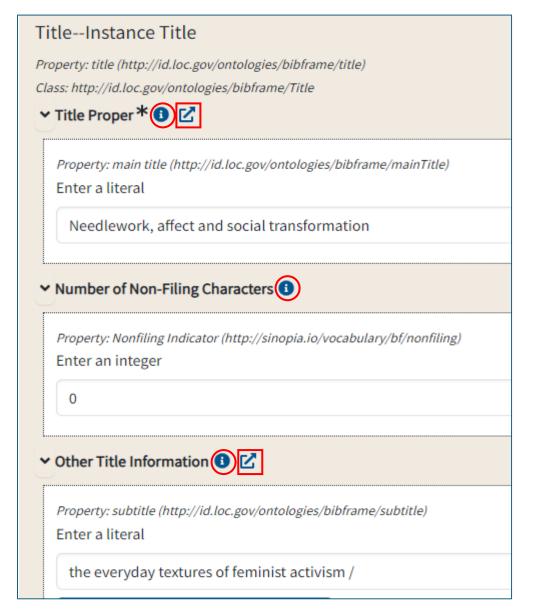


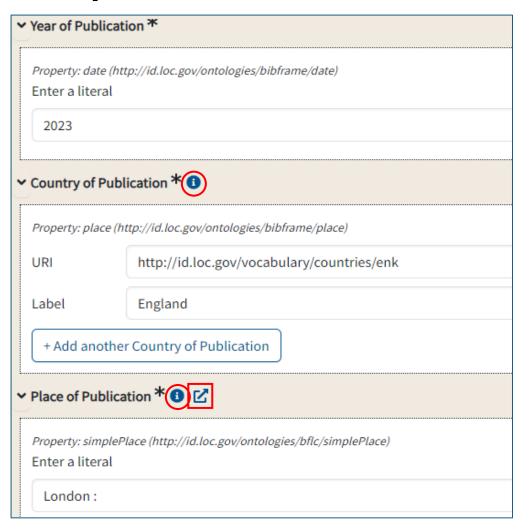
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Cataloguing in Sinopia



BIBFRAME Records in Sinopia

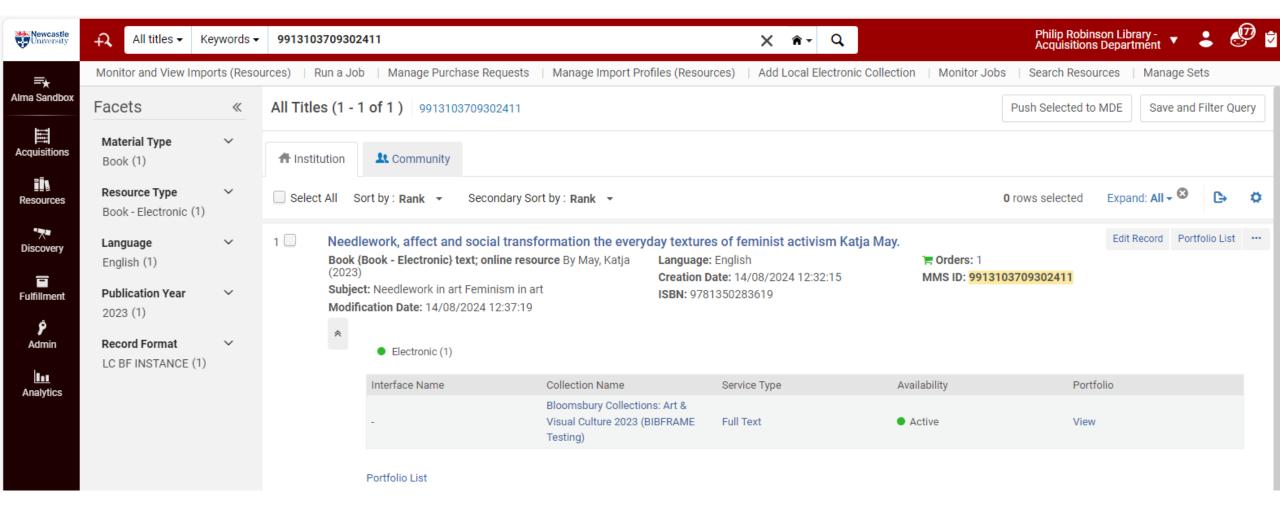




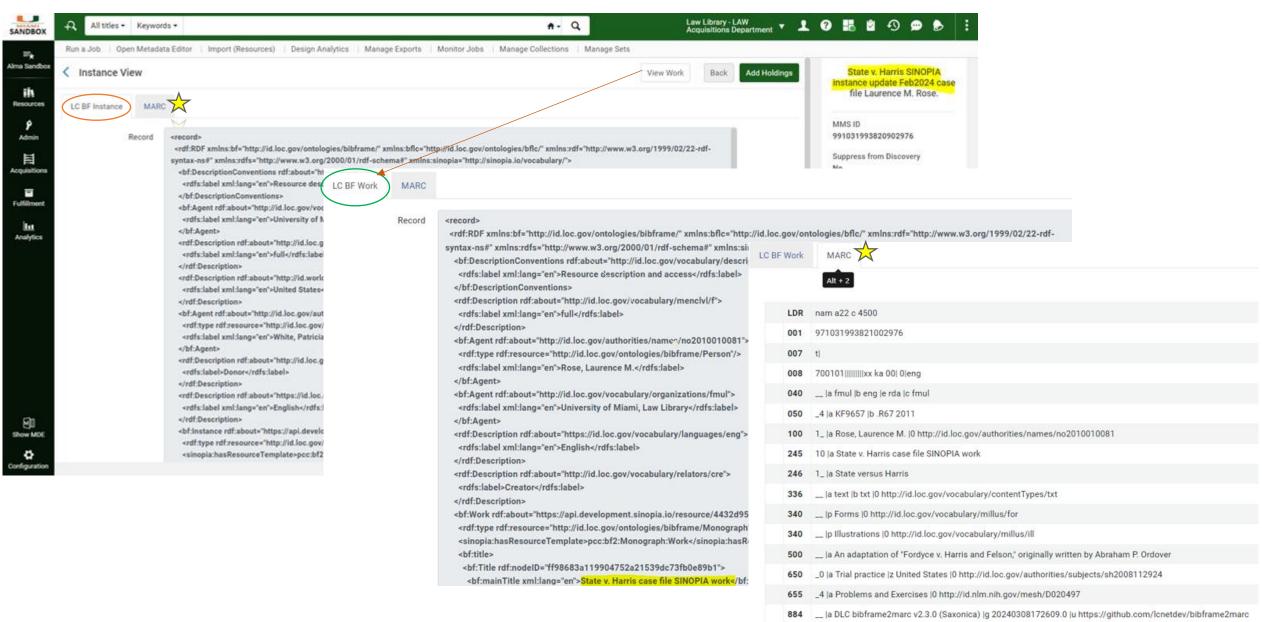
Testing BIBFRAME in Alma

- View the Instance and Work records in Alma (and the MDE)
- Add holdings, items
- Add portfolios and link to collection
- Place orders
- Visualize BIBFRAME records in Primo Sandbox
- Publish BIBFRAME in MARC format to OCLC
- Test Alma Infocard

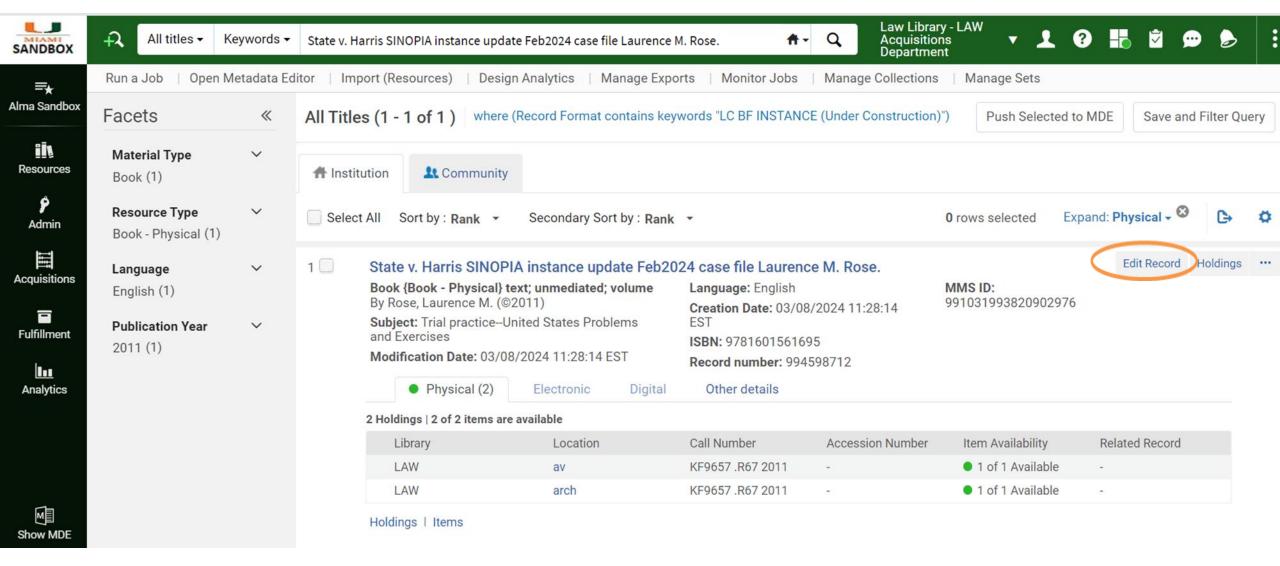
BIBFRAME in Alma - electronic



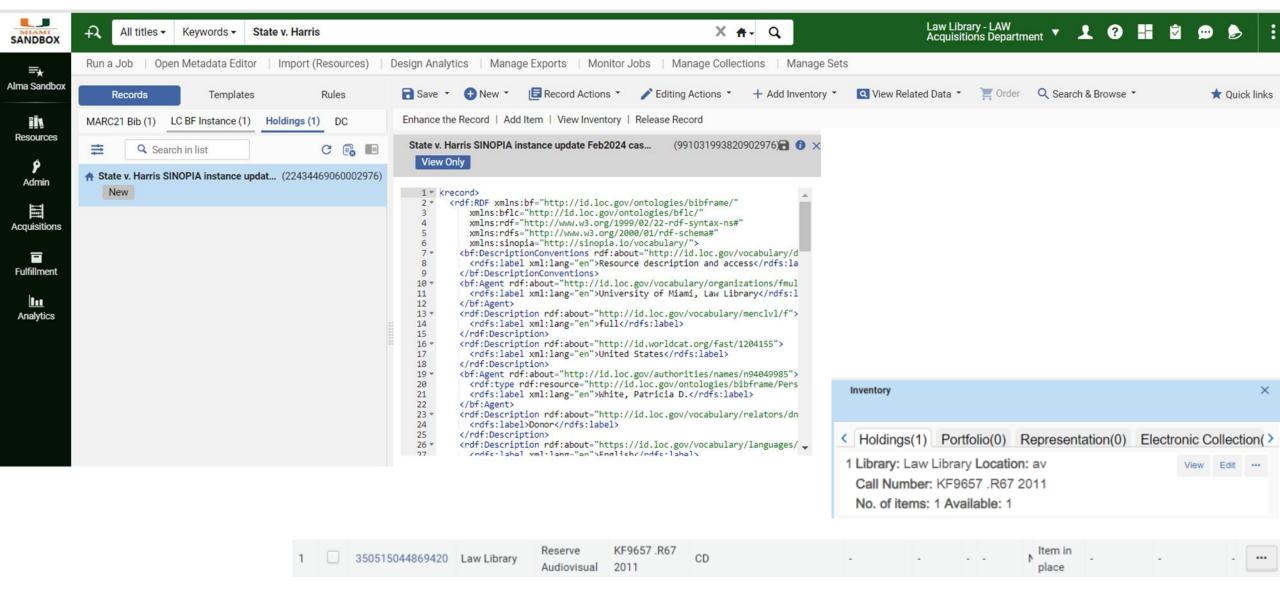
Instance & Work – RDF/MXL Tags



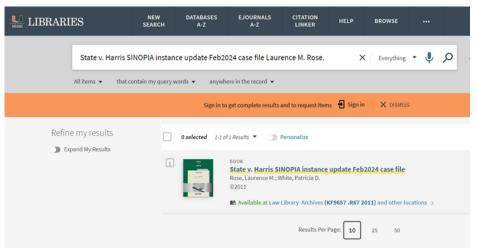
BIBFRAME in Alma - print

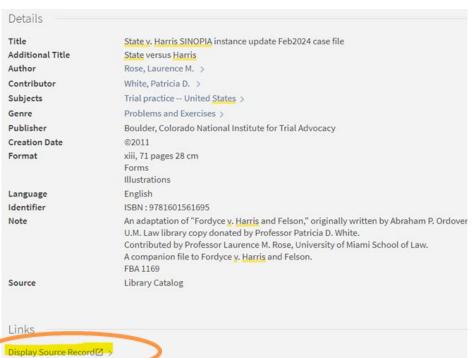


Edit BF record, add inventory: holdings, items



Primo VE – Full Display and Display Source Record... RDF/XML tags





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What Works

- Searching (including by URI)
- Adding inventory
- Placing orders for physical and electronic material
- Publishing to Primo VE
- Publishing records in BIBFRAME as MARC to OCLC

What Doesn't Work Yet

- Editing BIBFRAME records in Alma
- Normalisation rules and batch cataloguing
- Punctuation
- Exporting item records from Sinopia
- Item records for copy-specific details
- Interoperability with MARC
- Importing Embedded Order Records EOD via Import Profile

Next Steps

- Phase 2 feedback on ExLibris' form editor
- Pairing up with other institutions
- Wider testing (Fulfilment, Analytics, Reading lists, etc.)
- Preparing colleagues for hybrid MARC-BIBFRAME environment
- Move to Production (?)

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