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On the Democratization of Archives' and Libraries' content_ "A map of knowledge"

The latest changes in the information environment have brought out the outstanding existence of new sources, tools and technologies, whose main aim is the management, the exploitation and the distribution of libraries' and archives' content. The creation of digital archives and libraries contributes to this fact.

The main goal of this poster is to show the importance for an information organization (particularly an archive) to create a sophisticated "map of knowledge" relevant to its content. This map should contain the entities and the activities relevant to organization activity and the connections between them, enabling the archive service to recognize what it knows and possesses, and assure that everything it knows, is accurate, accessible for all, open access publishing and useful.

A map of organization's subject matter would direct researchers and end users to archival collections, documents and so on. Furthermore, the greatest challenge that an archivist faces, is to open the vast and diverse documentation in the archives and the complex knowledge about it, so that a broad and highly manifold public might find its needs. As an information scientist grapples with the complications, pitfalls and technological hurdles, it becomes obvious that these challenges are universal, and the methods and practices of dealing with them are applicable over a broad spectrum of organizations and spheres of knowledge.

Consequently, the tools, the tasks, the planning, the infrastructures and the coordination of organizing and disseminating content in the epoch of democratization of information services is the main scope of this presentation.