DC-Libraries Application Profile Task Group

Proposal for Holding Location property

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This proposal is for review by the Usage Board. It proposes a new element "Holding Location" that will be included in the DC-Lib.

Proposal:Holding Location

Name	holdingLocation
Label	Holding Location
URI	*DCMI to assign*
Definition	The organisation that holds a resource and is responsible for providing access to it.
Type of Term	Property
Comment	The property should be used to indicate where responsibility for a resource lies. It may contain details of the name and address of the holding organization that has responsibility for the resource and for providing access to it either directly or indirectly. It is seen as being particularly valuable for implementations giving access to resources contributed from many sources. Also it may be used for identifying the location (rather than the identifier) of resources which are not available electronically or for resources where access restrictions mean that an application must be made to the holding repository. Value may be free text or use a value from a controlled list, such as the *MARC Code List for Organizations*, or provide a link to an authority record or other description.
Examples	Ann Arbor (MI,USA), University of Michigan Museum of Art; DLC (using encoding scheme *MARC Code List for Organizations*)
Rationale	A digital resource may be available from many services but still be the responsibility

	of an originating organisation. This property is intended to capture that element of responsibility, due to some degree of ownership of the resource (in the loosest possible sense), as opposed to the simple provision of access. The relationship of a holding institution to an information resource can be considered to be quite different conceptually from the relationships between other "agents" and the resource This term has recently been discussed as a desirable new property by the working group specifying a metadata set for Europeana www.**europeana**.eu/ .
Related non-DCMI terms	MARC Field 852 (Location); VRA element Location@type="Current Repository"; MODS Location http://www.loc.gov/standards/mods/mods-outline.html#location
About the proposers	DC-Libraries Application Profile Task Group http://dublincore.org/librarieswiki/ The submission of this property to the Usage Board is a work plan item for this Task Group. This has been given new impetus recently with other developers expressing a need for this term.

Application of this element:

Holding Location could be used with a value from an authority which would be registered as a DCMI encoding scheme or it can contain the name of the organization responsible for access. DC-Libraries TG should consider registering as an encoding scheme the *MARC Code List for Organizations*; also to be considered is the need for other encoding schemes, possibly a URI to an entry in an authority file.

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