Cataloging Philosophy

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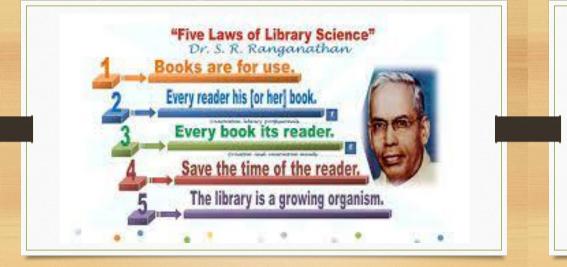
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About S.R. Ranganathan

• He was born on 9th August 1892.



- He lived in Shiyali in South India.
- Before he became a librarian, he was a mathematician.
- · He created the five laws of library science.
- He created an alternative classification system that is still used in India.
- · His picture was once on a stamp in India



Practical Reasons to Catalog:

- Help patrons AND staff find what they want easily
- How do we do this?

Best Practices- Brainstorming

Ideas from BAKER group:

fading spine labels do each "step" for a whole cart at a time" merge catalog records from database change from technology used. Ideas from TAYLOR group: series title as Cutter (spine label) word

popular titles / subjects / series -- spine label

Why do we catalog?

Paraphrased from "Library Patrons, Bibliographic Information, and the Library Catalog" page 5

· We catalog materials

- · Provides bibliographic information about these materials for the library's catalog
- · Provides terms by which a patron might search for the material -> names, titles, subjects
- Provides a call number so the material can be shelved with other materials (Mystery) on similar subjects or of the same physical medium (DVD & Blu-Ray)
- · Links the barcode number from the new material to the catalog record

· We process materials

· ...adds barcode labels, dust jackets, sturdy videocassette cases, etc.

We label materials

· Prints the call number created... on a label and affixes it to the new material

