# Into the Hands of Readers

**Improving Web Visibility for Libraries** 



Data In Libraries: The Big Picture

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# Improving Web Visibility for Libraries



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- 2. Follow the rules of the web

https://journals.ala.org/ltr/issue/view/555

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  - Readers finding library content wherever they are
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  - Library content should be more visible in search engine results
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"To Dewey, local interests and special needs were less important than the efficient movement of books into the hands of readers."

- Matthew Battles on Dewey

- 1. Books are for use.
- 2. Every **reader** his / her book.
- 3. Every book its reader.
- 4. Save the time of the reader.
- 5. The library is a growing organism.
- Ranganathan



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**BIBFRAME**: website focus on defining a vocabulary

Linked Data for Libraries: website focus on building databases

**BIBFLOW**: website focus on workflow models

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- The outcome we want:
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    - Including search engines
- How?
  - Follow the rules of the web

## Sponsored Links (AdWords)

#### Amazon.com: Hollow City: The Second Novel of Miss Peregrine's ...

# Traditional Results (PageRank)

#### Second Novel of Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children ...

e.com/w/hollow-city-ransom-riggs/1117650157 ▼ Barnes & Noble ▼ 5 - 258 reviews

Peo 24, 2013 - The movie adaptation of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children is in theaters

September 2016. ... Ten peculiar children flee an army of deadly monsters. ... The extraordinary journey
that began in Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children continues as Jacob Portman and his ...

#### Images for hollow city

Report images







#### More images for hollow city

#### Hollow City (novel) - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hollow\_City\_(novel) 
Wikipedia 
Hollow City is a sequel to 2011 novel Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children written by Ransom Riggs. It was released on January 14, 2014 by Quirk ...

#### Hollow City (Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children, #2) by Ransom Riggs ...

www.goodreads.com > Fantasy > Paranormal ▼ Goodreads ▼

\*\*\* Rating: 4.1 - 86,811 votes

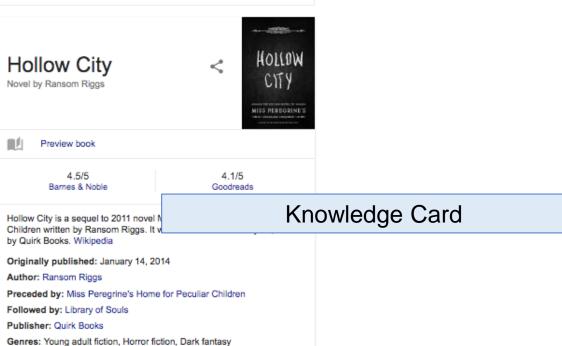
Hollow City has 86811 ratings and 10102 reviews. Kat said: More like 4.5 stars. Really enjoyed this book, just not quite as much as the first one! Lovi...

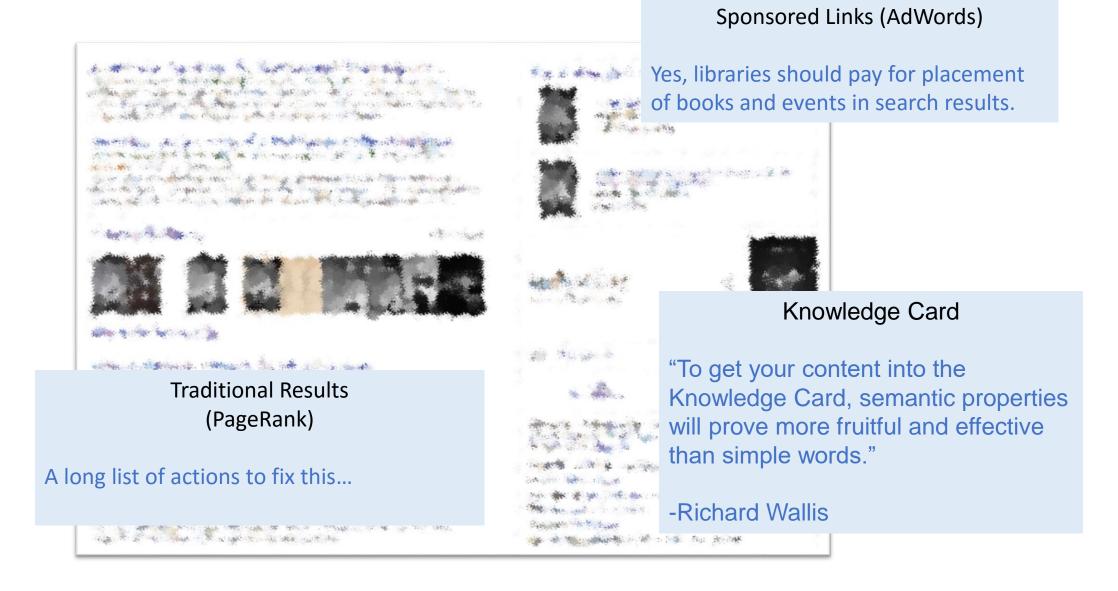
#### Hollow City - Ransom Riggs

www.ransomriggs.com/hollow\_city.php \* Ransom Riggs \*

The highly-anticipated follow-up to Miss Peregrine, Hollow City debuted on the New York Times bestseller list and has been praised as one of the best books of ...







### Knowledge Card

"To get your content into the Knowledge Card, semantic properties will prove more fruitful and effective than simple words."

-Richard Wallis



- Rely on the core web assets like Wikipedia/Wikidata
- Libraries can create a network of reliable, interlinked, entities
  - Works / Manifestations
  - Persons
- Build a local graph (semantic properties in local catalogs)
- Build a global graph (link to core web assets, link to library assets)

Traditional Results (PageRank)

A long list of actions to fix this...

- Keep the website unblocked from crawlers
- Include videos and pictures
- Maintain high word frequency for keywords
- Put keywords in the URL
- Maintain a high degree of adjacency of the keywords
- Use synonyms for the keywords throughout the page
- Manage the overall quality of the pages including frequent updates
- Provide a page for each element of inventory (titles, services, and programs for libraries) that
  has a durable link structure that can be used by other websites as a reference.



## What Readers Want

#### **Public Libraries**

Service or Offering	Rated Very Important
Books & media	54%
Librarian assistance	44%
Having a quiet, safe place	51%
Research resources	47%
Programs for youth	45%
Internet access, computers, printers	33%
Programs for adults	28%
Help applying for government services	29%
Help finding a job	30%

Source: Kathryn Zickuhr, Lee Rainie, Kristen Purcell, and Maeve Duggan, How Americans Value Public Libraries in Their Communities (Washington, DC: Pew Research Center), December 11, 2013], 2, http://libraries.pewinternet.org/2013/12/11/ libraries-in-communities.

Academic Libraries	Rank in Number of
Service or Offering	Uses
Databases of individual articles	1
Electronic journals directly	2
Workstations: PCs & laptops	3
Book loans	4
Library website	5
Bibliographic instruction course, pt. 1	6
E-books	7
Course-integrated instruction	8
Bibliographic instruction course, pt. 2	9
Reference questions	10
Workshop in library	11
Book loan from other library (ILL)	12
Peer conference	13

Source: Krista Soria, Jan Fransen, and Shane Nackerud, "Library Use and Undergraduate Student Outcomes: New Evidence for Students' Retention and Academic Success," portal: Libraries and the Academy 13, no. 2 (April 2013): 147–64, http://dx.doi. org/10.1353/pla.2013.0010.

# Library Catalogs



Here shines what Jerome, Ambrose, Hilary, thought

Or Athanasius and Augustine wrought.
Orosius, Leo, Gregory the Great,
Near Basil and Fulgentius coruscate.
Grave Cassiodorus and John Chrysostom
Next Master Bede and learned Aldhelm come,
While Victorinus and Boethius stand
With Pliny and Pompous close at hand.

York 782 CE



Vienna 1780



OPAC 1980s-90s



Library Catalog (Sage)

Keyword Title Author Journal Title Subject Numbers

Search hints

Any Field: Any Field

Web OPAC 1990s-

Edfu 237- BCE

Timeline

Dorothy May Norris, A History of Cataloguing and Cataloguing Methods, 1100–1850: With an Introductory Survey of Ancient Times (London:

## Current Landscape

- Funded Projects
  - BIBFRAME

  - BIBFLOW
- Research Projects
  - OCLC
    - VIAF
    - WorldCat Persons
    - WorldCat Works

- Commercial
  - Zepheira
    - Library.Link Network



- BnF
- BNE
- DNB
- KB (Sweden)

RELEVANCE

COLLABORATIO

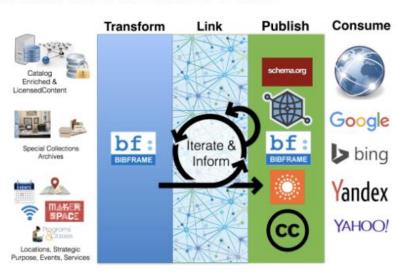
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#### **HOW DOES THE LIBRARY.LINK NETWORK WORK?**

- A Library claims and activates their Local Link Graph domain on The Library.Link Network.
- 2 The Library adds key descriptive information like locations, hours, links, and services to their Local Graph.
- The Library determines how much additional information they wish to make visible (e.g. catalog, events, special collections, and archives
- 4 The Library works with their providers to begin publishing the desired content to their Local Graph.



## **Actions**

- 1.Declare the desired outcome Library content should be more visible in search engine results
- 2. Follow the rules of the web
  - PageRank rules
  - Sponsored links
  - Knowledge Card
    - Local Graph, Global Graph

## Discussion

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