

# **Launching metaware.buzz**

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**No, not that Buzz...**

# Advancing metadata practices in libraries

- Historically, libraries are metadata experts
- But metadata practices outside of libraries are powerful and shifting
- Our catalogers and metadata librarians need some help to learn, adopt, adapt

# Opportunities of alternative scholarly communication models

- New form: between link and blog post
- New players: from outside libraries, from inside with new ideas and skills
- New medium: Wordpress + ???
- *It can be easy to contribute*

# How we're bringing it together

- Get something started
- Introduce more library metadata folks to new ideas *and how they apply to our profession*
- Get grassroots folks involved
- Raise previously marginalized, unheard, less visible voices
- ITERATE

# Challenges

- Coordinating among busy professionals
- Creating content / site design
- Developing a model for community editors to create and curate content
- Recruiting community editors
- Maintaining momentum

# Future Directions

- Establish an editorial voice
  - Committee as core editors
  - Community editors keep it fresh
- Explore tools for managing responsibilities and information channels
- Provide a platform for community engagement in metadata theory & practice

# Get Involved

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