

# Learn It Together and Learn It Well: Forming a Linked Data Study Group at University of Houston Libraries

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## Rationale

Linked data is a hot topic in library cataloging, with great potential to better expose our carefully curated metadata to larger audiences than our individual institutions' students, staff and faculty. However, it can be difficult for working catalogers to find the time and support to learn new concepts. At University of Houston Libraries, we decided to band together to finally move forward and learn more about linked data.

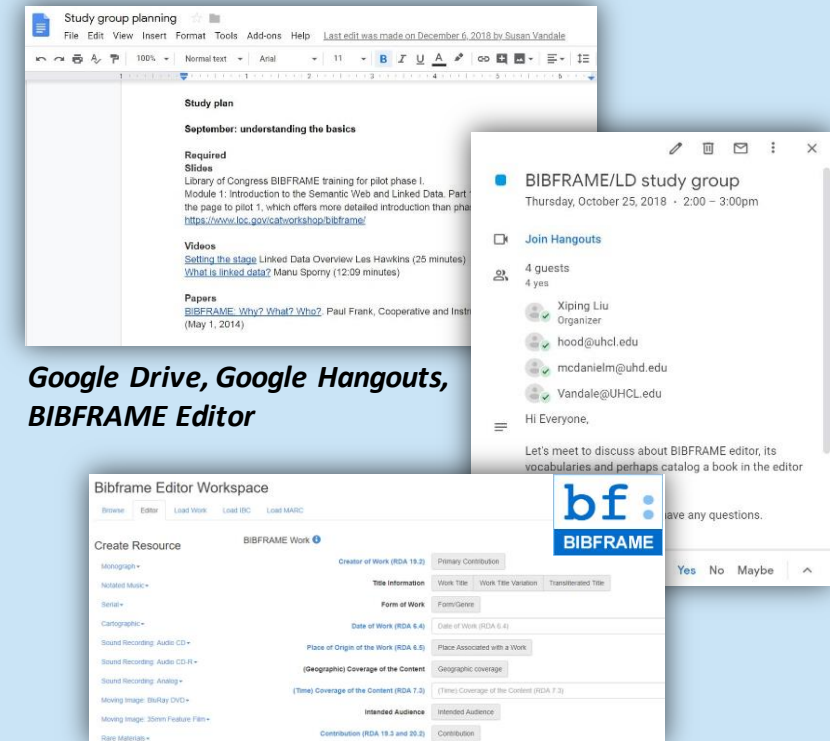
## Goals

- To understand BIBFRAME and Linked Data concepts
- To learn how to use BIBFRAME editor and explore tools for converting MARC records to BIBFRAME
- To identify a collection from the catalog that can be transformed from MARC to BIBFRAME

## Study Group Planning

- **Set the schedule**
  - Consider: What works for the group? How much time do we need to read the materials? Keep other work commitments in mind!
  - Monthly meetings using Google Hangouts
- **Design the study plan**
  - Each month has a focused theme
    - September: Understanding Linked Data
    - October: Understanding BIBFRAME
    - November: Adding URIs to MARC records
  - Each month has a list of required and suggested reading materials
- **Determine individual responsibilities**
  - Each member should review required materials before the discussion
  - Each member will take turns facilitating discussions at the meeting
  - Facilitator should read all required materials, create discussion questions and facilitate the discussion during the meeting

## Tools



*Google Drive, Google Hangouts, BIBFRAME Editor*

## Where Are We Now?

- We all have a basic understanding of linked data and the BIBFRAME editor
- We are considering possible applications in Alma and our institutional repositories
- On hiatus until migration to Alma is complete