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Abstract

Libraries contract with vendors to provide shelf-ready material, but is it really shelf-ready? It arrives with all the physical processing needed for immediate shelving, then lingers in back offices while staff conduct item-by-item checks against the catalog. CatQC, a console application for Microsoft Windows developed at the University of Florida, builds on OCLC services to get material to the shelves and into the hands of users without delay and without sacrificing data quality. Using standard C programming, CatQC identifies problems in MARC record files, often applying complex conditionals, and generates easy-to-use reports that do not require manual item review.

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and archival collections should always be instructed in proper handling procedures for the collections they are consulting.

CONCLUSION. CatQC and Shelf-Ready Material: Speeding Collections to Users While Preserving Data Quality. Article. Full-text available. This paper analyzes results of a survey on shelf-ready materials management and cataloging practices in US academic libraries with various collection sizes. The survey respondents consisted of managers and librarians in technical services operations. Survey questions addressed topics such as the volume of shelf-ready materials, perspectives on shelf-ready expansion, the effect of local cataloging practices on shelf-ready services, the amount of cataloging and processing errors, and quality control. Data Set. The library in question had not yet implemented shelf-ready cataloging, PromptCat, or other methods of utilizing vendor-prepared catalog records. Each item in the study, the same category. Information about these methods can be found in, among others, Mary Walker and Deb Kulczak, "Shelf-Ready Books Using PromptCat and YBP: Issues to Consider (An Analysis of Errors at the University of Arkansas)," Library Collections, Acquisitions, and Technical Services 31, no. 2 (2007): 61-84; Michael Jay, Betsy Simpson, and Doug Smith, "CatQC and Shelf-Ready Material: Speeding Collections to Users While Preserving Data Quality," Information Technology and Libraries 28, no. 1