

Session 1A: Recent Developments in Israeli Libraries

Elhanan Adler: The Israel Union Catalogs: Past, Present and Future

The Israeli Library community has two major union catalogs: a union list of serials (ULS) which is maintained at the National Library, listing the serial holdings of academic and special libraries, and a more general union list (ULI) maintained by the MALMAD consortium and containing primarily the collections of academic libraries. These two catalogs have become more and more interlinked, which has led to the need for greater uniformity and adherence to cataloging standards.

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