

Cataloging Digital Resources Policy

NOBLE libraries can add bibliographic records for:

- digital resources owned or licensed by the library;
- objects digitized from physical materials owned by the library;
- open-access titles curated by library staff.
 - Open access (OA) is a set of principles and a range of practices through which nominally copyrightable publications are delivered to readers free of access charges or other barriers.¹

NOBLE libraries should not add bibliographic records for standalone web sites that do not meet the above definitions.

Digital resources added by individual NOBLE libraries should only be searchable in the library's search scope or the consortium search scope. They should not be searchable in the scope of other libraries that have not curated those digital resources.

Use of Field 856 in Bib Records for Related Websites

We encourage the use of field 856 to provide links to related websites in the following circumstances:

- There is a complete, online version of the cataloged item. Links to the online versions of federal and state government documents are specifically encouraged.
- There is a site provided by the publisher that is specifically related to the individual work, providing substantial content.

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¹ Wikipedia contributors. (2024, November 17). Open access. In *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. Retrieved 18:49, November 17, 2024, from https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Open_access&oldid=1257889218