

## ISTC and the British Library

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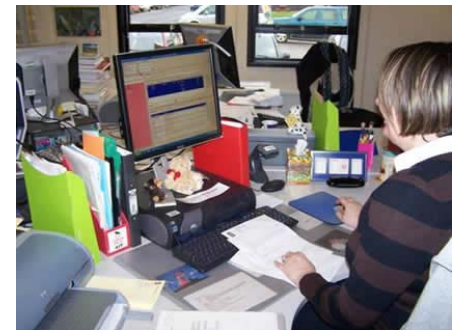
## Background – the British Library Legal Deposit Office

- The British Library is the main Legal Deposit Library in the UK
- Under the terms of the Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2003 we are entitled to receive 1 copy of every item published and/or distributed in the UK
- We are responsible for building and maintaining the national published archive of the British Isles
- In 2007/08 the Legal Deposit intake was 111,567
- In 2008/09 that had risen to 141,755



## The Current Story

- We produced just under 68,000 new claims last year
- Claims are currently ISBN-based
- Reliance upon ISBN prefix matching
- Automated process with manual intervention
- 60% claims produced electronically



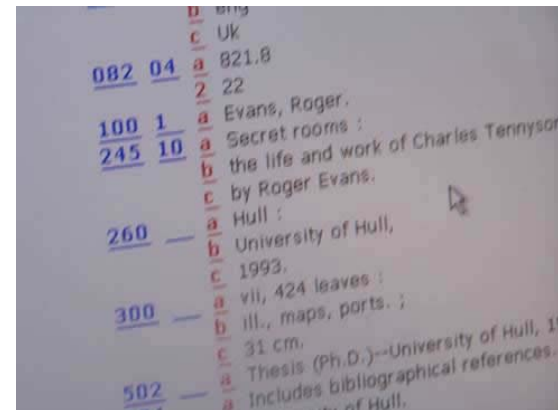
# ISTC – International Standard Textual Code

- The ISTC is a global identification for textual works
  
- Intended to bring together manifestations of a title
  
- Primarily intended for use by
  - Publishers
  - Bibliographic Services
  - Retailers
  - Libraries
  - Rights Management Agencies



# What would ISTC Claiming Look Like at the BL?

- ISTC embedded in metadata
- Coverage
- Back catalogue of works
- Consistent approach to application
- To what extent can it be relied on?



## Next Steps...

- Proof of concept
- Potential project?
- Three-way partnership



# Benefits

- The benefits
  - Resource discovery
  - Accurate claiming processes
  - Reduction of manual intervention
  - Link to all alternative editions and manifestations
  - Easy to eliminate same-title works from others
  - Comply with territorial rights
  - Sales analysis at work level



# The End...

Thank you for your time!

