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The changing landscape of librarianship increases the need for visibility and interoperability on the Web. Shared catalogues are going online on the Web, digitized items collections are being brought together, which requires for re-inventing librarianship. Moreover this activity is no longer isolated in the library environment. Actors from a broader set of domains (libraries, archives, museums, publishing) share common issues and standards. Their capacity to jointly build interoperable solutions is the key to the development of cultural and scientific content across the Web.

A re-orientation in the library perspective on information interoperability is needed, building on existing Web architecture and standards, in order to bring this content to the Web. A lot of structured data is already available within library systems and could be published as Linked Data. Cultural heritage institutions could be a major provider of authoritative datasets for the Web of Data.

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