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A Conversation with Marshall Breeding
Open Systems in the age of Library Services Platforms: Meeting expectations for interoperability and extensibility

Why is this an important topic?

Why did you focus on this specific area?
In the past, libraries were more of a siloed entities. Now, we see that they are very much trying to connect to the academic ecosystem.

Can you shed some light as to why this is becoming more of a trend?
Is the conversation of openness and open-source solutions limited to just larger libraries?

Or is this a growing trend for libraries of all types and sizes?
There are many different technologies that help create open systems. Is there a right approach here? A right or wrong?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of the different approaches?
Going forward, when a library is now looking to improve their connectivity to other systems, what are the things they should pay attention to?
How do libraries make best use of their technology-focused staff?
Local development projects?
Scripts through APIs?

How do libraries recruit the best level of technical personnel?
The following represents results from a question in the 2021 The State of Academic Libraries Benchmark Survey.

In light of your paper, and this conversation, what sticks out to you?
Questions?
Thank you!