

Anet

Network of *scientific* libraries in Belgium

- Library University of Antwerp & external libraries
- Library System = Brocade
- Common
 - software
 - opac
 - library practices (manuals for cataloguing,...)
 - metadata records

Subject of my talk

- Cooperative cataloguing (topic of this conference)
- Subject indexing of publications
- Art & Architecture Thesaurus[®] (standard)
- Presenting database Vesper:
 - copy cataloguing tool
 - online
 - open use for everybody
 - Tool for cooperation (set up at Anet)

Art & Architecture Thesaurus®

- Hierarchical art vocabulary
 - General terms, main scope is material culture (art, heritage,...)
 - Multilingual
 - Vast (200000+ terms)
- By Getty Research Institute
- Widespread use in museums for object description
- Standard → editing (sources, approvement)
- Examples:

sketching, sculptors, copper alloys, proofs (printed matter), acid-free, green, medieval, satire,....

Art & Architecture Thesaurus®

Anet as user

- AAT is integrated in Brocade (authority file type)
- Updates from Getty
- → Main purpose is adding subjects to publications

E.g. Subject of 4-906536-01-8 *technical art history* (technical art history = http://vocab.getty.edu/page/aat/300379540)

Limitation: libraries with art and heritage scope. E.g. Not a biomedical library

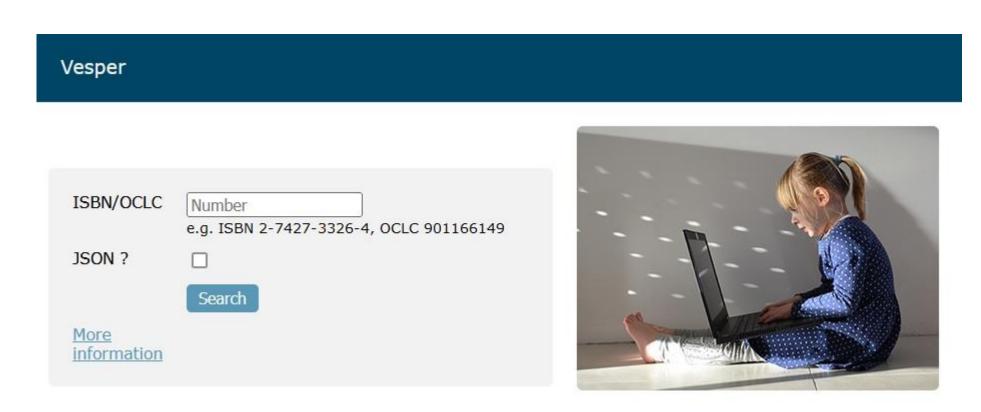
Vesper: database

Publications with their AAT keywords are shared online:

Key information is:

- 1) ISBN, ISSN, OCLC id, DOI (Unique publication Identifier)
- 2) Unique Getty AAT Identifiers

Web form: https://anet.be/aat/vesper.phtml





Web form

Vesper

ISBN/OCLC 2-7427-3326-4
e.g. ISBN 2-7427-3326-4, OCLC 901166149

JSON ?

Search

More information

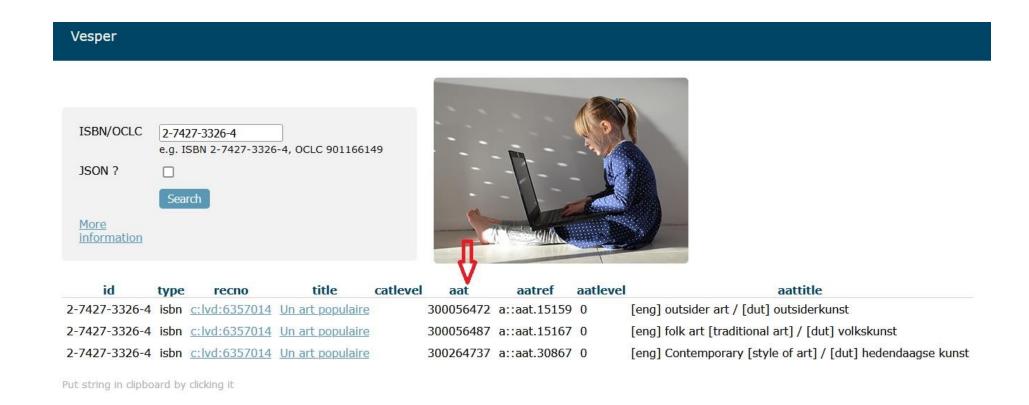


The publication 'Un art populaire' has 3 AAT-keywords









Vesper

Currently sharing:

Anet data:

313.505 titles with AAT concepts

Contributor data:

48488 titles with AAT concepts

(RKD - Nederlands Instituut voor Kunstgeschiedenis)

Vesper: advantages?

- AAT is standard
- Subject indexing is expensive
- Cataloguers work with:
 - Specialized subjects
 - Expertise tool (=AAT)
 - → share expertise
- Multilinguality: e.g. receive German data from German libraries?
- → For <u>expertise</u> is cooperative cataloguing the solution



Vesper: advantages?

What about the use of AAT for description of publications?

Using terminology of material culture AND its documentation makes sense

 E.g. try finding information about specific things

First hurdle = how is it called:

- → define it
- → find relevant information



Vesper: advantages?

The 'question' of subject indexing

Controversal because:

- Subjectiveness in both cataloguing and searching fase
- Thus not popular for innovative initiatives
- → Vesper is gathering and publishing <u>different approaches</u> in subject indexing

Vesper: visualising different approaches in subject indexing

E.g. 4-906536-01-8

Rubens and his workshop: The Flight of Lot and his Family from Sodom

- RKD keywords = restauration
- Anet keywords = studios (work spaces), technical art history

Vesper is presenting keywords of the different deliverers

Vesper: visualising different approaches in subject indexing

Future: data analyses possible!

Questions we might be able to investigate:

- What 'are' important keywords?
- How are libraries performing in assigning key words?
- Is one content determination better than the other?
- Can we point out authoritive libraries for certain domains?

Etc.

Vesper: data delivery

Become partner!!!

- Delivery in csv
- Required fields
 - Publication Identifier (ISBN, ISSN, OCLC- id, DOI)
 - AAT concept Identifier (e.g. 300056472)
- 'Nice' to have:
 - title publication
 - AAT preferred descriptor (English)

Libraries sharing data

Rubenianum Research Institute

Middelheim Documentation Centre

Hendrik Conscience Heritage Library

KMSKA Library

Plantin-Moretus Library

VAi Library

Den Bell Special Library

Academic libraries of:

University of Antwerp

University of Hasselt

AP University of Applied Sciences and Arts Antwerp

KdG University of Applied Sciences and Arts Antwerp



