Sebastian & Index Data

- Giving software to libraries since 94
- How to have fun coding without selling software
- Our history...
 - Consultants
 - Application/portal developers
 - Information infrastructure toolmakers





Why (local) Libraries

- Bearers and preservers of cultural heritage
- Conveyers of authoritative information
- Supporters of learning & research
- Pillars of democracy



Data flows

- Lorcan's "stitching costs"
- Most so-called open APIs are loyalty schemes rather than interoperability devices
- Standardization is hard/boring but essential for collaboration
- Systems and organizations need to surrender our data freely
- Library hackers must become advocates within their organizations

Standards suck

- MARC is a joke
- Z39.50 is for old people
- SRU is dumb
- NCIP... forget about it
- Some standards MAY be dumb, or even missing.
- If standards processes are broken, they must die
- It does suck, but it must be done