



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **Librarian Andrew K. Pace Co-leads National Information Standards Initiative**

Andrew K. Pace, head of the Systems Department at the NCSU Libraries, was recently appointed to the leadership team responsible for the overall planning and coordination of the NISO (National Information Standards Organization) MetaSearch Initiative. Jenny Walker of Ex Libris (USA), Inc., joins Pace as co-lead.

The MetaSearch Initiative involves database and e-resource content, usability, and metadata concerns. The goal is to enable information seekers to search easily and simultaneously across a large number of the library e-resources they need and, at the end of the search process, to present them both highly understandable and useful search results. Three NISO MetaSearch task

groups are being formed to study the key issue areas: access management, collection description, and search/retrieval protocols and techniques.

The NCSU Libraries, with more than 3.1 million volumes, nearly 52,000 print and electronic serials, and hundreds of databases, offers leading-edge resources and services from its central library, the D. H. Hill Library, and four branch libraries. Since 2003 the NCSU Libraries has offered its online users a MetaSearch capability, called MultiSearch, see: [www.lib.ncsu.edu/administration/publications/focusonline/ada/Vol.24.2.articles/MultiSearch.html](http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/administration/publications/focusonline/ada/Vol.24.2.articles/MultiSearch.html). For full information about NCSU Libraries, visit [www.lib.ncsu.edu](http://www.lib.ncsu.edu).

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