

METADATA TAGGING

THE CENTER ON CONTEMPORARY ART

DIGITAL ARCHIVE

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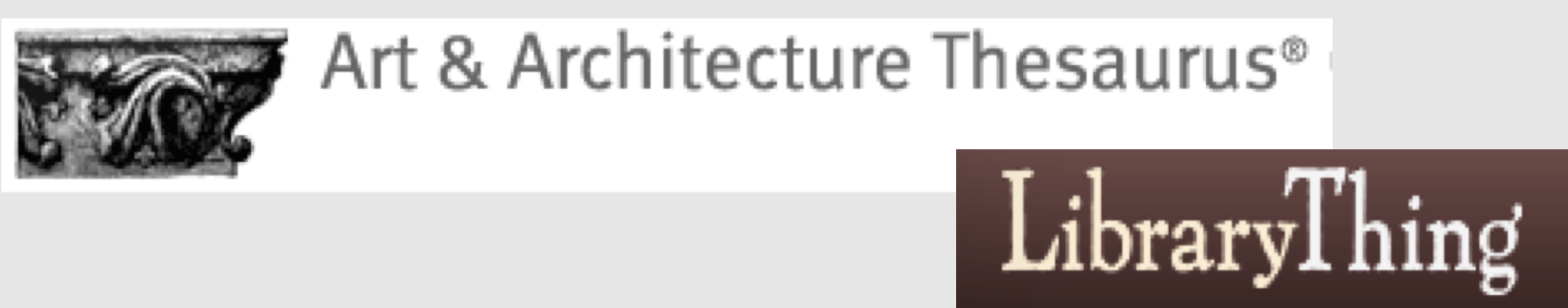
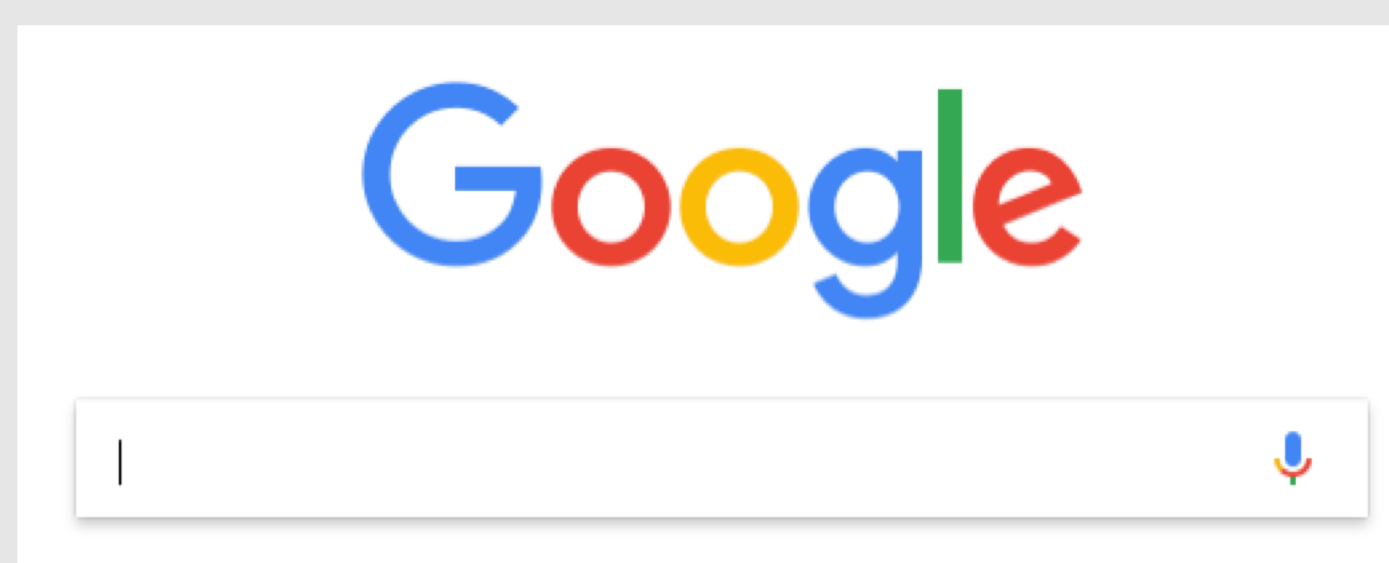
Project Origins

- Beginning in 2016 volunteers & staff began going through CoCA's physical archive, scanning and cataloging items into a digital archive
- Items were not tagged



Why add metadata tagging?

- Items in the CoCA Digital Archive are difficult to find through internet searches
- Information in the archive is hard to organize

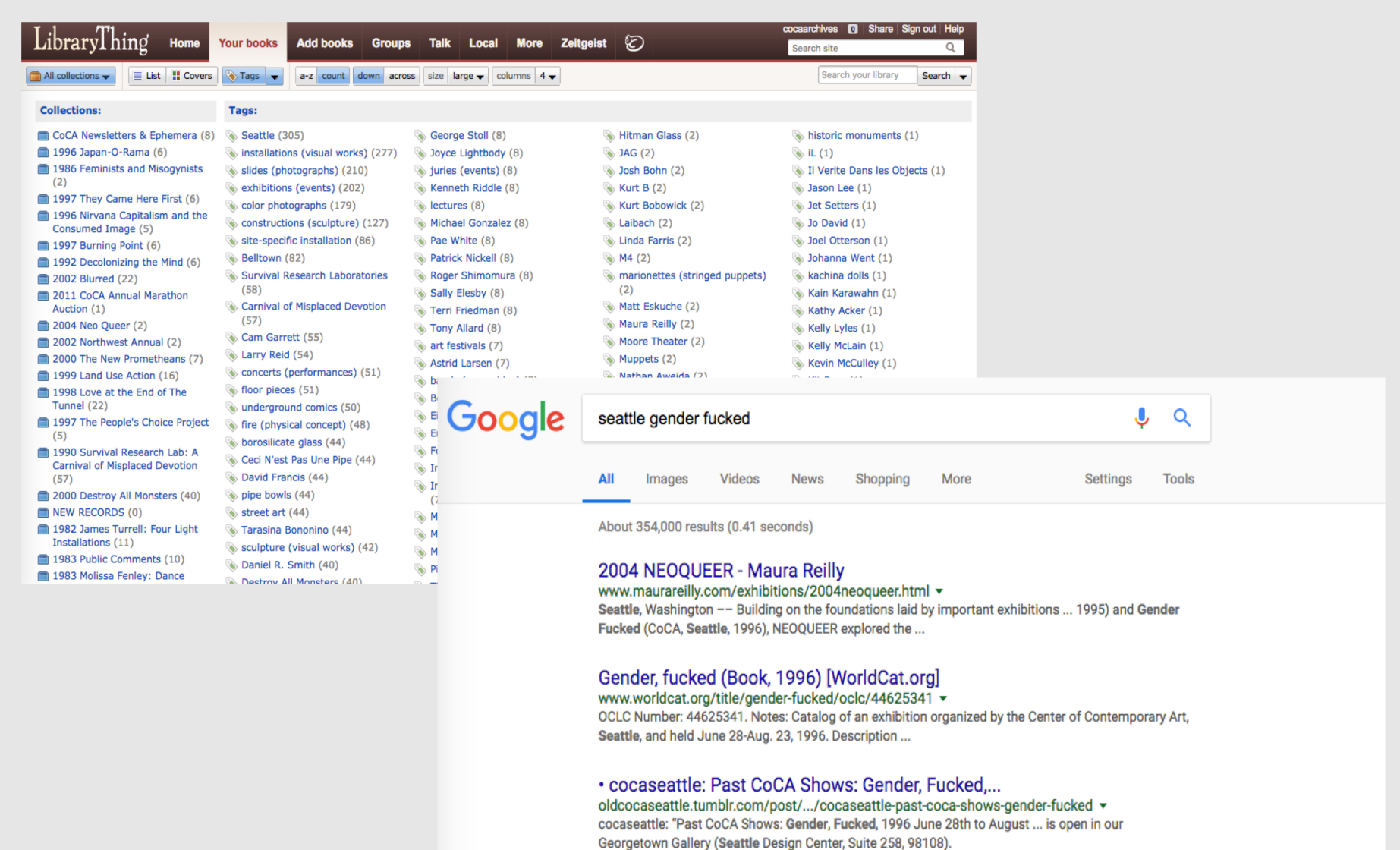


Method

- Use the Getty Art & Architecture Thesaurus terms as our controlled vocabulary
- Utilize the tagging feature in LibraryThing (CoCA's online catalog service) to tag archive exhibitions with appropriate terms

Results

- Online searches for items, artists, exhibitions, curators, etc. turn up results for items in the archive
- The items in the archive catalog are easier to organize by type, style, artist, etc.
- Use of a consistent tagging vocabulary makes it easier to continue tagging in the future



Next Steps

- Continue adding comprehensive tagging with each new exhibition and item added to the archive
- Add a search function on the CoCA Archives website to make the digital archive more user friendly and easily navigable

