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### **Cataloguing and the Greatest Good / Arwen Caddy (C&I, issue 191 (June 2018))**

This article was a most interesting read, giving lots of food for thought. I was reminded of S.R. Ranganathan's Five laws of library science throughout, which, to my mind at least, are concerned with the greater good of the library, by satisfying the user in their search and retrieval. This linking with Ranganathan was particularly strong for me in section 5, Consistency and Perfection?, where Caddy discusses the cataloguing practices of locking down a record as soon as it is created. If a mistake is made, or a more appropriate access term becomes available, then my advice would be to use both terms in newer records, allowing the user to conduct their own cross-reference searching. If this doesn't satisfy the rule about the library being a growing organism, I don't know what does! Consistency can be static, and doesn't allow for growth and change; be adaptable (even the most consistent of cataloguers need room to grow). Caddy started with a Pixar quote; I'll finish with a slightly different film (which, at the heart of it, is also about ethics): Life [or metadata] finds a way.... (Jurassic Park, 1993).

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