**Academic Semester:** Summer 2013

**Title:**  Intern for Post-MARC Research

**Project Description:**

An outcome of the recent implementation of the RDA (Resource Description and Access) cataloging standard within the library industry has been a movement to look beyond MARC and consider other ways to share bibliographic data among library catalogs and expose it to general web search engines.

The Intern will research and report on the current state of the library automation industry’s efforts to identify and implement a replacement for the MARC 21 communication format.   All participants in the library automation industry will be studied, including the national libraries (Library of Congress, others), ILS vendors, standards organizations (NISO), OCLC, the publishing industry, independent researchers and semantic web proponents.  The report will emphasize efforts within the United States and Canada.

The Intern will be provided with a list of resources to start with and should be prepared to discover other relevant resources.

The Intern will be asked to identify relevant web sites and to silently monitor several listservs and related social media sites.

The final report is to be used internally at Polaris and will be considered to be company property.

**Qualifications:**

* Experience cataloging library materials according to accepted cataloging practices and standards, including AACR2 and RDA
* Experience cataloging with the MARC 21 standard
* An understanding of and interest in how various players in the library automation field work in partnership to supply metadata to library catalogs
* Ability to synthesize and organize a complex body of information and write about it succinctly

**Additional Information:**

* Polaris can offer flexibility in scheduling hours.
* While the Intern can work remotely on the project, some work will need to be performed during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00) so as to consult with Polaris staff.
* The Intern may occasionally need to attend meetings in person at the company’s headquarters at 103 Commerce Boulevard, Suite A, Liverpool.
* The Intern will work closely with the Product Analyst for Cataloging and Public Access Catalogs.