

DISC / Knowledge Bank Meeting
March 1, 2006

Present: Beth Black, Wes Boomgaarden (co-chair), Tom Cetwinski, Tschera Connell, Nena Couch, Susan Logan, Sarah Murphy, Amy McCrory, Sally Rogers (co-chair), Beth Russell, Andrew Wang, Amanda Wilson

Online Exhibits

Nena reported on discussions with the Exhibits Committee. Preference is to go with OIT Web server for the exhibit pages for now to see what the experience is regarding the need to make changes to them over time. Nena said it should be OK to put the images in the KB due to the space issue (we do not have space to put a lot of images on the OIT Web server). Bad part is that the exhibit is not preserved anywhere but that can be revisited in the future. Nena will follow up with Laura Tull on the directory to be used for the exhibit pages on the OIT Web server and with Mike Derr on getting permission for Amy McCrory to access it. Amy agreed to take responsibility for putting the pages on the Web server and for submitting the images to the KB. An appropriate KB community/collection and authorization for Amy will have to be established. Amanda can work with her on how to accomplish the image submissions. The question was raised whether the new Web template must be applied to the exhibit pages. The decision was to work with Beth Black to ensure that the exhibits "portal page" uses the template but to go ahead and put up the other pages as they are for now. After all of the other pages on the Libraries' Web site have been converted to use the new template, the issue of applying it to the exhibits pages can be revisited.

MSA

Andrew thought that MSA could be a good first project for OIT staff to handle as they take on software support for DSpace but they preferred that Andrew finish it off. He is loading the data right now. OIT did write a script to move files from the development server to production. Rebekah asked them to move some items from one collection to another (from Archives to Polar). The Polar scrapbooks that Laura Kissel digitized might be a good initial project for OIT to start on. The metadata is being completed by SRI and Amanda said they would try to step up that process.

Soliciting content for OSU WEBooks

The queue of books that could be imaged through Lexicon is not great. Are there perhaps 300 other titles that collection managers could identify that are in the public domain, fewer than 600 pages (to avoid the need for markup), and not held by Univ. of Michigan (and presumably to be digitized by Google) that we might send through this flow? Susan suggested creating an OSCAR boolean for items with pre-1923 imprint dates that have circulated. She also had suggested subject area materials with stx3 location because they are not easily accessed and used. She mentioned Dr. Plumb's materials as another possibility. Wes said he might test the idea with a collection manager or two.

Review of projects

See notes entered on the project status spreadsheet with date 3/1/06.

Also some discussion of outsourcing journals and if we should make a practice of sending to one vendor with whom we have had good experience.

Video workflow

Video workflow has become ongoing now. Those with videos can send them to Tom to arrange to have them digitized by OIT and added to the KB. Cost is reasonable. WOSU videos are done.

When a community has a collection of analog videos for which they want us to clear copyright and to pay for digitizing them, Tom needs to discuss with the appropriate collection manager to make sure that it is worth doing that. Math Dept. and History Dept. have collections of lectures on tape.

Disposition of analog originals and CDs/DVDs of content now online

Discussed what should be done with originals provided by communities that we have then digitized – Tom would need to establish agreement when talking with community whether they want the originals back or not. If they don't, Sally thought they could be handled in the manner of gift collections. Tschera wanted to know what should be done with the CDs and DVDs that we get back from the outsourcing vendors. Wes thought they should go to Iron Mountain – this is just storage though, no media longevity check. Must document this before the move out of Main. Beth and Wes will investigate the possibility of identifying pieces that have gone to Iron Mountain in OSCAR with a location code other than ARV (and doing this retrospectively).

OIT support of KB and other Libraries' services

Andrew asked OIT to set up anonymous FTP (most secure type of access Andrew said – allows fewest capabilities) for Lexicon to put files on the KB development server. OIT said they could not set this up due to security reasons. Concerned about allowing FTP access from outside OSU. Sally will follow up with them and explain that the FTP would be from a vendor and presumably could be limited to a single IP. Andrew shared info he received from OIT. Perl not supported on OIT Web server due to security. Two separate units in OIT – business unit (John Ellinger's) and academic unit. (Vickie Starbuck). Business unit charges us for their services; academic unit currently does not. Business unit said that Perl could run on our servers that they would maintain for a fee. Sally will follow up with OIT regarding our options. Amy asked if a date has been set for the server on which dlib runs to be decommissioned. Sally said no date has been set. The server is aging so she is looking at options to migrate what is on it.

Greenstone

Medical Heritage Center is running Greenstone, but Amy has spoken to them and they are not doing what we want to do with it. She and Amanda talked with Mary Manning. They have been looking at Greenstone as a possible solution for delivering the Hale Scrapbook. Amy said that it is a freeware distribution that may provide functionality similar to that of CONTENTdm. Sally said that OSUL received a license for CONTENTdm that included the opportunity to have 500 items hosted by OCLC some years ago by joining an OCLC Cooperative and that Joe Frazee had experimented with it

briefly. She will need to discuss Greenstone and Fedora with OIT to see about possibility of supporting those for us so that further experimentation can be done. However, as a long-term solution, she would like to see whatever functionality we determine is necessary to resolve Hale to be communicated to OhioLINK with a request that it be included in the DRC development plan. Andrew suggested that experimenting with Fedora might be a good idea because that could make future integration with the DRC easier.

DISC Membership

The group briefly discussed Marti Alt's plans to retire this summer and the vacancy that this will create on DISC. It was suggested that a call for volunteers be issued. Wes will send this out.

Submitted by
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