

## **DISC/Knowledge Bank meeting – October 4, 2006**

Minutes submitted by Sally Rogers

Present: Wes Boomgaarden, Tschera Connell, Nena Couch, Leta Hendricks, Amy McCrory, Nancy O'Hanlon, Sarah Murphy, Sally Rogers

### **1. Mills Atlas**

Amy reported that OhioLINK will not accept new collections before January due to system changes they are making. Steve Rogers and Mary Scott were OK with that target date, though we aren't sure how firm it is for OhioLINK. In Beth Black's absence, Conrad Gratz at OIT asked Amy what she wanted for zoom capability. Amy will respond relative to zoom outside of the Knowledge Bank. Mills file sizes are 20-50MB. Tschera will query the DSpace-general listserv to find out if other DSpace users have implemented zooming. Amy reported that Texas A&M is putting maps in DSpace but without zoom capability. The files are large and can't readily be downloaded. Mary Scott told Amy that Texas A&M is working on improvements.

### **2. OhioLINK Update**

Sally distributed a handout that Anita Cook gave to members of the OhioLINK Technical Advisory Committee on Sept. 21. It shows target dates for various digital content management development projects at OhioLINK through August 2007.

### **3. Backstage Library Works**

Sally said that John Merrill from Backstage Library Works left her a phone message this week asking for feedback on the quality of work done for OSUL by BSLW. Response from those present was very positive relative to the OJS and Polar Scrapbook projects. Sally will ask Susan Logan for input as well before responding to John.

### **4. Knowledge Bank system problems**

Sally mentioned that there have been problems with the KB server on the past two weekends with concern that data might have been lost (though this did not happen). One problem has to do with the Virtual Machine needing to be upgraded. We are waiting to hear from OIT when they can do this. Tschera noted it is problematic to promote the KB as a preservation system if data loss could so easily occur. The KB is supposed to be a trusted digital repository. Sally plans to schedule a meeting with several people at OIT to review the recent OSCAR issues and will discuss the KB concerns with them as well.

### **5. Google Book Search**

Nancy had sent DISC the URL for an announcement that Google is making PDFs of full view books available for download (<http://googleblog.blogspot.com/2006/08/download-classics.html>). Committee members discussed the possibility of using files downloaded from Google rather than having brittle books digitized by a vendor at \$100+ each. Some labor would be required to verify if Google's copy exactly matched our item. Would we download the file and submit to OhioLINK as usual? Would format be a problem? Would OhioLINK care that the file was not created by a member library? Would Google's scanning standard suffice? Probably need for a title-by-title decision on when Google's copy ok vs. higher quality scan (although Michigan seems to be accepting all of Google's scans as good enough.) Would we deselect our print copy? Wes said that we no longer have a paper facsimile created for every brittle book. A lot of the brittle books flow is high demand titles. There was some discussion of which mode of access is better for users - via Google Book Search or the library catalog. Wes suggested that Molly Snively keep track of what is coming through the brittle books flow for a couple of months to help inform our thinking about this issue. Molly notes how many titles are in OhioLINK, OCLC, and CIC.

### **6. The Lantern**

Amy counted and measured the volumes to get a page count for the RFP. She found a big set of duplicate volumes and got a sample volume from 1967. (Yale said they had to scan sample pages so having a sample volume should be helpful.) Amy said there was no discussion about whether the duplicate volumes could be cut apart. Yale's test site used CONTENTdm to do their own segmentation and delivery. They chose Digital Divide which they thought offered the best imaging. Amy has a list of 7 vendors to send the RFP. We might want to contract with more than one vendor (e.g., one to handle imaging and another to handle delivery).

## **7. MSA**

Dr. Miller was not satisfied with the images from 2001-2004, which were digitized at 200 pixels per inch. The text shrinks to fit the browser screen and the user must know to click to enlarge it. Amy can do a batch resizing but the issue is getting the new images into the KB. Also markup of the 1982 content still has not been done by OCLC. In addition, there are problems with the consistency of order of author's names. Given the size & continuity of the project, do we want to make an authority file for MSA as Bruce Leach did with OJS? Conrad Gratz at OIT must correct the names once we give him the KB handles.

## **8. OhioLINK EAD Task Force**

Amy reported that the work of the task force has been delayed due to members being unavailable. Working on typing finding aid info into web form with XML added behind the scenes. Amy is going to KSU Friday to meet with developers who are volunteering to create a template. Amy was glad to hear (from Anita's report in #2 above) that OhioLINK is planning to use California Digital Library's e-book approach for EAD.

## **9. Media Manager**

Sally had forwarded a message to libdisc from Mary Scott saying she had added DISC members to her Media Manager collection. She followed up with Mary because Leta might not have been added yet. Sally suggested that when Beth Black returns in November, she, Tschera, Mary and possibly others should form a subgroup to work with Allen Coleman at WMC on how content might move from Media Manager into the KB. Sally noted the "digital storage group" that has been meeting for some months is talking about defining several pilots involving Carmen, Media Manager, OSU:Pro, and KB so this might constitute a pilot.

There is also Lewis Ulman's project. He asked for a meeting to discuss process details, so Amy, Beth B., Maureen, and Tschera met with him, Dickie Selfe, and Cindy Selfe about the Digital Archive of Literacy Narratives (DALN). They want an anonymous submission option which may involve children so the IRB is involved. They would need a permission form. Input could be tedious- board must review to weed out children. The 3 faculty want to be able to route submissions to distribute the load. Beth B. will look into those 2 issues. A DALN community will be set up. There will be some audio and video files to put in. Lewis had charted our KB processes very nicely in preparation for the meeting. Ten universities are interested in being part of DALN. May need to direct requests for help to the faculty working on the project, not to those of us in the Libraries. A proposal was done an OSU grant but was not one of the 12 funded. A grant proposal requirement was that the project would be done whether funded or not so they are going forward anyway.