

Digital Initiatives Steering / Knowledge Bank Committee Meeting July 18, 2007

Attended by: Beth Black, Wes Boomgaarden, Tom Cetwinski, Tschera Connell, Nena Couch, Leta Hendricks, Amy McCrory, Sarah Murphy, Dan Noonan, Nancy O'Hanlon, Sally Rogers, Eric Schnell, Beth Whittaker.
Minutes submitted by Wes Boomgaarden.

Update on CIC Google initiative.

Boomgaarden and Rogers provided a brief report of the planning and orientation meeting held at Northwestern University July 16 and 17 with representatives from Google and the ten CIC libraries which have signed on to the Google Book Search (GBS) initiative to digitally scan 10 million volumes held by CIC libraries, announced in early June. Much of the information provided by the Google personnel was presented as confidential, and thus cannot be more widely shared. However, selection of materials for scanning is not imminent, and it is expected that it may take 12 months to ready the first shipment from the first CIC library to a Google integrated scanning center, as collections holdings are analyzed, project teams are arranged, the shared digital repository readied, etc.

Review of Featured additions to the Knowledge Bank In recent years, the Knowledge Bank (KB) has annually (in March) and quarterly provided additional content and links as "Featured Additions to the Knowledge Bank." See <http://library.osu.edu/sites/dlib/kbadd.php> . Its purpose has been both to support our DISC/KB annual report effort, and to feature KB news. The committee's discussion that ensued related to the marketing of the KB using a range of strategies. Tschera Connell will be in touch with Larry Allen, Communications Coordinator, for this purpose.

Outreach: Libraries and the Columbus Museum of Art (CMA) joint submission of a proposal to the Institute of Library and Museum Studies (IMLS) program. Sarah Murphy reported on the significant progress being made on the groundwork needed to submit an IMLS proposal in early 2008. Several meetings have been held among the group of OSU librarians and CMA professionals as a proposal's program content identification and objectives are developed. Murphy outlined her concerns for the workload that her coordination has required to date, and sought advice on how best to continue her leadership of the planning group. She requested a formal task force charge; Boomgaarden will draft such a charge for consideration and distribution by Joe Branin. It was suggested that Nancy Courtney, CIPS Coordinator for Outreach, be included as part of the task force.

Popol Wuj. Boomgaarden provided a brief update on the OSU Libraries – Newberry Library joint effort to create and maintain a World-Wide Web resource for global access to this pre-Columbian creation-myth document owned by the Newberry. A formal Agreement is in draft; remaining images from the document

are being acquired by Amy McCrory; and a transcription from Prof. Carlos Lopez (Marshall University, WV) is being completed.

the Lantern. Amy McCrory provided a brief update on her efforts to select two sets of vendors for the digital imaging and the online delivery of the 1881-1997 content of Ohio State's student newspaper. Olive Software, Inc. has been awarded the delivery portion of the contract. Competitive bids with the digital imaging of the newspaper pages are due August 1.

Foxe's Actes & Monuments. Beth Whittaker provided an update on her work on the documentation of imaging and metadata done in the past years on the 1559, 1563, 1576 and some subsequent editions of this work from Rare Books & Mss. Work done by Jim Bracken, Marti Alt and Mark Rankin is represented in various files in multiple versions, making version identification and control rather uncertain. Whittaker will confer with M.Alt to sort out the content.

Button project.

Published monographs: Leta Hendricks reported that she is performing copyright searches for button-related titles using the recently-published Stanford University database of renewals for titles published between 1923 and 1963. Of the 58 searched, only 4 have indication that their copyrights were renewed; 6 of those 58 have been reproduced by Google Book Search (GBS). Hendricks will check Michigan's holdings to see if Michigan holds any of the remaining 51 titles; it is expected that Michigan will include all their holding in the GBS effort. Hendricks identified a late-18th-century French monograph on buttons that she has recently discovered on GBS; she expressed disappointment that the images are not displayed in color. Google did report that they scan source documents in color. The Libraries owns a copy of this title, and Hendricks will forward its citation to Boomgaarden for follow-up with Google's CIC liaisons to learn why the color doesn't display in GBS.

Buttons: She also noted that the work performing digital imaging in the button collection of the Historic Costumes Collection is underway again.

PREMIS – Preservation Metadata Implementation Strategy -- workshop report. Beth Black attended the PREMIS tutorial workshop at the Library of Congress in June, an effort by LC to provide continuing education on this common data model for organizing preservation metadata; for guidance for local implementation; and as a standard for exchanging information packages between repositories. It is an ambitious undertaking and Black reported that no institution is meeting all aspects of PREMIS at this time. It is comparable in commitment to the OAIS model. We will place this topic on the DISC/KB agenda for the October 3 meeting.

News Notes in the KB. Tschera Connell provided background into the effort to preserve the Libraries' *News Notes* electronic versions in the KnowledgeBank. One of the challenges facing her unit is whether to and how to preserve the

functionality of the many external links included within the issues. In the discussion that ensued, the decision was reached by consensus that *News Notes* will be preserved in the KB with all links present, even knowing that many of the links will fail over time if tested or used; a disclaimer will be drafted that readers should expect to find broken links and that the objective of keeping *News Notes* in the KB is primarily to document the history of the Libraries.

Brief updates:

- Sally Rogers distributed a one-page document outlining the history of Northwestern University Library's digital efforts.
- She noted that ContentDM has scaled up recently, allowing enterprise-level metadata creation.
- OhioLINK is pondering DSpace over Fedora.

Agenda items identified for our next meeting on August 1:

Zooming / enlarging images online. Amy McCrory will demonstrate the "Zoomify" application.

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