

**Libraries' Digital Initiatives Steering Committee (DISC)  
Annual Report  
February 2006**

**Membership:**

Wes Boomgaarden, Preservation, co-chair  
Sally Rogers, Information Technology and Technical Services, co-chair  
Marti Alt, Humanities  
Beth Black, Information Technology Division  
Tom Cetwinski, Program Manager, Knowledge Bank  
Tschera Connell, Scholarly Resources Integration  
Nena Couch, Theatre Research Institute  
Susan Logan, Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Library  
Amy McCrory, Preservation  
Sarah Murphy, Veterinary Medicine Library  
Nancyanne O'Hanlon, Instruction Office  
Beth Russell, Special Collections Cataloging  
Andrew Wang, Information Technology Division  
Amanda Wilson, Scholarly Resources Integration

**Terms of service for all members:**

Two-year terms (renewable).

**Committee's charge** (<http://library.osu.edu/sites/staff/disc/charge.pdf> )

Renewed January 2004 by the Libraries Executive Committee. DISC members recently reassessed progress on the work outlined in the charge and recommended continuation of the group with the membership changes noted below.

The work of the DISC March 2005-February 2006, following its charge, is outlined below.

**Merger with Knowledge Bank Task Force**

DISC and the Knowledge Bank Task Force met monthly for the first part of the year and concluded that the projects being coordinated by the two groups overlapped sufficiently to warrant a merger of the KB Task Force into DISC in June 2005.

**Membership Changes**

Members of the Knowledge Bank Task Force who were not already serving on DISC (T. Cetwinski, T. Connell, L. Tull) were added to the DISC membership in June 2005. In November 2005, Amy McCrory joined DISC when she assumed new responsibilities for digital imaging. In January 2006, Beth Black replaced Laura Tull and Sarah Murphy joined DISC as a new member representing public services.

## Development of digital projects

DISC is shepherding the following digital initiatives to completion. A list of projects, with more detail, images, and links can be found at <http://library.osu.edu/sites/dlib/> (as of January 2006, DISC is working on updating the site).

- Molecular Spectroscopy Archives  
<http://library.osu.edu/sites/dlib/books.php#molecular>
- *Ohio Journal of Science* (phase 2; phase 1 was completed in 2005)  
<http://library.osu.edu/sites/dlib/books.php#ojs>
- Daphne Dare Collection <http://library.osu.edu/sites/dlib/images.php#dare>
- Hale Scrapbook from the Cartoon Research Library  
<http://library.osu.edu/sites/dlib/images.php#hale>
- John Foxe's *Actes & Monuments* images (engravings project; woodcut project was completed in 2005) <http://library.osu.edu/sites/dlib/images.php#foxe>
- Rudolph Button Collections <http://library.osu.edu/sites/dlib/images.php#rudolph>

## Ongoing Projects

- Brittle-books-to e-books (being renamed OSU WEBooks)  
<http://library.osu.edu/sites/dlib/books.php#brittle>
- OSU Theses and Dissertations (ETD)  
<http://library.osu.edu/sites/dlib/books.php#theses>

## Completed Projects

- Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station Forestry Image Collection  
<http://library.osu.edu/sites/dlib/images.php#forestry>
- John Foxe's *Actes & Monuments* images (woodcut project)  
<http://library.osu.edu/sites/dlib/images.php#foxe>
- *Ohio Journal of Science* (phase 1) <http://library.osu.edu/sites/dlib/books.php#ojs>

## Digital projects under discussion

The Committee is investigating or is in initial development/implementation stages with the following projects:

- *the Lantern* (OSU student newspaper) from 1881-1996, a project to convert a portion of the microfilm content to a fully-searchable web-based resource.
- several early editions of Cervantes' *Don Quixote*, in support of scholarship for the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the title's first publication
- Herrick notebooks / images of OSU buildings
- Master's projects in Math
- Vida Feminina, a rare Argentine newsletter from the Dept. of History

## **Knowledge Bank communities**

To browse the current list of communities and collections in the Knowledge Bank, see <https://kb.osu.edu/dspace/community-list>. Those which have been on DISC's agendas in the past year include:

- Art and Science (working with Susan Fisher)
- Department of Geological Sciences (poster presentations)
- East Asian Studies Center (added *Early Modern Japan: an interdisciplinary journal*)
- Empirical Musicology Review (a new music journal; 1<sup>st</sup> issue to appear soon)
- Honors Theses
- John Glenn Institute
- Newark Campus Community
- Office of the President (added Dr. Holbrook's speech at EDUCAUSE)
- OARDC Library
- OSU Libraries (including events, Friends newsletter, research and publications, special reports)
- OSU Press
- Olentangy River Wetland Research Park
- Special Collections: University Archives (Polar and OSU oral history projects)
- WOSU

## **Mainstreaming**

To facilitate mainstreaming of digital projects, DISC and Knowledge Bank Task Force members have worked on the development of procedures for digitization and delivery of several types of content including videos and online exhibitions. Attention also has been given to new standards and best practices, including PDF-A and JPEG2000, and guidelines for digitization of still images. Further work on mainstreaming is underway.

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