Digital Library Sustainability

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Digital Library Sustainability

- Ball State Digital Library Program
- Background
- CONTENTdm Investment
- Administrative Support
- Infrastructure Support
- Staff Requirements
- Grants and Partners
- Promotion and Marketing
Began effort in 2002 -
Reviewed Content Management System options 2003-2004
Began hiring Digital Library Professionals in 2004
First upload to CONTENTdm in Feb 2005
Currently hosting 72 collections containing over 200,000 digital objects
CONTENTdm Investment

- Investigated other content systems
- Determined CONTENTdm was best solution for our environment
  - High Availability
  - Operated on Supported Platforms
  - Collection based repository
  - Handles multiple object types well
- Widely used by libraries in our state and around the country
Administrative Support

In the University Libraries
- All the way to the Dean’s chair
- Budget reallocation for DL program
- Part of core unit mission and strategic plan
- Integration in Instruction program for students

At the University Level
- Maintaining awareness with IT administration
- Component of University Strategic Plan
- Part of the University’s publication strategies
Infrastructure Support

Server Resources
  • Local control of CONTENTdm server
  • Ability to customize CONTENTdm

Desktop Digitization Resources
  • Standard Flatbed Scanners (Epson 10000XL)
  • Large format flatbed (Contex Flex 50I)
  • Book Scanner (ATIZ BookDrive)
  • Stationary wide-format scanner (ColorTrac)

Disk Storage and Backup Services
Staff Requirements

- New Organizational Unit
  - Metadata and Digital Initiatives (MADI)
  - Realigned Support Units
- Repurposed Professional Positions
  - New focus on Digital Library activities
- Modernized Position Titles
  - Metadata, Digital Initiatives
- Integrate the Program and Activities into the library culture
Partners and Grants

- Using Partners Inside And Outside Your Institution
  - Museum of Art, Department of History, Media Services, Center for Middletown Studies
  - Sister Institutions, Local Public Libraries, Historical Societies

- Local Grants
  - LSTA grants through the Indiana State Library

- National Grants
Promotion and Marketing

- Monthly Newsletter Articles
  - *Library Insider Newsletter*
- Journal Articles
- Develop and Promote Expertise Regionally
- Local, Regional, and National Presentations
- “Resources to the Desktop” Theme
- Leveraging New Technology
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- Thank you!