OhioDIG Meeting
2014-09-24, State Library of Ohio

Presentation: Basic Considerations for Digital Preservation by Dan Noonan, assistant professor, e-Records/Digital Resources archivist, The Ohio State University Libraries/University Archives. There were 49 registrants. After the Member’s Meeting, Shannon Kupfer conducted a tour of the SLO Rare Books Room for those who had registered for the tour.

Member’s Meeting

Featured update: Ohio History Fund (Andy Verhoff, Ohio History Connection)
- crowdsourcing through tax returns
  - checkbox on state tax return to donate money to Ohio History Fund
- grant cycle just ended, repeating in future, outstanding program
- three areas of funding: bricks and mortar, programs and collections (digitization, exhibits, walking tours, oral histories, collection care, management, other), organizational development
- next year's deadline will likely be after Labor Day
- $2,000-20,000 grants, competitive, cost-sharing with 40% match
- applications accepted from non-profit, local government, cultural heritage
- no agenda or focus, want to fund good projects, wide variety
- need more digitization projects!
- review panel diverse and reviews all applications
- First two years (2012, 2013) funded 15% of grant applications, 64 applications each year, funded 10 projects
- Ohio History license plate "Preserve Ohio History"
  - $30 extra, $20 of which goes to Ohio History Fund
- people donated $168K this year! About $120K will be available for grants

Featured update: Digital Public Library of America (Ohio community reps: Jillian Carney, Shannon Kupfer, and Angela O'Neal)
- At this stage please don’t contact DPLA directly, talk to community reps (see above)!
- Ohio needs to organize structure and process, need one pipeline
- organizations that want to be part of DPLA system — not just contributing your own materials, but how to help with process. Contact Angela.
- wants everyone to participate with DPLA, but need to get organized first about process.
- more to report at January meeting
- when Minnesota [Historical Society?] connected, they had a 50% jump in stats within a month

Featured update: OhioDIG Listerv
- best resource to connect with people doing digitization in Ohio
- 140 people on listserv, use it!
Ohio University (Janet C)
- getting campus newspaper online, using Creekside for digitization and CONTENTdm for platform

Bexley Public Library (Cindy L.)
- digitizing high school yearbooks
- QR code project for historic anniversary landmark tour

State Library of Ohio (Shannon K., Katy K.)
- finishing up state treasurer’s reports project
- Proquest digitization project of federal documents
  - not sure yet who will have access to digital files other than SLO (might be internal only)
- Katy is in new position as library consultant and will work on digitization projects
- Connecting to Collections programming
  - IMLS program, SLO concluding implementation grant
  - Facilities and collection managers about working together for collections care; going on the road PEM 2 data loggers being distributed
    - Columbus workshop in October, 5-regional workshops in November
    - free
  - the more participation they have the more money they can get for continuing programs.

Cleveland State University (Marsha M.)
- CONTENTdm and BePress platforms
- pilot audio digitization project nearly complete
- publishing student run journal in BePress

Ohio History Connection (Jillian C., Lilly B.)
- National Digital Newspaper Program 3rd cycle wrapping up, 15,000 more pages queued, over 50 Ohio counties represented
- Building capacity with OhioMemory
- nearing end of Bertillon cards for data project
- early stages digitization project on ZOAR

Columbus Metropolitan Library (Aaron D., Angela O.)
- African American newspaper project
- Ohio State News
- working with OHC on photo digitization project
- new book scanner
  - Ohio government directories
- Ohio Magazine

Pursue Posterity (Calvin R.)
• Cuyahoga County real estate appraisals
  ○ conducted economic study using the data
• Working with large private insurance company digitizing internal assets
• Cleveland suburb bicentennial project

University of Findley (Bob S.)
• sorting through and digitizing photographs
• anniversary of change college to university, have had lots of requests

Ohio University (Miriam I.)
• rare book digitization

Ohio State University (Emily S., Amy M.)
• Emily Shaw, new head of preservation and reformatting for OSU
• big 20K masters thesis digitization project, outsourced
• looking at workflows for patron initiated digestion requests
• scanning 55K pages of sheet music - silent film music
• just finished scanning Mosaic student magazine for arts and literature
• working on ManuscriptLink, collaboration of OSU and U South Carolina that pieces together separated medieval manuscript leaves (Ohio U also participating)

Bowling Green University (John E.)
• yearbooks all online
• 5 of 7 thousand issues of student newspaper online
• would like to add repository records (BePress) for all their OhioLINK ETDs
• 16mm motion picture film digitization
• looking for recommendation for book scanner

University of Akron (Mark B.)
• continuing ongoing projects
  ○ civil war letters
  ○ newsletters from collections

Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County (Katrina M., Angela F., Stephanie B.)
• very happy with new scanning equipment, still testing
• anticipate signing contract for CONTENTdm

Lyrasis Educational Programming (Laurie A.)
• digital preservation and digitization classes
• National Coalition to Advance Learning in Archives Libraries and Museums — new organization looking at state of education and contenting education, identify gaps, encourage continuing education
  ○ working on grants to continue efforts (like a website!), trying to increase representation from archives and museums
OPLIN (Stephen H.)
- Digitization hubs update
  - thinking about coordinating digital preservation amongst hub members
  - probably will branch out to a larger group than the four libraries

Toledo Public Library (Marilyn Z., Gayla M.)
- migrating to CONTENTdm through OHC from homegrown system
  - 150K images, lots of metadata cleanup

University of Cincinnati (Nathan T.)
- members of Academic Preservation Trust, consortium for digital preservation, beta testing and packaging of content for ingest into hydra-based preservation repository
- hydra-based repository from collaborative software development launching with early adopters in October
- piloting Open Journal System to support scholarly communications

Miami University (Marcus L., Ashley J.)
- transitioning to ArchivesSpace from disparate homegrown systems
- postcard digitization still underway
- new preservation librarian, wants to start digital preservation program

Otterbein University (Jane W.)
- BePress digital commons just purchased, setting up now
- looking into digitization projects

Tiffin-Seneca Public Library (Jo Anne S.)
- church confirmation photos
- recently found treasure box of historic material
- next will start digitizing and organizing history of the library

Ohio Genealogical Society (Tom N., Nancy S.)
- several upcoming programs
- digitizing 1309 Ohio Story radio scripts
- starting to work with Omeka and would like to speak with other Omeka users

Greene County Archives (Robin H.)
- early commissioner minutes
- early field survey books
- early probate court records
- posting images to Facebook, all have very interesting marginalia

Nationwide Insurance (Sadie A.)
● Nationwide recently returned to original logo and plan to re-brand all subsidiaries as Nationwide
  ○ need to preserve history of these old brands/companies
    ■ working on ways to capture records, born digital or other
● Interested in SAA’s DAS offerings--any coming soon in Ohio?

Kenyon College (Jenna N.)
● new digital initiatives librarian from USGS-DC
● BePress platform
● history of Knox County
● black history digital archive
● Gullah culture project

Marietta College (Doug A.)
● just released 9K image photography collection
  ○ were all nitrate negatives, digitized in-house!
● looking at glass plate negative project next

Students and Job Seekers
● Michele T.-P.
● Kay G., librarian/archivists
  ○ starting project at Marian University with convent collection
● Madeline F.-H. (Kent State), instructional designer and multimedia specialist
  ○ Involved in Mellon Foundation digital humanities grant to build a digital religious wall map and ethnographic database
● Steven W. (Kent State)
  ○ practicum scanning fabric swatches and reference
● Elizabeth A. (Kent State)
  ○ practicum at SLO

The next meeting will be on November 19 at Ohio History Connection on the subject of What do users want.

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