CUACRL Digital Initiatives Task Force  
FY2018 Work Plan Objectives  
Quarterly Progress Report

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ACTIVITIES

During the 2018 first quarter, the group completed target activity number four: Explore the prospect of a statewide institutional repository.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2nd QUARTER – These are CUACRL’s suggestions for the prospect of a state-wide institutional repository:

After reviewing other repositories with similar goals, we discovered two potential methods for approaching the prospect of a state-wide institutional repository.

1. One of the methods is that every participating stakeholder contributes their digital files and metadata to be uploaded to an existing institution repository which will be maintained by the hosting institution.

2. The second method is the setup of a separate discovery layer to harvest metadata only from each stakeholders’ individual repositories. In this method, the metadata records will redirect the user to the original stakeholder’s institutional repository to view the actual digital record. A single institution will be selected to manage the new discovery layer.

Some examples of multi-member repositories for your review are:

Digital Library of Georgia  
The Digital Library of Georgia (DLG), http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/?Welcome&Welcome, platform which serves 65 constituents (libraries, museums, and historical societies) as well as 100 agencies of state government. Among the sponsors for the DLG are GALILEO, the Institute for Museum and Library Services, the Georgia Humanities Council, and the University of Georgia Libraries. DLG is currently using homegrown software but is in the process of switching to Blacklight with a SOLR index. The University of Georgia Libraries in Athens is the platform host home. The services provided along with sharing digital collections are scanning, metadata services, training, partner on grants, digital storage, and harvesting metadata. The staff provided to service the platform are 2 members of the Georgia Newspaper project, 7 permanent members at DLG, and 2 grant funded staff. Software development is provided by GALILEO.

Texas Digital Library  
The Texas Digital Library, https://www.tdl.org/, serves most institutions of higher education in Texas. The sponsor’s information is not provided. The platform for the TDL is DSpace and Vireo. Among the services offered by the TDL are supporting research, teaching, and digital curation; facilitating collaboration among their community and with their external partners; and connecting local work to a global ecosystem of digital library efforts.
There are six staff members maintaining the platform and the physical address of the hosting institution is UT Austin. In the new member’s section, there is a calendar of fees for new members.

Utah Digital Repository
The Utah Digital Repository was built on the existing framework of the Mountain West Digital Library, https://mwdl.org/index.php. UDR serves over 40 constituents in Western states including Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Oregon, Wyoming, and Hawaii. Their goals are providing a discovery portal, digital library interoperability, and serving as the hub for the Digital Public Library. Information for the platform to host the Mountain West Digital Library and the staff size to run were not provided.

Mississippi Digital Library
The MDL, http://www.msdiglib.org/ is hosted by the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) Libraries. The advisory board is composed of representatives from partner institutions across the state. Their goal is to provide an online portal for discovery of digital collections across the state. MDL has over 20 partners and according to the site, the services are free. The hosting platform is Concrete5 which is an open source content management system, robust financial allocations for personnel and salaries are strongly recommended if selecting an open source CMS.

Digital Collections of Colorado
Digital Collections of Colorado, https://dspace.library.colostate.edu/ is a repository service that collects, preserves, and provides access to digitized library collections and other scholarly and creative works from several academic entities within the state. The site does not provide enough information to investigate donors, services, or staff needs. The platform is supported by DSpace.

NEXT STEPS

The task force is in the process of researching target activity number five: Explore the possibilities for system-wide access to data repositories, providing search capabilities across collections. The goal is to share our findings with the board during our second quarterly report.

Last, the group respectfully request the board’s recommendation on two items covered during the 2017 third quarterly report. The first item was to advise if this task force should begin work on a joint digitization project or simply identify possible joint digitization projects, knowing that, due to the subject matter, a joint project will not involve every campus. The second item was to advise on how to proceed with goal number 2: Implement a scanning program, with materials to be scanned in support of faculty programs. Is there a desired outcome for this goal?