A Digital Initiative to Preserve the History of the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport

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Overview

- Background of project
- Importance of recorded history
- Project planning
- Implementation of work plan
- Final products
- Lessons learned
- Where are we now and what’s next?
Project Background

- **LSUHSC-S Beginnings**
  - Founded in 1876
  - First named Shreveport Charity Hospital
  - Started as a group of log & frame buildings

- **LSUHSC-S Today**
  - 3 acute care hospitals in Shreveport, Monroe, & Alexandria
  - Cancer Center & Biomedical Research Center
  - Schools of medicine, allied health, & graduate studies

- **Recorded History?**
  - Materials collected & stored in Library Archives
  - Archives not organized
  - No formal history recorded
Why Create Recorded History?

- Recent Local Interest
  - Retired physicians donated items to archives
  - Local interest group funded renovation of History of Medicine Room

- Administrative Interest
  - New chancellor interested in history
  - Administration interested in using history for PR

- Accreditation Purposes
  - Departments need recorded history for accreditation
Getting Started

- Investigate archives
- Host exhibits
- Identify interested individuals & groups
- Seek grant funding
- Talk to administration about importance of history
Project Planning
Step 1: Identify End Products

- Historical Website
- Exhibit hosted within the Medical Library
- Collections in the Louisiana Digital Library
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Step 2: Identify Categories of Useful Materials

Commencement Programs

Programs & Invitations
Step 2: Identify Categories of Useful Materials

Documents

Correspondence
Step 2: Identify Categories of Useful Materials

- Yearbooks
- Newspaper Articles
- Newsletters
Step 2: Identify Categories of Useful Materials

Photographs

Drawings
Step 2: Identify Categories of Useful Materials

3-D Artifacts

Plaques
Step 2: Identify Categories of Useful Materials

Audiovisual Materials
Step 3: Analog to Digital

- Photographs & Drawings
  - Many previously scanned by student workers with in-house scanners

- Newspaper Articles
  - Outsource scanning to vendor for efficient use of time

- Audiovisual Materials
  - Outsource digitization to vendor due to outdated formats

- 3-Dimensional Artifacts & Plaques
  - Digitally photograph in-house

- Documents, Correspondence, Programs, Yearbooks, Newsletters, etc.
  - Scan in-house
Step 4: Resources Needed – Equipment & Software

- **Equipment**
  - Computers and external back-up
  - Document scanners and slide scanner
  - Digital camera with backdrop & lighting
  - Color graphic arts printer, cartridges, paper

- **Software**
  - CONTENTdm
  - Software for creating audiovisual clips
  - Adobe Photoshop
  - Adobe Acrobat Professional
Step 4: Resources Needed - Personnel

- Equipment and software specialist
- Digitization specialist
- Metadata specialist
- Photographer
- Author for website and exhibition text
Step 5: Bibliographic Control of Resources

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Thesaurus for Historical Online Collections within the Louisiana Digital Library

LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport, Medical Library

Accreditation
Administration (Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - Shreveport)

Ambulances

Ambulatory Care Center (Shreveport, La.)
See also Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center (Shreveport, La.)

American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC)

Anatomy Department (Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - Shreveport)

Awards

Barish, Robert A.

Barksdale Air Force Base (Bossier City, La.)

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Department (Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - Shreveport)

Biomedical Research Institute (Shreveport, La.)

Birth Defects

Biomedical Research

Black, Charles Lester, Sr., 1913-2010

Bonds

Boyd, C. Elmo

Breffield, Louis Andrew 1913-1999

Brooks, G. (Green) Gary

Buildings

Building Dedications
Step 6: Funding

- Library Technology Award
  - From: National Network of Library of Medicine, South Central Region
  - Amount: $19,956.75

- Funding for historical website
  - From: Louisiana State University Health Sciences Foundation
  - Amount: $12,500
Implementation of Work Plan
Step 1. Outsourcing Agencies

- Newspaper Articles
  - OCLC
  - Why?
    - Upload files directly to CONTENTdm
  - Note: OCLC outsources to Backstage Library Works

- Audiovisual materials
  - Sadler Video
  - Why?
    - Local
    - Best prices
Step 2. Purchase and Set-up Equipment and Software

- Graphic arts printer
- Computer
- Photography backdrop and lighting system
Step 3.
In-house Digitization

- Digitization of photographs, slides, documents
- Digital photography of 3-dimensional artifacts
Step 4. Create Historical Website

- Select vendor to create website
  - PixelFusion
  - Why?
    - Local
    - Worked with vendor previously

- Work with PixelFusion to create design and structure of website

- Conduct research and write text for historic events, select accompanying images
Step 5.
Upload to CONTENTdm
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Collection administration

**Configuration**
Change collection details and description, and configure collection settings (including full resolution and PDF conversion).

**Field properties**
Administer controlled vocabulary. View, add, edit, and delete field properties.

**Viewers**
Configure the item and object viewers for this collection.

**Reports**
View collection summary and build history.

**Export**
Export metadata as tab-delimited text files, XML, or OCLC SiteSearch.

**View collection**
View current collection in the Web template interface.
Products
A History of the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport

This website details the important events in the history of the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport. Beginning in 1869, this chronological journey graphically documents more than 140 years of progress. Currently, we are creating text and images for historic events from 1990 to present.

This chronology begins in 1869 when the need for a state-funded hospital was realized. The story continues with the establishment of the Shreveport Charity Hospital in 1876 at Pierre Avenue and Ford Street, the eventual move to Texas Avenue and Murphy Street in 1889, and the construction of a new hospital facility in 1904. The

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People

Edgar Galloway, M.D. (1894 – 1982)
Superintendent of Shreveport Charity Hospital/
Confederate Memorial Medical Center

Born in 1894, Dr. Edgar Galloway spent his childhood in Vivian, Louisiana. He then attended Louisiana State University and earned money during the summers working in an oil field. After college, he entered Tulane University School of Medicine, but his education was interrupted when he enlisted in the army to join the forces of the First World War. During this time, he met his future wife, a Red Cross nurse. After returning from war and graduating in 1921, Dr. Galloway interned at Shreveport Charity Hospital because, as he affirmed, "that’s where the work was; that’s where we could learn."

Dr. Galloway worked in private practice while serving as the Chief of Obstetrics at Shreveport Charity Hospital for almost twenty years before the hospital board appointed him as superintendent in 1940. The hospital was in major disrepair at the time of his appointment. He oversaw many improvements, including installation of a heating system and a new morgue, purchase of new equipment, and the appointment of qualified employees. He also supervised plans to construct a new building for the hospital, but he was unable to oversee the actual construction as newly-elected Governor Earl K. Long removed Galloway from his post in 1948.

He was reappointed as superintendent in 1954 by Governor Robert F. Kennon one year after the new building was constructed and named Confederate Memorial Medical Center. However, this appointment only lasted two years because he was removed yet again by Governor Long in 1956. Then, he was reappointed in 1961 during the term of Governor Jimmie Davis and remained in this position until his retirement in 1972 at the age of 78. Dr. Galloway served as superintendent of the hospital for a total of twenty-two years over three separate periods.
History Website

Buildings

From a pen and ink sketch of the 1889 Shreveport Charity Hospital to the Allied Health Building completed in 2008, this section contains images and descriptions of the buildings that document the history of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport.

PATIENT CARE BUILDINGS

Shreveport Charity Hospital (1889)

Although the Shreveport Charity Hospital was established in 1876 at Pierre Avenue and Ford Street, there are no known photos or other depictions of that facility. The second hospital building was constructed 1889 on a four-acre parcel at Texas Avenue and Murphy Street. This lithograph printed by Clarke & Courts of Galveston shows the 2-story frame structure that measured 215 feet long and 38 feet wide.
Departments

Louisiana State University System Presidents

- John A. Hunter, Ph.D., February 6, 1965 – May 21, 1972
- Martin D. Woodin, Ph.D., May 22, 1972 – March 15, 1985
- John V. Lombardi, Ph.D., July 13, 2007 – present

Louisiana State University Medical Center Chancellors

- Mervin L. Trail, M.D., 1994 – 1999

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Chancellors

- Mervin L. Trail, M.D., 1999 – 2001
- John C. McDonald, M.D. (first Shreveport Chancellor), 2000 – 2009
- Robert A. Barish, M.D., M.B.A., 2009 – present

Louisiana State University Medical Center Vice-Chancellors

- Clifford G. Grulee, Jr., M.D., Vice-Chancellor: April 5, 1975 – August 1976
- Ike Muslow, M.D., Vice-Chancellor: August 1, 1981 – June 30, 1999
History Exhibit

- Historical exhibit at the Medical Library

- Topic: History of LSUHSC-Shreveport

- Featured Items:
  - photographs
  - newspaper clippings
  - yearbooks
  - correspondence
  - programs
  - other archival materials
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Medical School Near Completion After Four Years

A New Building in Shreveport

Front of the new building.

Medical School Near Completion After Four Years

Dr. Alex E. Harper

Architect: McFarland

Engineer: Elrod

Construction: Hixson

Completion: Spring 1958

Gates Waiting for House

Related to campus spirit.
Promotion

- Brochures created & distributed to administrators
- Bookmarks created
- History website has presence on LSUHSC-S website
- Website promoted in LSUHSC-S newsletter
- Promoted on Library’s website & newsletter
Lessons Learned

- When outsourcing, be sure to request samples
- Always takes longer than anticipated
- Almost always requires more funding than anticipated
- Not always possible to transfer outdated media to a new format due to outdated equipment or poor condition of original
- When planning equipment purchases, always have an alternative in mind since manufacturers change models frequently
Ongoing Activities

- Poster presentations at 2010 SCC/MLA meeting & 2011 MLA meeting
- Paper presentations at the 2010 LOUIS Users Conference
- Continuing to build the chronological website
- Adding digitized images and metadata to the Louisiana Digital Library
- Making new discoveries in the holdings of the Archives
- Preparing for exhibit in Spring 2011
Expected Outcomes

- Increased donations to the Archives
- Increased usage of archival materials
- Increased awareness of the impact of the institution on the local community
- Easier access to historical information
- Increased possibility of securing future grants based on success of this project
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