Digital Initiatives @

A review of the digital projects currently underway at Earl K. Long Library, University of New Orleans
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- Opened in 1964
- 2 stories added from 1982-1984
- Learning Commons & Reading Lounge added 2007-2009
- Approx. 195,000 sq. ft.
- Approx. 800,000 volumes (2005) with approx. 16,000 new volumes added each year
- Avg. 6,000 users per week
- Became a part of the LOUISiana Digital Library in 2003; first repository in 2004
LOUISiana Digital Library

- 17 collections in the LDL
  - 15 public
  - 2 in early stages of production
- Over 4,300 items
- XXXX amount of data stored on CONTENTdm server
- Most collections have unrestricted access
- Formats
  - Images
  - Text
  - Audio
  - Video
Collection Areas

- Government Documents
- Local community outreach
- Institutional repositories
- Louisiana & Special Collections
- New projects on the horizon
Government Documents

- Selective Depository
- United States House and Senate Committee Hearings & Publications
  - Current subject areas
    - Aging
    - Agriculture
  - Selection
  - Scanning process
    - De-bind paper hearings
    - Flatbed scanner with ADF
    - Print-quality (300 DPI) PDF files with OCR
  - Uploaded to CONTENTdm as compound objects
  - Backup copies on external hard drive and CD-R
- Promotion
  - GOVDOC-L; BayouDoc
  - Blog, Twitter, Facebook
  - Instruction classes
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Local Community Outreach

- **Isidore Newman School Archives**
  - **History**
    - Founded in 1903 by Isidore Newman
    - Photographs, student publications, scrapbooks, other school memorabilia
  - **Why digitize?**
    - Historical significance
    - In-school use
    - Public/private partnership
  - **Digitization process**
    - Training
    - Material selection
    - Scanning
    - Cataloging and uploading
  - **Benefits**
    - Online access to historical items for students, alumni, faculty, staff, researchers, & general public
    - Promotional tool
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Institutional Repositories

Electronic Theses and Dissertations

- Maintained by EKL Library and the UNO Graduate School
- Participation encouraged in 2001
- Mandatory in Fall 2006
- 851 ETD’s
- File Formats
  - Print-quality PDF files
  - Other formats (i.e., video)
- 25-70 new ETD’s added every semester
- Access permission decided by author
- Older theses and dissertations may be scanned at a later date

Arts Administration Master’s Reports

- Internship reports from the Graduate Program in Arts Administration
- Online since 2008
- 69 Master’s Reports
- Print-quality PDF files with OCR
- New Master’s Reports are born-digital
- All previous paper copies scanned
- Benefits
  - Provide open access to reports
  - Promote Arts Administration program
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Supreme Court of Louisiana Historical Archives

- 1813-1920
- Deposited at UNO in late 1976 by order of the Louisiana Supreme Court “to ensure their preservation and safety”
- Approx. 2,370 linear feet
- Court records, ledger books, real estate transactions, maps, exhibits, surveys, lithographs, and exhibit material
- One of the most-utilized collections
- Wide variety of research areas and users
- 1813-1861 files microfilmed from 1988-1993
- Digitization made possible by a $250,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education’s Hurricane Katrina Foreign Contributions Award Program
Supreme Court of Louisiana Historical Archives – Phase 1

- Digitizing microfilm
  - 1813-1861
  - 1,359 reels
  - Approx. 2 million images
- TIFF images
- 600 DPI
- Grayscale
- Images returned on 1 TB external hard drives and DVD-R backup discs
- Problems/Issues
  - Time delays
  - Image order
  - DVD-R packaging
  - DVD-R storage
Supreme Court of Louisiana Historical Archives – Phase 2

- Digitizing original paper documents
  - 1861-1877
  - 465 manuscript boxes
  - Approx. 400,000 images
- TIFF images
- 300 DPI
- Grayscale
- Images returned on 300 MB external hard drives
- Sample images delivered weekly on DVD-R via FedEx and FTP
- Problems/Issues
  - Docket books
  - Transportation issues
  - Hard drive issues
Supreme Court of Louisiana Historical Archives – future plans

• 1,076 sample cases available in the LDL
• 48 TB storage server
  – Original TIFF images
  – Off-site tape backup
  – External hard drives stored securely
• 24 TB access server
  – JPEG derivatives
  – Access via links in CONTENTdm
  – DSpace
• Promotion
  – Vinyl banners
  – Posters
  – Handouts/Pamphlets
  – Display monitor
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• Orleans Parish School Board Collection
  – VERY large collection
  – Bound volumes of meeting minutes and records
  – UNO Department of History through a Board of Regents Grant
  – Index (metadata only)
  – Still in planning stages
  – Images to follow?

• Honors Program Senior Theses
  – Research & thesis requirement
  – Going from paper to all-digital
  – Print-quality PDF files with OCR
  – Restricted to on-campus access
  – New theses will be born-digital
  – Scan older paper copies
  – Collection in initial stages

COMING SOON!
Digital Collections online at:

http://louisdl.louislibraries.org/index.php?institution=University%20of%20New%20Orleans

http://louisdl.louislibraries.org/

http://library.uno.edu
Thank You!

Any questions/comments?
