

Digital Initiatives & Services Committee (DISC)

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Summary

This report reflects DISC activity during December 2011 and January and February 2012. The group met 3 times by conference call to:

- Discuss statewide collaboration on digital initiatives and services, and to share research
- Coordinate activities with the Special Collections Subcommittee
- Discuss issues related to centralized services: common digital library system and companion tools; Florida Digital Archive (FDA); DigiTool/PALMM; Archon; Florida OJ/Open Journal Systems (OJS); metadata standards for ETDs; digital items and collections discovery in MANGO

Conference call minutes are posted on the DISC wiki at <http://swiki.fcla.edu:8000/DISC>.

DISC Action Items

1. The Digital Platform Working Group continued their evaluation and preparation of their report, which is due to CSUL on 2/15. Islandora sandbox set up at FCLA. The group also met with Mark Sullivan, SobekCM developer, to evaluate SobekCM and observe workflows and procedures in the UF Digital Library Center. In February the group held a conference call/webinar with Mark Leggott, Islandora developer, for an update of Islandora features.

Progress on Activities

1. DISC: Common Digital Library System

Staff in FCLA's Digital Collections group continued to meet with Mark Sullivan, the SobekCM developer, on a weekly basis. FCLA target to complete conversion of SobekCM from Windows SQL Server to open source PostgreSQL is on target for completion in mid-February. Testing on migration of content from DigiTool to Sobek continued and as did porting of Djatoka to C#.NET to create open-source Djatoka.NET for JPEG2000 support, replacing the proprietary Aware server. A list of system enhancements required before implementation of and migration to SobekCM has been developed and agreed upon by DISC members. In addition, default settings for individual and batch loading of content to Sobek was reviewed and revised by DISC, as were display requirements for all types of digital content. Development of common policies and procedures that are technology-independent and support a common digital library system for the State University Libraries and for the Florida College System Libraries is ongoing.

2. Digital Initiatives & Services

Data Curation: DISC is continuing to investigate collaborative data curation support within DISC and in collaboration with other groups in terms of data and digital curation more broadly (see ETD Working Group below).

Open Access, Scholarly Communication & IRs: DISC is discussing ways to collaborate on Scholarly Communication initiatives, Open Access week, and Open Access. *Florida OJ*, FCLA's production

server for Open Journal Systems, is hosting multiple journals.

3. **Collaboration: Special Collections & Metadata Subcommittees**

Special Collections Subcommittee: Chairs of DISC and the Special Collections Subcommittee (SCS) attended each other's calls, are on the other's email lists, and are discussing avenues for collaboration. SCS and DISC will collaborate on the ongoing implementation and support of the new common digital library system (referred to as the Statewide Digital Asset Management System in the SCS report) to replace DigiTool including technologies, policies, and procedures, so that the new system can enable the successful implementation of the planned SCS Environmental portal project.

Metadata Subcommittee: The ETD Working Group was established with members from DISC, the Metadata Subcommittee, and other as appropriate, with Lee Dotson and Caitlin Nelson co-facilitating the group. The group is currently collecting data via survey from all SULs on their current practices for ETD description and metadata in order to develop recommendations for standard practices across SULs. Deadline for submission of this information is February 29, 2012.

4. **Centralized Digital Services**

a) *Florida Digital Archive* (http://fclaweb.fcla.edu/FDA_landing_page)

Many DISC members participate in the FDA Affiliates' calls, held every two months.

b) *Florida Open Journals (Florida OJ)* (<http://journals.fcla.edu/>)

Florida Open Journals (Florida OJ) hosted by FCLA now includes 12 public, in-production journals and many other journals are in test or being established at this time.