More than Metadata

Where the Rubber Meets the Road in DLS Migration
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We all have issues!

Coping strategies for surviving DLS migrations
View this as an OPPORTUNITY to Improve your Collections

Document! Document! Document!

Stay Organized
Communicate Often

Clean your Data Sooner Rather than Later

KEEP CALM AND USE COPING SKILLS

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Fatal error: Call to a member function sparqlQuery() on anon-object in /usr/share/drupal7.38/sites/all/modules/islandora_solr_search/includes/blocks.inc on line 325


Don’t be Afraid to Break Stuff

Move fast and break things. Unless you are breaking stuff, you are not moving fast enough

~ Mark Zuckerberg ~

Keep Your Eye on the Prize

Don’t Forget you Needed a Better System

Keep Your Eye on the Prize
Showing their age

1999:
First Scans
OCR

2015:
Still Scanning
Born Digital
Migrations

Equipment
Technology
Best Practices
Digital Platforms
Getting items from there to here
THE CRUISE OF THE MONTAUK.

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A noble lord of high degree;
He shipped himself on board a ship,
Some foreign country he would see.

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HAMILTON, BERMUDA, February 28, 1884.

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with foreign postage-stamps. I was somewhat nettled at this request to drop a line merely to hook up varied postal de-
signs from abroad, for it implied in perpetuity:

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Yikes!

- Seeing double - duplicate versions - jpeg and pdf
- Original version versus new version
- Where did they go? Missing pages!
- From collaborative partner/joint projects to institutional presence
Multiple DLS Migrations

Digital Library Extension Service (DLXS)

DigiTool - Ex Libris

dPanther (Based on SobekCM)
Local Expertise

- Groups involved:
  - Digital Collections Center
  - Cataloging
  - GIS Developers
  - Library Systems
Forms of Metadata and Structures

- Dublin Core
- MARC
- METS as file streams
- Simple objects
- Complex objects
- System Generated XMLs
Franken-METS

Ugly + Ugly = Beautiful
Invalid XML in legacy system!

- New platform requires valid MODS XML, METS and MARCXML - Good!
- Difficult to correct, requiring lots of staff time, manual correction
- Can set your project timeline back substantially
Challenges of migrating multiple institutions

- Every institution’s collections are different
- One size doesn’t fit all
- Different metadata “styles”
- Enormous variety in structure of objects
- Take the time to determine how objects best fit into new structures
- Communication is key

Every institution is different
Integration with existing systems

- Offline batch submission, loaders and tracking systems
- Integration with Florida Digital Archive/long-term preservation
- Contributing metadata to common discovery tool
- PURL server and PURL creation
IF YOU WANT SOMETHING NEW, YOU HAVE TO STOP DOING SOMETHING OLD.

PETER F. DRUCKER
Coping with change

• Our sum is greater than our parts.
• We will never stop improving - our work is never done.
• Appreciate your differences.
• Keep lines of communication open. Not all conversations are going to be easy - but they are necessary.
• No pain, no gain.
• Garbage in, garbage out.
• It’s never perfect. We are never ahead of the curve. Hindsight is 20/20.
• Get over yourself - Relinquish control - Empower others.
• No more gatekeepers.
• Change is hard, but worth it!
• Remember how far you have come and plan for your future. What is the next level – DPLA?