2021-01-05 Whitman College Migration Pilot Newspaper Meeting

Attendees

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Agenda

Topic
Newspaper metadata questions 1. Normalizing metadata across collections 2. Which fields are required for newspapers? 3. Do pages need to be updated along with issues?
Wrap-up and next steps

Notes

1. Newspaper metadata remediation
   a. Changing descriptive metadata within fields
   b. Changing field names
      i. Want newspaper fields to align with fields used in other collections
   c. Which fields are required for newspaper display?
      i. Whitman currently has 5 date fields - can we eliminate some of these?
         1. Do we need Date Issued and Publication Date?
            a. BD using Date Created or Date Issued to drive sorting - we would need to use one of those
               i. We could probably configure a different field for this sorting
   d. Which remediation tasks could be accomplished during migration vs. working on them in Islandora 7 before migration
      i. Whitman will put together a list of desired changes
      ii. Most changes are pretty straightforward
      iii. Google Sheets is a good option for doing this work
      iv. The Whitman team will make a list of desired changes so we can evaluate which ones could be accomplished programatically
         1. Changes could be done programatically, through a spreadsheet, or done in Islandora 7 ahead of time
   e. Can Whitman display different fields in different collections?
      i. This can be accomplished using Views, which is highly configurable
      ii. [Born Digital Object View Configurations](#)
2. Sample newspaper issues and pages in Islandora 8 theme
   a. Can Whitman see these before finalizing metadata decisions?
      i. Currently have "Page 1, Page 2, etc." titles for pages. Can change these but it depends on what shows up in the interface
      ii. We can create a few samples to review in the theme
3. Newspaper derivatives
   a. What gets stored and where?
      i. Derivatives are different in Islandora 8
         1. Derivatives are media entities
      ii. Objects are more like collections, derivatives are associated in a discernible way
         1. In Drupal terms media can be shared between nodes but we don't do that
   b. Whitman would like to reduce storage costs
      i. Can we eliminate some derivatives? Use lower resolutions?
         1. IIIF viewer does some derivative creation and caching on the fly
         2. More recent born digital newspapers are likely already smaller files (e.g. JPGs)
         3. Scanned pages are TIFFs and tend to be much larger
      ii. Are there recommendations to consider here?
4. Newspaper ingest
   a. What will ingest look like going forward?
5. Newspaper search
   a. Does search hit issues or pages?
      i. Currently configured to show issues rather than pages
      ii. Solr can be configured to display things differently

6. Alan has be looking at Islandora Workbench
    a. Very promising as an import option
    b. Can use Google spreadsheets

Actions

- Whitman team: provide list of desired newspaper metadata remediations by next check-in meeting