An Exploration of Digital Collection Development Policies

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Search over 400 digital collections, containing over 1 million digital photographs, maps, books, videos, audio recordings, and other items.

Here we are

Recentely Added
But WHY?
And where are we going?
Digital Collection Development Policy

A policy that describes the selection criteria for Special Collections materials (e.g. rare and unique archival photographs, manuscripts, ephemera, rare books, and born-digital items) to be digitized and published in an open-access digital library.
This project is intended to investigate how many organizations have these policies, what criteria they use to identify collections, and how the policies are managed and implemented.
Mixed methods

Survey (coming Fall 2024!)

Coding available policies using Atlas.ti
Where we stand now
Coding
Recoding
Recoding... again
Coding is never neutral.
The codes will explode.
Go back and code 5748324590359 times.
That is normal.

Reflect and document.
The future

Coding, coding, coding!

Survey, Fall 2024 (We need YOU!)

Digital Library Forum lightning talk, October 23 (virtual):
What is Worth Doing Over Time?: Using Digital Collection Development Policy to Support DEAI
Questions?

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