Breakout Session: Innovative use of technology for collecting, access, and preservation
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Thirty-seven people participated in an interesting discussion. Topics of discussion included:

- Archiving Facebook was discussed, particularly the technical issues, preservation issues, and legal issues involved.

- Crowd sourcing the tagging of unidentified photographs in our collections was discussed. Archivists described using different tools, including Flickr and Facebook. There was discussion of the privacy issues, how to get the word out about the project, and whether there needs to be a monitor to the tagging.

- Crowd sourcing the description of audiovisual materials (is it possible to do the same thing?) was discussed. Archivists described using YouTube and Vimeo. There was discussion of rights issues, how to get assistance from media services on campus, working with the campus newsletter or public relations staff, and getting student to do much of the work.

- There was discussion of the problem that physical scrapbooks, facebooks, and yearbooks are disappearing.

- Open source digital object delivery systems were discussed. This topic garnered a number of questions, but not too many answers. Examples discussed included Drupal, Omeka, Gallyer, and Greenstone with the commenting layer.

- A few archivists described their use of Wikipedia, either for information about their school or its alumni, or for information about the subjects of other collection holdings. There was discussion about how it can increase traffic to online archival finding aids.

- The last discussion surrounded preservation planning for digital collections and the Planets preservation planning tool. We ran out of time before much discussion developed around this subject.