University of Arkansas Libraries
Web Development Group 11/9/12

Present: Boyd, Dougherty, Hartman, Juhl, Lennertz Jetton, Morgan, Spiegel
Guests: Amy Allen, Janet Parsch

**Action items in Yellow.**

**Strategic Initiative #3.2**
Allen and Parsch visited the group to discuss this initiative, which charges the Web Group to work with Allen and Parsch to "provide access to the Traveler and other digital publications and materials by December 2014."

Allen demonstrated progress to date. outlining the development of the DSpace platform for honors theses beginning in December 2011 ([http://uarkive.uark.edu/collections](http://uarkive.uark.edu/collections)). While, with the Vireo plugin for thesis submission, DSpace works well for undergradate theses, there are too many steps to batch import large collections. Serials has collected more than 500 issues of the *Traveler* alone, as well as 100+ other publications. DSpace also will not work for CAST's needs and file types.

Allen then reported on the Islandora project with ITS ([http://dora.uark.edu/](http://dora.uark.edu/)). Islandora is a Fedora repository with a Drupal front end. This service has a much better batch import; metadata can be brought in from a spreadsheet converted to an XML file. Allen has worked with Deb Kulczak and Mikey King on metadata standards. Islandora supports both MODS and Dublin Core schema.

The Web Group agreed that the progress so far is impressive but that thought needs to be given to the user front end. Currently, collections / projects are organized by organization (colleges, student media, etc) and then within subfolders. (This hierarchy corresponds to the structure that is already being used by the University Archives.) Users might want to browse instead by author, by title, or date.

Allen reported that a third site, Kenex, in the very early stages of development, is designed to be the discovery layer on top of all these separate repositories: [http://kenexcloud.org/](http://kenexcloud.org/). Kenex is partially funded by ARE-ON and will eventually include objects from institutions across the state.

Allen demonstrated the Book-browser tool in Islandora and an early yearbook example: [http://dora.uark.edu/fedora/repository/islandora%3A151883/-/collection](http://dora.uark.edu/fedora/repository/islandora%3A151883/-/collection). The group agreed that a yearbook project would be likely to receive funding and would be an excellent project to show early success. It would be difficult to send the project out of house for digitization as some copies are unique. Allen discussed the need for a high-quality overhead scanner that can produce TIFF images at 600 dpi (the new ILL scanner can do this).

Juhl asked how the group could help in these efforts. Allen suggested that testing the links above and offering comments are what is needed in the short term.

**Juhl will check on Zotero integration.** [update: see](https://wiki.duraspace.org/plugins/viewsource/viewpagesrc.action?pageId=7176601)

**M. Stoner Report / OmniUpdate**
The group discussed Stoner report recommendations and timeline for migration to the new campus CMS.

**Webinar Reports**
The group briefly discussed the previous day's webinar "Springy Camp" and ideas from other LibGuides users. There was interest in a participatory design project for the spring and also in the LibAnswers / SMS product.

**Current Projects**
The group discussed the Physics Faculty publications draft very briefly.

Dougherty made two suggestions for enhancing LibGuides integration in the web site:

- add links to specific discipline citation styles to the "Citing your Sources" web page at http://libinfo.uark.edu/reference/citingyoursources.asp
- add a field to the database help pages / database to show a link to a LibGuide on a database

**Update:** Juhl has a test page here: http://libinfo.uark.edu/eresources/help2.asp?TitleCode=FSAnthroLit
This is using the LibGuides API to pull in a link

**Update:** after the meeting, Juhl and Hartman returned to the idea of using a WordPress platform for library news.

**Next meeting:** December 7th, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

B. Juhl