Digitization Advisory

Committee

March 29, 2017 1pm

Minutes

Present: Nathaniel Ball (Elmira College), Jean Green (Binghamton University), Julia Corrice (SCRLC), Laura Evans (Binghamton University), John Hosford (NY College of Ceramics), Bridget Bower (Ithaca College), Maggie Young (CCLD)

Excused: Joe Festa (NYSHA)

- Welcome and Introductions-Stephanie Langer
- Review of minutes from 12/9/16
  - John’s name was at the meeting, but minutes show both present, and not present. Minutes amended to show he was present.
- NYH/DPLA Update
  - Deirdre Joyce is leaving at the end of this month. Ryan Perry is going to replace her. May result in some delays in DPLA updates, and possibly in women’s suffrage.
  - Form will be created for people to give feedback on NYH website. Website will be ready soon.
  - Information on new website will be sent out before June.
- 2017 RBDB Grant Update
  - $20,000.00 available, updates coming out within the next week.
- SCRLC Website Redesign: http://2016.scrlc.org/
  - New website is almost complete, but there are some issues. They have been reported to the developer.
  - Looking for feedback to make sure no other issues have been missed. Link was sent out to the Beta site.
  - Laura- the About dropdown is too long. Unclear how different library types fit in to the menu.
  - Bridget-Digitizing resources needs work.
• Jean- libraries could go under community.
• Member directory allows visitors to search the directory.
• Group wants to be referred to as Digitization Advisory Committee.
  Language will be changed on website to be consistent.
• John- More images of libraries.
• Request for feedback on the mobile website.

● NYH Users Group Meeting Planning (SIG)
  • Fall, sometime in Oct. or Nov. Need to check calendar for exact date.
  • Rough agenda will be created before next meeting in June, to help with
    users group roll-out.
  • There should be an online component, web training, and networking
    opportunities.
  • Late morning, lunch, early afternoon was suggested for meeting times.
    Should be long enough to make it worthwhile for members to attend.
  • Suggested to have a speaker in morning, after lunch, smaller group
    discussions with different topics. Shorter times for discussions, for each
    given topic.
  • Small groups are not always good if you want to keep track, puts people on
    the spot. Could be productive if there is a facilitator.
  • John and Laura said they would facilitate. Depends on schedule for Maggie.
  • Location is needed. Some are willing to go to Cooperstown. Space should
    allow people to split into groups, need at least two rooms. Jean- one large
    room to split into marketplace type groups.
  • Not expecting more than 20 people. Julia will do an informal survey of
    current contributors.

● Women’s Suffrage project update (Exhibition & Mini-Grants)
  • Curators have an outline for the exhibition, working on narrative, and starting
    content collection.
  • SCRLC will have a Women’s Suffrage “catch-all” collection. Will include
    items not necessarily owned by SCRLC members.
  • Website will include timeline and map.
  • SCRLC will transport the collection. Julia will make a call for participants,
    and they will list preferred dates. She will create a schedule for the
    exhibition.
  • Binghamton University, Sagawa Falls, Delaware Historic Center, History
    Center of Tompkins County won mini-grant. Organizations are starting to
    work on projects.
  • Unclear if Seneca Falls Library digitization project will be able to proceed
    due to a hiring freeze at the Women’s Rights Historic Park; will be working
    with both organizations to possibly replan the project and hopefully keep it
    viable. Would like to see that grant money used on women’s suffrage
    digitization, even if the project is restructured.

● September DAC meeting, in person--agenda?
  • The September DAC meeting is going to be in person, Julia needs to send
    out meeting polls right away. Are there any topics that should be included in
    September agenda since it is in person? Possible topics: DPLA Exhbition
    Preview; Regional collaborative projects--possible brainstorming session?
    (might need paper or whiteboard); Archivematica

● Possible regional Digital Preservation solutions (Archivematica: https://youtu.be/0cqSV9fHcFY)
  • SENYLRC has come up with a digital preservation service for their region
that is relatively inexpensive--could this be a possible solution for SCRLC’s region? SCRLC would like to facilitate a viable service. NYH is only an access portal, pairing a preservation service would make our services more complete. Laura and John both thought this would be a good topic for the September meeting.

- Open Forum
  - No open forum items.