Research Now: Web Site Development Scratchpad

Overview

Below is a quick sketch of how we see the development of the web site for the History of the IU Libraries Digital Archive shaping up. From these notes, we will transition into a more formal project plan and project timeline. These notes are inspired by: discussions we have had about our own web site and inspirational web sites, and the user stories collected thus far.

Other Omeka examples include:

- Battlesea Archive is modeled very much around a Finding Aid
    - Collections tab by format/type
    - Exhibitions tab (which may work well for us since many of us will have a story to tell)
    - Contribute tab which is even further developed in Our Marathon, another Omeka Project
- Rockefeller Foundation is modeled more like a traditional "digital library"
    - Main navigation based on thematic topics (which can also be accessible via "tags" in Omeka)
    - Biographical component
    - Interactive Map
- George Mason University: A History
    - Chronological arrangement
- University of Minnesota Memorial Stadium
    - Thematic arrangement

Assumptions

- Most if not all content (metadata + object) will be stored in our digital repository via existing Libraries' services like Image Collections Online, Books/Serials, etc.
- We will likely not publish the finding aid via Archives Online since it's an artificial collection.   This is actually good since we can replicate how scholars would manage a collection of stuff not affiliated with an institution.
- We will use a UITS WebServe account for the development of our digital archive web site. We may also publish the web site from that same WebServe account.
- We will use Omeka as our web publishing system and leverage Omeka plugins to help us develop other desired functionality.

Web Site Content

- Photographs
- Documents
- Books or Long-form pieces (i.e., dissertation, the typed history of the IU Libraries book)
- Serials
- Our own contributions
    - Essays
    - Bibliographies
    - Biographies
    - Timelines
    - Accomplishments by Administration
    - Interactive Maps
    - Quiz (to mirror orientation quiz)
    - etc.

Primary Audience

- New IU Libraries staff hires
- Scholars interested in the History of Indiana University
- IUB Libraries faculty and staff
- Donors
- Media