

Cataloging A President

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Why Dickinson State?

- Theodore Roosevelt's connection to the Badlands
- 1958 Centennial Symposium
- Clay Jenkinson, Theodore Roosevelt Humanities Scholar



Theodore Roosevelt Digital Library

- TR predates the Presidential Libraries so his papers have scattered
- Jenkinson proposes creating a digital presidential library
- Contributing partners
 - Library of Congress
 - Six National Park Service sites
 - Harvard University



Project Challenges

- The scattered nature of the materials
- The volume of materials
- Coordinating the many components of the project scattered across the country
- Discoverability
- Copyright



Library of Congress



- Unique collection among our partners
- Uncataloged when given to us; only a very basic finding aid
- Names and dates only
- Many items not even mentioned in finding aid

Metadata Scheme – Dublin Core

- Standard for digital library projects
- Appropriate mix of library and archival standards in one schema
- Repeatable fields allowing us to “customize” to fit our needs
- Approachable for an untrained cataloger
- Easy to harvest and include in aggregated on-line catalogs



Controlled Vocabularies

- FAST
 - Recommended for digital collections
 - Derived from Library of Congress Subject Headings
 - Ease of use for untrained catalogers
 - Ease of use for audiences
- LCNAF
 - FAST still in development; works well in tandem
 - Wanted the best authority possible for personal and corporate names in the collection

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AUTHORITIES



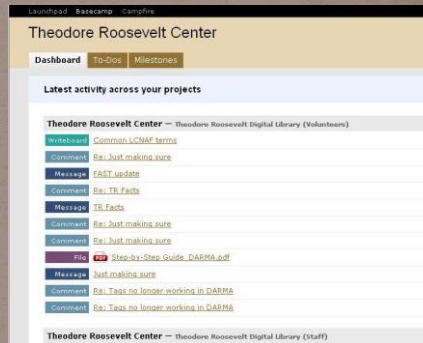
DARMA

- Our content management system, Digital Asset and Rights MAanagement
- Manages collections and workflow as well as our linking process with images
- Will eventually have a controlled vocabulary mechanism built in
- Demonstration



Basecamp

- Project Management software
- Coordination of projects on a staff and volunteer platform
- Tracking progress and decisions
- A place for knowledge gathering
- Demonstration



Citizen Catalogers

For the Library of Congress collection, we knew we needed help and we wanted to tap into the enthusiasm in the community for the digital library project.



Thank You!

Any Questions?

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