

LIS 688-03 Digital Libraries
Notes
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- Sign up for a digilib to survey. Find examples on Bb under "External Links."
 - <http://www.clir.org/df.html> Look here for more digital libraries
 - No we don't have to have Dr. Bird's approval to do one.
 - Make sure it's not one that someone else is doing.
- One Digilib might be hosted by one place but gather it's resources from multiple places.
- North Carolina Heritage digitizes lots of stuff.
- **The difference between digital libraries and digital archives:**
 - Libraries: digital exhibition, multiple resources gathered into one place
 - Archives: things that have not been separated into individual objects.
 - Digital representation what is in the boxes.
 - It is only individualized to the box level, not about each individual item in the box.

Organizations

- What organizations are involved in creating the library?
 - Institutions
 - Government
 - Private individuals

Objects

- AKA content
- Digital born "ab origine" (Schwart) content is growing

Structure

- Objects are selected then structures are decided upon to host the materials.
- Currently it is mostly on the web.
- The structure has to be unified and logical (aka makes sense)
- Information architecture is the field concerned with making sure these structures make sense.
- **A collection isn't a collection until it has a structure that can be shared with others.**
- **Information systems** the tools/infrastructure needed to support a digilib.

Access

- Is it only intellectual?
 - Making structures usable
 - And promoting that it exists
- **Metadata:** description of digital objects which allows access and searching of the objects.
- In some schools, you cannot access Flickr because it is considered "social networking."
- Access is not only physical but also removing restricted access to content.

Interpret

- Librarian makes sense of the collection for your user.
 - Describing and explaining the collection.
 - Partially by metadata
 - Partially by online exhibits
- Curatorship and librarianship merge in this interpretation aspect.

- It must "incorporate learning" (Schwartz)
- Create a learning experience around the digital experience so you'll be used more.

More...

- Learning object repository: <http://www.wisc-online.com>
 - You contribute your educational tools.