

Working Lunch with the **Born-Digital Access Group**

Agenda and Community Notes

The DLF Born-Digital Access Group invites community members to an open discussion about future projects and working groups, as well as a conversation about the leadership, direction, and sustainability of the group moving forward. Members of two current working groups will also provide brief status reports and seek feedback.

1. Introduction to the DLF #BDAccess Group (10 mins)
2. Newly released: Access Values statement (5 mins)
 - a. <http://bit.ly/accessvalues>
 - b. Questions or Comments about the Values (5 mins)
 - i. What values do you bring when thinking about or providing access to bd materials?
 1. Security and privacy issues -- releasing private information and having good enough practices.
 2. Supporting sense making and supporting context, temptation to provide access to discrete pieces of data
 3. Values don't represent systematic thinking (workflows/patterns)--how do we move towards...we're reinventing the wheel with each collection. How do we build it out systematically. What is systematic enough? Making sure we are not spinning out the same work (re-building the wheel).
 - a. Documenting what this work looks like

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4. Beyond sense making: I need to provide access despite existing description and arrangement, not researchers fault that we didn't get data desc or into usable form.
 - a. Processing on demand
5. Reject perfection -- systems building with an eye towards use cases that do not exist yet.

3. Our Current Projects (5 mins)

We're keeping this brief because we will be presenting these projects at [#m2a: born-digital + portfolios](#) directly after this meeting. Join us there to dig in further!

- a. Levels of Access guidelines (<http://bit.ly/levelsofaccess>)
 - b. Access Practices research
- ### 4. Electing New Leadership (5 mins)
- a. We'll share our process for voting in two new co-coordinators in November.

5. Member Discussion

- a. In 2017, [this community shared](#) existing access methods for providing access to born-digital collections, roadblocks, and access dreams, and since then we've tracked our progress in addressing the community's needs. We also have [unfinished ideas and projects](#)! Take a look at these unaddressed community issues. Are there any new issues that have arisen over the past two years that are not included on this list and should be? (10 mins)
 - i. Creating a repository of access workflows as they stand now. Creating a centralized repository for documentation. Do we would need to create a template?
 1. Challenge: often ad hoc, many workflows, depends on the thing
 - a. Reveal how ad hoc the work of providing access to bd materials *really is*
 2. Response: Documenting the method rather than the workflow

3. Pushback on template before we start collecting information. Can just be an environmental scan of what's used/exists.
 - a. Do we want a workflow to stick to or is a catered WF ok?
- ii. What systems material we are trying to access and how format/description changes / dependencies?
- iii. Putting out some guidance on not being afraid from the legal perspective (remediating institutional fear) -- similar to how the SPN is doing this work
 - a. Works well for some staff or orgs, but the work on fair use are not moving the most conservative General Counsels: need for direct casework at types of institutions where similar insts would believe it when they saw it from others
- iv. Shout out for #2, donor-relations (wrt access to private/sensitive info)
 1. Focusing on where this work starts
- v. Is there a separation bt workflow for prepping access environment and access; is this a specific kind of research consultation (research support level)
- vi. Managing expectations of researchers: wording or labeling for some researchers to prep for what they're getting into, eg, need for emulation (staff training level)
 1. Due diligence / risk management and the harder line we tend to follow for bd materials (i.e. it feels like releasing digital information on accident has bigger repercussions than paper)
- vii. Copyright and privacy are both issues; takedown requests are often for privacy and not copyright
- viii. The labor of reviewing for privacy/copyright -- curator buy in. The representation of the current sub-groups -- need to bring curators/public services staff for the iteration of this work.

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- ix. Need for healing for archivists; people who have been burned by revealing sensitive information; ways to deal with institutional stigma
- b. Which of these outstanding or new issues is a top priority or something you want to address right now? (10 mins)
 - i. Practices documentation (ad hoc, as they are) (3 votes)
 - ii. Donor agreements/relations; may not be profoundly difficult for us to pull together and share these things (point to existing documentation that may change)
 - iii. Privacy (legal aspect)
 - iv. Use cases addressing the risks of revealing sensitive information; talking about how we failed and how we dealt with it
 - v. Next iteration of next working groups web page to add statements about access workflows; one example may encourage others to share theirs
- c. Who would be willing to coordinate or co-coordinate a project team? This will help us understand our true 2020 capacity. Please put your name here if willing to coordinate:
- d. Thanks for helping us narrow our scope and determine our capacity for 2020! After the DLF Forum, we will vote on a subset of the most popular projects to determine the final 1-3 achievable projects to start in 2020. Look out for a voting form in the coming weeks!