Digital Scholarship Services

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Beginnings

- Began in 2003/4 when the University Libraries were approached by Dr. Loren Schweninger
- Race & Slavery Petitions Project
- National Endowment for the Humanities "We The People Project"
- Digital Library on American Slavery

- Anne Finch Digital Archive (NEH)
- NC Holocaust Education, Research, and Outreach Project (NCCH)

Beginnings

- A strong focus on IT resources and services
- An ad-hoc process
- Not part of a regular workflow
- Provided flexibility & ability to be selective about projects
- Limited resources
- No advertising or marketing, only word of mouth

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- Digital Scholarship as a suite of services
- What services?
- A new department, or a distributed model?
- Digital Scholarship Coordinator
- Budget cuts

Digital Partners Grants

- Annual award of up to \$22,500 in existing resources
- Existing hardware & software provided at no cost
- Must be submitted by UNCG faculty member
- Must be hosted on the Library's servers
- Must be Open Access and freely shared
- Build upon the Libraries' extant digital initiatives
- Projects support a range of scholarly activities rather than creating teaching applications or custom-designed web sites for a specific course.

Digital Partners Grants

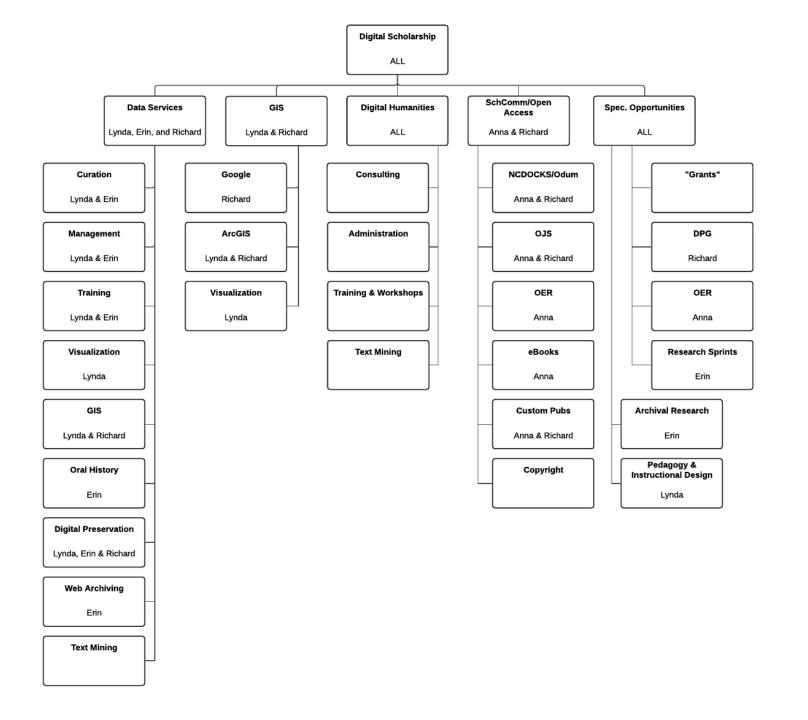
- Creates a workflow and a structure
- Marketing and advertising
- Allows for better understanding needs on campus
- Allows for triage
- Creates ongoing relationships
- No new resources

Digital Partners Grants

- Awarded projects vary based upon complexity and available staff
- Award numbers have ranged from 3-7/year
- Wide variety of partners, including Anthropology, Biology, Comp Sci, English, and History
- GIS applications, data hosting, web applications, e-Texts

Where Are We Now?

- Digital Scholarship Services Committee
- Inventory and repackaging of current services (metadata, web development, archiving, data curation, etc.)



Where Are We Now?

- New services based upon staffing capabilities and faculty needs
- No single coordinator
- New resources
- What is needed, & what is wanted?

Where Are We Now?

- Spaces
- Data visualization tools
- Teaching, presentation, & workshop space
- Infrastructure and resources
- Coffee

Questions?

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http://library.uncg.edu/research/support/digital_partners.aspx