Lighting the Way
A National Forum on Archival Discovery and Delivery

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The Lighting the Way Project and National Forum

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The project

Lighting the Way: A National Forum on Archival Discovery & Delivery
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Related work

- ArcLight archival discovery project
- *Research and Learning Agenda for Archives, Special, and Distinctive Collections in Research Libraries*
- Systems integration projects
  - University of Michigan
  - Rockefeller Archive Center
- Community groups
  - IIIF Archives Community Group
  - DLF Born Digital Access
Key concepts

Archival discovery and delivery
What people & systems do to support finding, accessing, and using material from archives and special collections
Includes archival description, digital object delivery, request management, interpretation, specialized environments

Integration
Getting systems to work together as a coordinated whole; “functional coupling”
Impacts researchers and those who work in archives
Relies heavily on people to accomplish
Primary audiences

- Archives, special collections, & library workers
  - Across job function and type of institution
- Technologists
  - Across job function and type of institution
- People with interest or expertise in terms of legal and ethical issues in archives/special collections
Project goals

- Map the ecosystem of archival discovery & delivery
- Develop conceptual and actionable recommendations for archival discovery and delivery that responds to technical, ethical, & practical concerns
- Build a shared understanding between archives, library, and technology workers
- Activate a diverse group of participants to develop and adopt recommendations and findings across institutional contexts, capacities, & software platforms
Project activities

- **Meetings**
  - Lighting the Way Forum (this event)
  - Lighting the Way working meeting (Q2 2020)

- **Research, writing, publications, and communications**
  - Foundational research
  - Statement of principles
  - Integration handbook
  - Project white paper
  - Presentations/publications
Foundational research

- Intended to provide an overview for Forum presenters of the landscape of archival discovery and delivery (not comprehensive)

- Outputs
  - Zotero group: [https://www.zotero.org/groups/2371748/](https://www.zotero.org/groups/2371748/)
Foundational research questions

- What systems support archival discovery and delivery?
- How do those systems need to work together from a functional and technical perspective?
- Why is a specific institution or project integrating those systems? What push or pull factors do these systems present?
- How are those systems being integrated?
- Who (from a staff perspective) is involved in specifying, developing or maintaining the integration work?
- Have there been specific successes or challenges with specific systems or integrations?
- Are there workarounds are in place due to limitations in resources?
- What technical or institutional contexts shape systems implementation and integration?
- Are any ethical or legal concerns represented in integration?
The Forum’s goals: intentionally fuzzy

Visualize, map, and build connections between one another, their work, the systems rely on, and the communities they serve.

Organize around shared opportunities and challenges identified by participants.

Provide a platform for engagement with the project including future participation.

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OPENING (DIVERGENT)  EXPLORING (EMERGENT)  CLOSING (CONVERGENT)

ACT 1
- SET THE STAGE
- DEVELOP THEMES
- IDEAS
- INFORMATION

ACT 2
- EXAMINE
- EXPLORE AND
- EXPERIMENT

ACT 3
- CONCLUSIONS
- DECISIONS
- ACTION

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After the Forum

- Feedback surveys will be sent out to all participants
- Compile outputs of activities and identify themes
- Summarize themes and other discussion
- Follow up with individual participants regarding their Who/What/When matrix items
- Prepare a written report, reviewed by participant advisors, then released broadly
- Planning for the Working Meeting
Further opportunities for participation

- Working meeting attendance
- Contributing case studies and position papers (3-5 pages) on archival discovery and delivery
- Reviewing and providing feedback on project outputs
- We’re open to your ideas
Facilitation tools

https://www.gamestorming.com/
https://www.liberatingstructures.com/
https://www.innovationgames.com/
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