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HELIN Consortium LORI Grant Repository Community Engagement Invitation

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RI wants to build a digital repository to electronically store "content" that can be accessed online. The areas for posting material are: cultural history, the economy/business, government and education. The repository will start with cultural history in 2014 and then the economy/business. Repository planning is underway.

We have included a short presentation on the repository design that was developed last year.

We are assembling a group of people to help influence the "look, feel and use" of this sizable digital project for RI that has been in development over the last 14 months. Some of you took part in the Forum we held last may at Bryant University. Since then HELIN has secured a small LORI grant from the state and engaged 3 consulting firms to help take the repository further: LYRASIS, New Commons and Reckoner Group.

You are invited to the Phase II Kick-off Session of the repository at the New Commons studio at 545 Pawtucket Ave, Pawtucket, RI. The agenda includes:
- Review why a digital repository matters for the future of RI
- Update the group on progress and what is planned next
- Finalize and sequence the working groups that will help conceptualize and ground various elements of the repository
- Invite you to participate in a working group

 The session on 6-24-14 will be held from 4:00 to 5:30 pm, followed by refreshments. Please RSVP with Ron Barron at_____

This is a real opportunity to rally our collective skills in design, library science, technical and community building, within Rhode Island to build a much needed knowledge resource and we need YOUR help!

Note: prior to out session on the 24th, Ely Beckman of the Reckoner Group – one of the 3 firms involved in the repository is hosting a kick off knowledge hack will be on June 19, 6:00pm-9:30pm at Digital City DC209. The idea for this event is to crystallize support from design/programming community, assemble working groups and use 6-19 as a working session to push toward building a working prototype. Following the 6-19 event there will be a series of virtual hacks/meetings to plan and then execute a full blown Hackathon in the early fall.

For more info/registration: www.turnthebulb.com

Again 2 events to consider and register for:
- 6-19 hack at Digital City, 6 to 9:30 at turn the bulb above
- 6-24 Phase II Kick Off Session of building the repository at New Commons, 4 to 5:30 followed by refreshments with Ron Barron at_____

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