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Planning
Why build a Digital Scholar Studio (DSS)?
Who will be participating and why?
Funding
Philosophy

Building
Resources, what should you have?
Staffing & programming
Lessons learned
Successes

Florida International University

Carnegie R1 status

Green Library

- GIS center
- Digital Collections Center

Schools/Departments

- Journalism
- History
- English
- Art History
- Computer Science

Why Build a Scholar Lab?

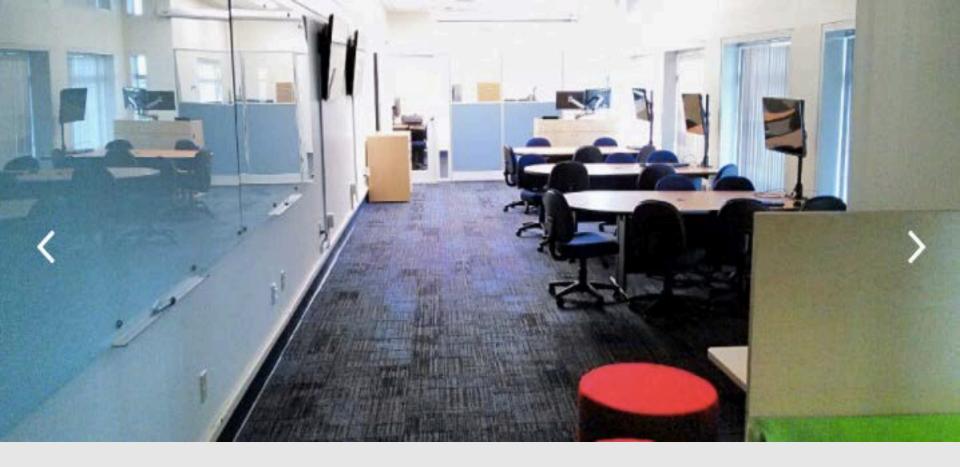Fragile Habitat

Sea Level Rise Collection

Eyes on the Rise

Projects
- IR & digital repository
GIS usage
Is there are proven need?

training

collaborative space

applications

equipment

Who should be involved?

Librarians

Library departments

Faculty

*Consider a manageable size group

Be clear about the purpose

External Partners

dPanther.fiu.edu
digital repository

Funding

Internal grants

NEH

Grant Resources

Who do you want to write the grant?

- department
- faculty
- administration
- (IT department)

Tech fee Grant

$6 million awarded university wide

$382,000 for Digital Scholar Studio

$97,000 DOIT server space

Philosophy

What role will the library and librarians fill?

- Responsible for project creation?

- Service and support?

- Collaboration?

Building the digital scholar studio

$125,000

Resources

Faculty

Student

Librarian

External partners

equipment

$120,000

Video Wall, collaborative computing stations

$40,000

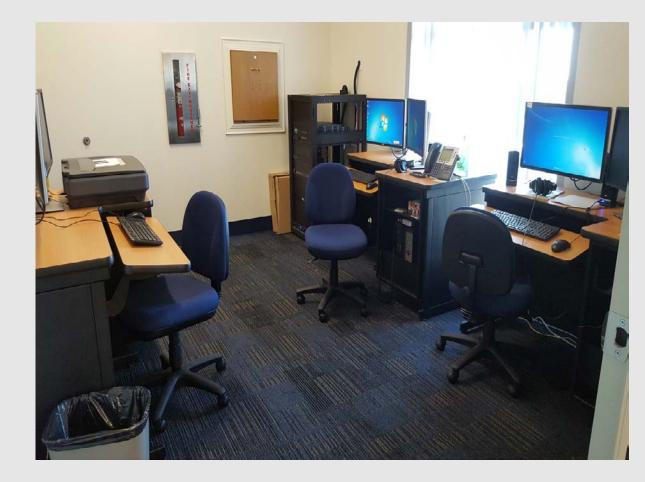Multi media podiums (2), software (Adobe), Hardware

DSS list

Most Popular @ FIU

Oral History

Microphones
Recorders

Transcription
software

Will you need/want to hire a DH librarian?
Provide professional development for staff

Is your staff willing?

Do they have the time?

Does the university have funds to help?

Training for Staff

DH Resources for Staff

[Digital Humanities Summer institute](#)

[Thatcamp](#)
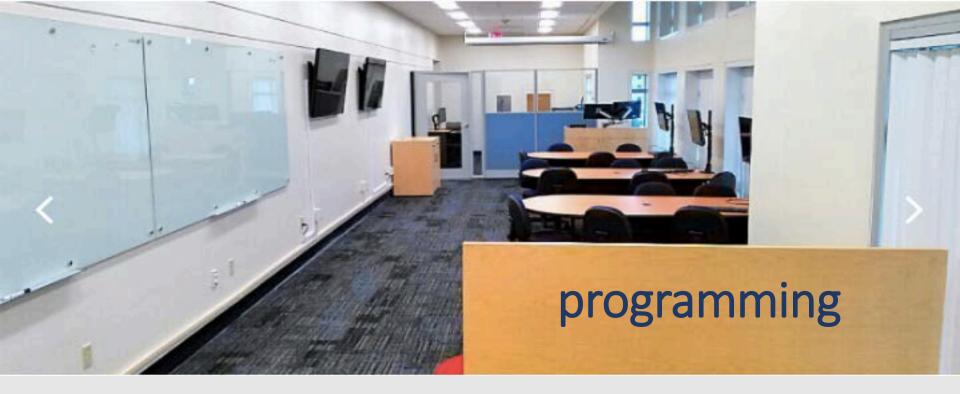
[Price DH Lab at Penn](#)

[dh+lib](#)

Digital Collections Center @ FIU

1 visiting digital humanities librarian, Martin Kass

2 DCC librarians, Rebecca Bakker & Kelley Rowan

DCC assistant director, Jamie Rogers

GIS/DCC director, Jennifer Fu

programming

Workshops for DH tools

- [Libguide](#)

- [Calendar](#)

Lessons Learned

Where will you store equipment?

How, when, or will students/faculty have access to the studio?

 - can students be unsupervised in DSS?

How will equipment be checked out and for how long?

Tracking of equipment for re-evaluation will be necessary

For assistance, please call:

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Successes

Meeting researcher needs

Studio usage

Enthusiastic staff

Equipment choices

Equipment usage

Professional development

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