CARLI Created Content Committee:
FY 2021 Annual Report of Activities and Projects

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Introduction

The Created Content Committee met monthly on one hour Zoom conference calls and communicated through its email list. The one day in-person meeting during the year typically held in the past was not possible due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, co-chairs attended two CARLI (July 17, 2020 and January 12, 2021) all committee meetings and reported to the group. In 2020, CARLI suspended calls for FY21 committee volunteers to allow each committee to have time to focus on the evaluation of CARLI's current committee structure.

Re-evaluation Report

FY21 was a year of transition for CARLI due to the migration to Alma/Primo VE and circumstances surrounding COVID-19. The Board directed all CARLI committees to assess their group's work and discuss if it should continue, cease, combine with another committee, or split into additional committees. The Created Content Committee evaluated the group's charge and work, and submitted a re-envisioning report with the recommendation to continue with the current charge, focusing on areas most helpful to membership within the current committee structure.

Workshop

Workshop: Messy Data? Clean it up with OpenRefine! - Presented via Zoom in two separate sessions:
- The Basics of OpenRefine by committee member Tricia Lampron, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, on February 9, 2021
- Using OpenRefine to Reconcile Your Data by committee member Greer Martin, Loyola University Chicago, on February 17, 2021

The Committee had planned a one-day, in-person OpenRefine workshop in FY20. In March 2020, after the suspension of in-person meetings and programming, this workshop was postponed and was planned for Fall 2020. Since in-person meetings were still unable to be held, the committee elected to break the information into two webinar sessions and present them via Zoom in FY21.

OpenRefine (https://openrefine.org/) is a free, open source tool used to organize, clean up, and transform data. The workshops included an overview of the browser based application, as well as use cases that show the benefits of working with your local data in OpenRefine. The first session demonstrated the basic functions to get started on cleaning up data, while activities in the second session explained reconciling data against two different types of sources: library authority data and Wikidata. The workshop also taught how to import data by making an API call in OpenRefine, and how to export your data in different formats such as XML and JSON.

The sessions were very well attended with an engaged audience that followed along and worked through scenarios with the presenters during each live session. "Messy Data? Clean it up with OpenRefine! Webinar 1: The Basics of OpenRefine" (February 9), 45 individuals participated, including a number of additional CARLI staff.

The follow-up session devoted to advanced functions, "Messy Data? Clean it up with OpenRefine! Webinar 2: Using OpenRefine to Reconcile Your Data," (February 17), had 38 individuals participate.

Due to the ongoing software updates to OpenRefine, the recordings of these sessions, which provided some step-by-step instruction are only available online through June 2021.

PrimoVE External Source Integration Documentation Project and Continued Project

The Committee created documentation to support discovery of external sources in Primo VE. External sources are materials such as digital collections hosted via other software like CONTENTdm or Islandora. Setting up external sources in Primo VE allows end users the opportunity to access resources from other systems via their local Primo VE catalog. The project details the main concepts and general workflow for loading external data sources into Primo VE, including: the Discovery Import Profile, the Normalization Process Task, Normalization Rules, and Resource Types. It provides a compilation of relevant ExLibris Alma/PrimoVE instruction links.

The project also includes a Normalization Rules document with a series of example stanzas and individual User Stories (CONTENTdm, Digital Commons, IDEALS Dspace, and Islandora) from committee members. When complete in June 2021, these resources will be shared on the CARLI website.

On-Going Tasks

The committee continued producing quarterly Keyword and Traffic Reports through Google Analytics data from CARLI Digital Collections. These reports provide members with the available usage data for CARLI Digital Collections. They are available on the CARLI website at: https://www.carli.illinois.edu/products-services/contentdm/google-analytics-usage-reports-carli-digital-collections.