

Arca Administrators Meeting

Thursday, May 16, 2019

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Note taker: Michel Castagné

Harvesting and indexing Arca content: experience, tips, problems

- Discussed indexing Arca content in discovery layers. TRU sent data to EBSCO, but have not heard back yet.
- Discussed ongoing attempts to get theses harvested by LAC/Theses Canada.
 - Brandon created the module Islandora ETDMS Download to create download links in OAI-PMH to meet Theses Canada requirements.
 - No success stories yet, though UNBC and TRU have passed LAC's tests. Tabled for future discussions.

Recent developments - feedback, questions, requests?

- Islandora Remote Media:
 - Gretchen asked whether it was possible for the module to automatically check if an item was still available online. Brandon suggested ingesting content if unsure about the reliability of its hosting.
- Three Arca Minutes made so far (<https://arca.bcelnapps.ca/training/arca-minutes>), with positive feedback. Arca Admins are encouraged to make requests for new ones.

Theme update

- Group expressed interest in a theme update, either building a new theme or tweaking the current theme's stylesheet. Brandon will discuss with Arca team at the BC ELN Office about next steps.
- **Action Item:** Admins to send examples to Brandon of Islandora repositories using theme/design elements they like.
- **Action Item:** Admins to send PIDs to Brandon from repository objects they want featured on the Arca main page.

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- **Action Item:** Let Brandon know if you are interested in helping coordinate social activities.

Metadata standards and controlled vocabularies

- Antonio Muñoz Gómez proposed using a MODS extension element for author keywords.
- **Action Item:** Brandon will investigate best practices for this put it forward to the group for a later vote.
- Group also discussed provincial initiatives around updating controlled vocabularies for describing Indigenous content. No actions to take, but agreement that this is something to watch.

Other kinds of content not fully supported in Arca?

- Some interest expressed in representing 3D objects (example: <https://sketchfab.com/3d-models/chicha-pot-06f6ab6b2ecf4c319cbd54cf62980645>)
- Admins are invited to discuss this and other types of content on mailing list.

Interest in OJS (Open Journal Systems) collaborative service?

- Several institutions expressed interest as either an immediate or near-term need. Interest was noted in a potential general scholarly communication service that includes OCS (Open Conference Systems) as well.

Remaining agenda items tabled until next meeting or discussion on listserv:

- Enabling engagement with Hypothes.is
- ORCID memberships
- Ways to facilitate information-sharing between Arca members