

Building a digital exhibit

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Overview

Digital collections vs digital exhibits

Things to consider

What platform should you use to build your digital exhibit?

Resources

Digital collections vs digital exhibits

Digital collections are a way to present material so that they can be used as a resource by other people

Researchers (academic, media, other)

Students

People researching their family history

General interest

Digital collections generally seek to present information available about the objects, one by one

Digital collections vs digital exhibits

A digital exhibit seeks to tell a story by connecting objects together

Involves narrative beyond basic description about objects

Can include interactive elements as well

- Timelines

- Maps

- Word/tag bubbles

Things to consider

Research / writing

Editing content

Technical check

Promotion

Things to consider

What considerations need to be made for exhibit visualizations (maps, timelines, etc.)?

Digitization of content

Ensuring accessibility

Things to consider

Can you export / preserve the exhibit in some way?

Preserving exhibit content

Things to consider

How long are you planning to keep this up?

What will happen when you can no longer maintain the exhibit?

What platform
should you use to
build your digital
exhibit?

Omeka Classic

Omeka S

Scalar

Wordpress

Choosing a platform

What are the pros and cons for each one?

How does it match up against your requirements?

Resources

Omeka Classic:

<https://omeka.org/classic/>

Omeka S: <https://omeka.org/s/>

Scalar: <https://scalar.me/anvc/>

Wordpress: <https://wordpress.org/>

Resources

Timeline.js:

<https://timeline.knightlab.com/>

WAVE Tool (to check accessibility)

<https://wave.webaim.org/>

Scalar digital exhibits guide

(Chicago Collections Consortium):

<https://guides.chicagocollections.org/digitalexhibits/>

Omeka S digital exhibits guide

(University of Utah):

<https://campusguides.lib.utah.edu/omekas>