Beyond the Bits: Integrating Digital Collections into the Pedagogical Process

Stephanie Haas covered the development of digital collections at the UF Libraries and Laurie Taylor talked about initiatives to integrate digital collections into the UF curriculum. An open discussion followed the short presentations.

The following is from Stephanie’s presentation:

1. The UF Digital Collections [http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/UFDC/] are connected to the top level library home page under the FIND column.

2. When searching remember that the default operator is OR. AND or + can be used interchangeably. Quotes should surround phrased searching.

3. The structure of Greenstone allows a three-tier hierarchy; therefore, there are groups: fairly comprehensive large subject collections; collections: more granularly defined subsets of content; and subcollections: the most closely focused set of items, e.g., COAST for materials published by the faculty, staff, and students of the Coastal Engineering program. A complete list of projects, collections, and subcollections can be found at http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/UFDC/technical/Collections/Brief_ProjectsList.pdf

   In the advanced search, you can search by subcollection code. Please remember that some of the collections are still being planned so little or no content may be present.

   Because of this structure, frequently, it is most productive to search all collections together. Searches yielding no results will offer optional search strategies to expand the search and the likelihood of retrieving relevant hits.

4. Please remember the software supporting searching is still be tweaked and occasionally you will find searching produces odd results. To help us troubleshoot errors, please send a message to Mark Sullivan describing the oddity discovered.

5. Please send any suggestions on content development to Erich and/or Stephanie.

Journal Club Discussion

Sara Russell Gonzalez introduced the new Journal Club Research Web Page and solicited feedback from the audience.