

Let's Get Digital!

DIY Digitization Programming on a Budget

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Why did we decide to create the lab?

- Inspired by DC Memory Lab
 - No space, limited \$ led to alternatives
- Research into alternatives said if we couldn't do a full lab, start small
- Geographically spread out service area
- Granted funding June 2016

Digital Scanning Lab

- Fujitsu ScanSnap iX100 Wireless Mobile Scanner
 - document and photo scanner [\$195]
- Wolverine F2D Mighty 20MP 7-in-1 Film to Digital Converter
 - film, negative, and slide scanner [\$140]
- Dell Latitude E5440 Laptop
 - Need 3+ USB ports or USB hub [< \$20]
- SD memory cards for storage [\$10-15]
 - Need 10+GB for photos

Photo/Document Scanner



Slide/Negative Scanner



Laptop



Patron Responsibilities

Patron needs to bring/have:

- Cloud account to upload to
 - Google Drive, Dropbox, OneDrive, iCloud, Box, Amazon Cloud Drive
- USB/SD storage drive
 - at least 10 GB

Programs

Where we started:

- System-wide programs at each branch
- Paired with transcription

Programs continued

Outreach to senior activity center
and living communities for scanning

Programs continued

Scanning by appointment at
Central library location

In-House Programs

Staff use - local history digitization
projects at branches

Training for patrons

Patrons can either

Receive a brief tutorial, and continue on their own

OR

Get step-by-step assistance the entire time

Getting the Word Out

- Signs in-house/on community boards
- Social media
- Website
- Programming brochure
- Word-of-mouth
- Community partners
 - Historical Societies
 - Senior Center
 - Senior living communities
 - Chamber of Commerce



Results

- Mixed numbers
- Extremely pleased patrons
 - Personal histories (get to know patrons better)
- Public knowledge of scanning as service
- Increased staff initiative
- Knowledge of scanning limitations

Future Additions

- Computer
 - Dedicated digitization machine with related software
- Audio
 - Cassette digitization
- Video
 - VHS digitization
 - Super 8 digitization
- Photo
 - Editing software to improve scans
- Carrying Case
- Permanent location

Conclusions

- Well received program
- Hard to explain in marketing
 - Some effort to sell this/find an audience
- Tweaks are inevitable
- Limits to scanning necessary
- Future service expansion

Questions?

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