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Overview

The ScholarsArchive@JWU is a digital showcase that provides open access to journal articles, working papers, dissertations and theses, and other creative works published by the Johnson & Wales University faculty, staff, colleges, departments, and students.

The ScholarsArchive@JWU is a unique library service that provides an open access platform for faculty, staff, and students to share their knowledge and contributions with the global community. The ScholarsArchive@JWU is also an invaluable promotional and marketing tool for contributors and the university. Prospective students, faculty, and staff can easily access examples of high quality scholarship, publications, events, and creative works.

This report covers activity from June 2008 – July 1, 2009

Activity Summary

This continued to be a transition year at the administrative level. In March 2009 a reference librarian staff member at the Providence campus took on the administrative duties of the IR. Work was focused on updating layout, navigation menus, active links, series titles and descriptions, and logistics and informational pages.

New Content: 22 ETDs
New Partnerships: N/A

MEASURES OF USE*

Submissions: 22 ETDs
Downloads: 0
Top 20 Items: N/A
Google Analytics™ Data: N/A

* Reports from AY 2006-2007 through AY 2011-2012 were completed retrospectively during March & April 2013, therefore download data reflects totals as of March 26, 2013.

Staffing

One reference librarian staff member.

Equipment

- EPSON GT-20000 Scanner
- Adobe Pro 9 software
- Mobile scanning workstation with PC Desktop running Windows XP
- Office computer workstation running Windows XP
Professional Development & Training

Bepress client services were utilized extensively to assist with learning the platform and implementing extensive layout and design changes by the new administrator.

Successes

Acquiring a scanner, dedicated workstation, and appropriate software was a key success to increase efforts toward collecting and publishing new content.

Challenges

To balance renewed efforts to increase the visibility and viability of the IR as a library service with reference services responsibilities.

Opportunities & Goals

The National Restaurant Menu Association menu collection is marked to be the key focus for the coming year in order to establish a high profile collection that can be used for marketing and promotional efforts.

The goal going into the summer of 2009 was to digitize and upload 1,000 menus.

Conclusions

The ScholarsArchive@JWU has a renewed charge to become a pivotal library service to support the Library Mission and the University’s Strategic Plan. By continuing to support ScholarsArchive@JWU, the University will be providing a critical showcase for sharing scholarship and creative works produced and collected at the university.