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STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINING DIGITAL LIBRARIES MONOGRAPH

CALL FOR PAPERS

This monograph will explore a range of ideasand models for sustaining digital libraries. In recent years, an enormous number of digital libraries have been created, frequently by means of one-time grants and other soft funding mechanisms. Sustaining these digital libraries in the long term has become a critical concern for the stakeholders involved in these endeavors, especially their creators, funders, and audiences.

The articles of this monograph will provide resources for digital library stakeholders who seek to better understand how to effectively evolve such efforts from short-term projects to long-term sustainable programs. The monograph will include contributions from leaders in major digital libraries that have made such transitions or which are systematically considering the question of programmatic sustainability, including representatives from groups such as the National Digital Infrastructure and Information Preservation Program (NDIIPP), the National Science Digital Library (NSDL), and the Digital Library Federation (DLF) Aquifer program.

Contributions are invited in any of the following categories:

- Business models that have proven effective for sustaining digital library efforts, especially revenue-stream models that are potentially generalizable to a range of other endeavors.
- Articles on how to implement best practices for mobilizing collaborative efforts in sustainable ways. (Examples include: the formation of consortia that have proven effective, membership organizations, and professional associations.)
- Exemplars of nonprofit incorporation for digital libraries created in research settings.
- Taxonomies of sustainable organizations which clarify the options available to digital libraries that are trying to transition into sustainable configurations.
- Other issues that bear on sustaining digital libraries.

Important dates

October 2, 2006:   Proposals for contributions due.
October 9, 2006:   Acceptance notifications to contributors.
January 19, 2007:   Initial draft articles due.
February 16, 2007:   Suggested revisions back to authors.
March 30, 2007:   Final articles due.

Proposal Submission Procedure

- Proposals should be sent as email messages to kskinne@emory.edu and should include a subject line of SDL MONOGRAPH PROPOSAL. The message body should include a proposed article title, and a 1-2 paragraph summary of the proposed article. Proposals must be submitted by 10/2/06.
- Authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection by 10/9/06.
- Final article contributions must be in English, and may range in length from 2K-10K words
- All articles must be original contributions (i.e., not have been previously published or currently under review for publication elsewhere)
- All citations must use the Author-Date citation system as specified in the *Chicago Manual of Style*

Affiliated Symposium

Interested contributors are encouraged to consider presenting their initial thoughts at an affiliated (but separate) symposium that will be held in October (see URL http://www.metascholar.org/events/2006/sdl/). Authors are not required to present at the symposium to make a proposal to the SDL monograph.