**Purposeful Gaming partner meeting 1/8/13**

Present: John Mignault, Joe DeVeer, William Ulate, Doug Holland, Marty Schlabach, Connie Rinaldo, Mary Ochs, Trish Rose-Sandler, Mike Lichtenberg, Susan Fraser

Webwise meeting in Feb - who has made reservations and their dates? No one has registered except for Trish. Trish talked with organizers and said we should be able to reserve a room for our meeting Tuesday night. She will talk to them again in January to confirm. IMLS just announced the workshop topics for the conference which were voted on by attendees but dates/times aren’t set yet. Some that could be of value for us:

* Building a successful crowdsourced project
* Publicizing your project

Good time to network with other attendees: Mary Flanagan from Tiltfactor at Dartmouth will be a speaker and they are one of the companies we’re going to send RFP to.

Update on project listserv by Marty – it is setup. Everyone should have gotten notice they were added to list but no one did. BHL-Purposeful-Gaming-L. Marty will send us notifications. Trish is a co-list owner along with Marty.

Internal project page setup [https://bhl.wikispaces.com/Purposeful+gaming+IMLS+grant+project+page](https://bhl.wikispaces.com/Purposeful%2Bgaming%2BIMLS%2Bgrant%2Bproject%2Bpage) Everyone should have ability to edit page. Feel free to add any tools, games, gaming companies you find

Updates from partners?

NYBG – slow start, office held up hiring process but someone in next 2 weeks. Could jump start with outsourcing some less fragile to IA.

Cornell – no digitizing, talking to folks about content selection, setup a seed catalog collection in BHL, Mike L helped him tag those scanned by NAL. 1961 volumes in collection now, 1542 titles most from NAL, contact with Stan ? from NAL. They are digitizing pretty regularly and we should coordinate with them so we don’t duplicate seed nursery catalogs. They are putting in IA. Setup meeting with Susan and John to coordinate digitization (starting working with Macaw installation)

MOBOT- Doug has nothing to report but will meet with William, Trish, and Mike B to talk about scope of work. Trish reported RFP has not advanced much since last phone call but will be focus for William and Trish in January.

Harvard- Joe’s been busy looking at transcription tools, Narrowed down to 6 options. Requirements for tool – open source, support crowdsourcing , be user friendly, allow simultaneous users, have adm oversight, can correct entries, have word/line coordinates (TPEN is only one he knows of so far that has coordinates). FromThePage tool (Ben Brumfeld) coordinates with IA, may be a problem with Brewster diaries because they were scanned as 2 pg images, this might be a problem for us. But have Brewster journals that are 1 pg images that could be used too. TranscribeBentham – offers full TEI markup. Others - Atlas of Living Australia has volunteer portal, Smithsonian Transcription tool but code isn’t ready yet, Harvard Library used Transcriber on drupal platform. Eliminated SCRIPTO because its tied to Omeka and because Harvard already tested it and found it difficult to use.

Questions - Should we host ourselves or host elsewhere? – if we host elsewhere and we go over their limit there may be costs involved there. We could incorporate into BHL portal UI but this could take more time to implement so more important to focus on making sure data coming from tool can be used by BHL portal. John recommends we consider sustainability – need a tool that’s supported long term and not just by a single person (e.g. FromThePage is run by Ben Brumfield and if he decides to no longer support it that could be a problem). Also think about how we would like to use the tool beyond the project.

Joe will add some overview of tools to wiki page.

Trish sent DLIB magazine a writeup of our project – will be featured in their In Brief section next month

Any press releases from partners? Cornell press releases

[http://mannlib.cornell.edu/news/new-games-old-seed-catalogs](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v1/url?u=http://mannlib.cornell.edu/news/new-games-old-seed-catalogs&k=diZKtJPqj4jWksRIF4bjkw%3D%3D%0A&r=ge9rHOQ4%2FVpwvYzi1d4kIvOAoxy9CjdTTMncq629dVQ%3D%0A&m=VfGZ%2FSsIz3%2B8bzGCytV8d2N6KXxw4%2FxdKj%2FxByDFndk%3D%0A&s=f2587813c771127b247d4287c56bacb69a460bba410a88b05fb315846e38d865)

<http://news.cornell.edu/essentials/2013/12/games-purpose>.

Harvard library did a story on gaming project, Connie will track down and post on wiki

Service agreements – NYBG done, Harvard in progress, Cornell (any feedback on scope of work?). Not sure if can meet 15k by May 2014 but could use NAL catalogs in BHL now

Other – iDigBio update. William and Joe attended hackathon in December. Augmenting OCR. Organized by Rob Guralnick and Austin Mast. Brought together folks from Zooniverse and Notes from Nature. 4 areas of focus: 1)interoperability between existing tools; 2) description and quality control for transcription and reconcile different transcriptions; 3) combining OCR and transcription; 4)user engagement. William participated in areas 2 & 3. Developed tools to Identify which OCR is most problematic and give a score. Another group looking at QA – looked at groups of letters and determine if valid words. One group looking at How to combine multiple transcriptions using known algorithms and adapting them. These issues fit into the workflow issues we will deal with in PG. William thought it was interesting how Hackathon was in a local environment where you were running Notes from Nature and could change code as you went along. He thinks it may be useful to approach Zooniverse again to talk about our needs for transcription environment. Joe attended but not as hacker -was good to hear about transcription tools.