**PG Monthly Meeting 1/13/15**

Present:

MOBOT (Trish Rose-Sandler, Mike Lichtenberg, William Ulate., Doug Holland, Mike Blomberg), Cornell (Marty Schlabach,), Harvard (Joe DeVeer, Connie Rinaldo, Patrick Randall), NYBG (Susan Lynch),

Absent: Holly Mistlebauer

Agenda

Cornell (Marty)

3rd shipment of catalogs ready 10k. Not yet received first batch back but should soon. Questions about metadata that are now resolved. Using Holly’s merged list to identify material to digitize. Filling gaps is harder to do. Considering non-US materials so we can get bigger batch. Will be testing Macaw this week. Participating in Garden Stories campaign and seed and nursery catalogs in March. With Mike L and Bianca’s help have Setup new IA collection to facilitate moving into BHL subcollection of seed and nursery catalogs. Also working on description of collection for landing page. This collection page will also serve as splash page for Garden campaign.

Holly did webinar this week on her merging and analysis with Google Refine https://cornell.app.box.com/s/qbssyqy29had7kp1pbwn

NYBG (Susan Lynch)

Uploaded 25k pages to collection in BHL. Staff member has uploaded many of the full page images to Flickr. Andrew Schinkel participated in the Garden Stories planning meeting.

New IA collection is very helpful because don’t have to manually add submissions in BHL now

IMLS funding for scanning is almost used up by end of January. After Jan won’t be doing a lot of additional scanning.

Susan wondered could we host events around the games like a designated station for library patrons to play? Project team said this would be of interest at their institutions too. Suggested Setting up a kiosk outside the library and stopping people walking by to play (this would be doable if the games can be played on mobile devices which they should be). Also could have 1 pg handouts next to a terminal.

Blog post by Andrew Schinkel in December <http://blog.biodiversitylibrary.org/2014/12/fun-with-seeds.html>

Harvard

Transcription (Joe)

ALA (DigiVol) – Brewster journals 79% complete (1652 pages) and diaries 100 % complete ( 729 pages) all volumes activated; overall 84% complete; FromThePage – 40% complete (? pages). Marty asked why Differences in completion between 2 platforms?– started earlier with DigiVol site, DigiVol has built in community of volunteers. Intern is mostly doing FromThePage and another library assistant

Advertising for 2nd internship position – interviewing next week.

What catalogs should Joe target for upload to transcription tools? Could Joe do some manual review

Graphic heavy catalogs seem to be the most problematic.

Communications ( Patrick)

Working with Harvard’s communications on pitch and working with Grace on Garden Stories campaign. Next week doing a blog post on Brewster materials

MOBOT

Scanning (Mike B.) completed scanning seed lists 22k pages, Bianca had added most to BHL collection. 13 books still need to be added to collection.

OCR output and TILT2 (Mike L)

Spent a lot of time testing Tesseract to get best results out of it. Last release 2012 but no active development since then. Compiled new version that performs better than 2012 but crashes fairly often. We will run first through newer version and those that crash we will run with 2012 release. Building out process to manage all the OCR and transcriptions and produce input from the game.

TILT2 update – need to create image coordinates for transcriptions. Early Nov released a version that looked promising but no new development since then. If we cannot get coordinates we may not be able to send transcriptions to game for correction but the transcriptions will still be useful – when a word is agreed on by the 2 transcriptions we can present that in the UI and when they don’t agree we’ll have to make a decision to go with one over the other.

Tiltfactor progress (Trish) We are meeting with them later today to find out where they are at with designs

Other

IMLS Interim reports were submitted Dec 31st

Webwise dates set? Contacted person who organizes it and she said no dates set yet.

Crowdsourcing Consortium for Libraries and Archives (CCLA) webcast on on [Scoping and Funding Crowdsourcing projects](http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/scoping-funding-crowdsourcing-projects.html). Did anybody attend or watch the archived version? no

They have posted the results of their first survey and are doing a followup survey http://www.crowdconsortium.org/