Experimenting with ‘Small DH’: Teaching Research Methods for Digital Humanities at Libraries

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Digital Humanities: Questions?

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Digital tools? Methods? Data? Starting a project?

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Hey, people who do digital humanities in a library: What would you like administrators to know about how to facilitate your work?

“small DH” -- in-class pedagogical projects or enhancements to bespoke library digitization using out-of-the-box tools -- needs recognition and support, & can be a low-investment way of widening the circle to involve more people & break down barriers

if everyone can read a poem during NationalPoetryMonth or memorize a few digits of pi on PiDay -- everyone can “do DH” in a small way that helps them understand communities of practice. “small DH” efforts need support & visibility (and, too, take time and labor to facilitate)

Good point!
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Digital Humanities: Managing Research Data

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Data Curation Tutorial Series

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

This series of tutorials will be released in September of 2019.

Organizing Research Data in Spreadsheets

Coming soon!

Developing a Humanities Data Curation Record

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Publishing and Sharing Research Data

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Research Data Management Plans

Data management plans (DMPs) are often required when applying for grants to support large-scale DH projects. The links below are open access templates that will guide you through writing a data management plan.

- DMPTool
  A service of the University of California Curation Center of the California Digital Library, this tool provides a wizard that moves users through writing a DMP that complies with funder requirements. To create an account and practice writing DMPs, click Option #2 under the "Sign in" menu on the top right side of the page. (Fordham does not have an institutional affiliation with this tool.)

- DMPonline
  Developed by the Digital Curation Centre in the UK, this tool is optimal for writing DMPs that meet UK & European funding requirements.
Humanities Data Curation Record

A data curation record supports reuse of data and reproducibility of claims by documenting data source(s), data types and formats, data quality, as well as methods and tools used to subset, transform, augment, and derive insight from data. With this record another researcher should be able to:

(1) understand how data are organized
(2) access the methods and tools used to support analysis
(3) be exposed to data cleaning and transformation processes
(4) identify data source(s)
Organizing Research Data in Spreadsheets

2. What is tabular format? (page 2 of 17)

"Tabular format" means arranging data in a table with rows and columns. Here is an example:

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Fig 1

The tabular format enables a computer program to analyze data organized into different categories across the rows and columns to calculate summaries, averages, percentages, relationships, and more. In addition, the tabular format is interoperable when it is saved as a .CSV (comma separated values) file. This means the structured data can be read and interpreted by other computer programs.
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