

Building the Universal Library: The Promise and Challenges of HathiTrust

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What is HathiTrust?

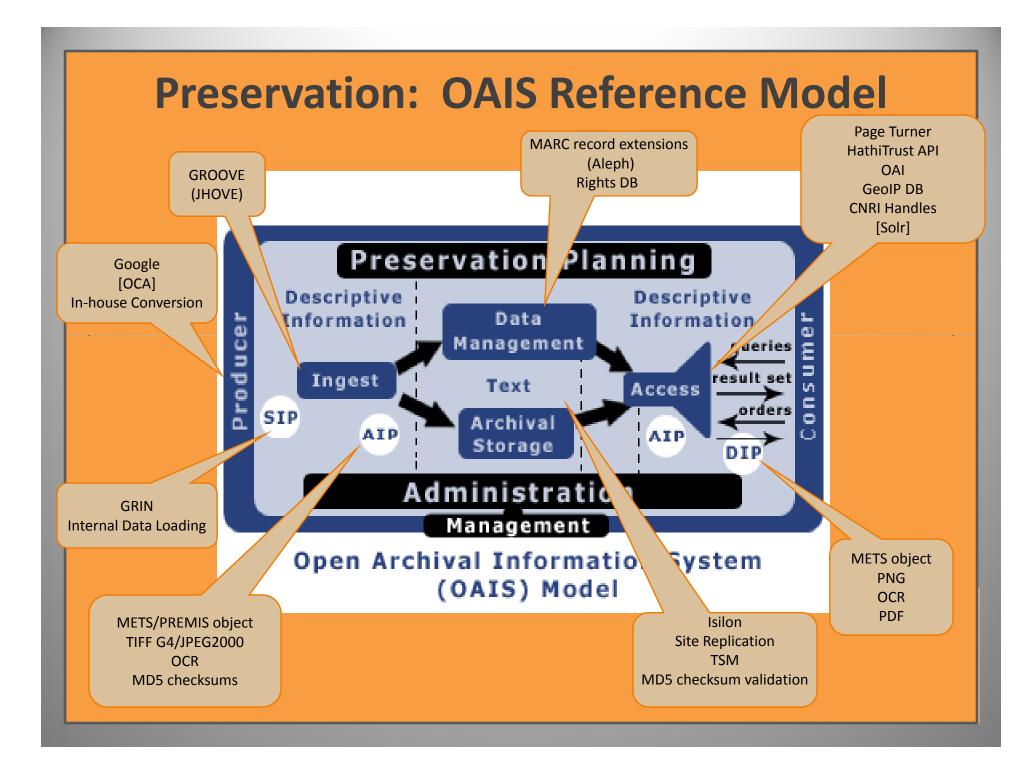
- origins
- intentions
- size and growth projections
- aspirations



current members

- California Digital Library
- Indiana University
- Michigan State University
- Northwestern University
- The Ohio State University
- Penn State University
- Purdue University
- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UC Irvine
- UCLA
- UC Merced
- UC Riverside

- UC San Diego
- UC San Francisco
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz
- The University of Chicago
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- The University of Iowa
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- University of Virginia

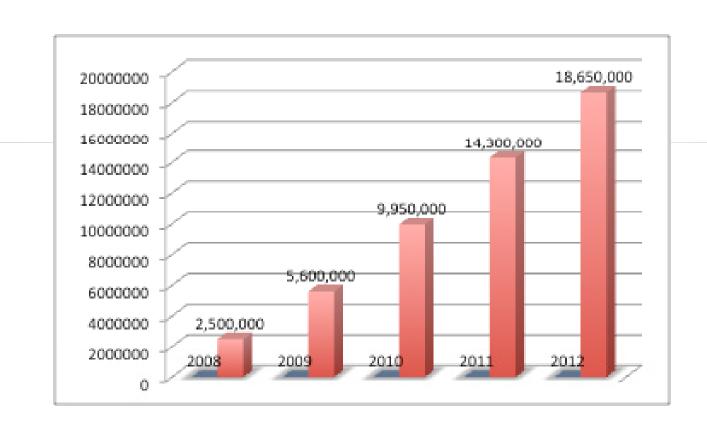


Mission and Goals

- to contribute to the common good by collecting, organizing, preserving, communicating, and sharing the record of human knowledge
 - materials converted from print
 - improve access ...to meet the needs of the co-owning institutions
 - reliable and accessible electronic representations
 - coordinate shared storage strategies
 - "public good" ... free-riders.
 - simultaneously ...centralized ...open



growth trajectory

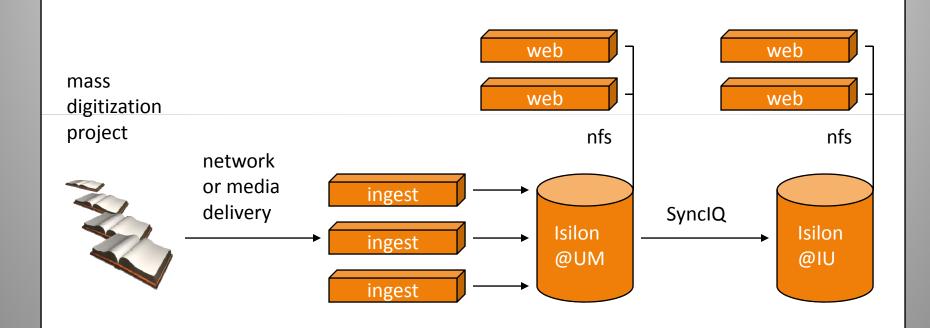




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- 2. successful ingest and millions of vols online
- 3. mirroring and backup



Flow of Materials

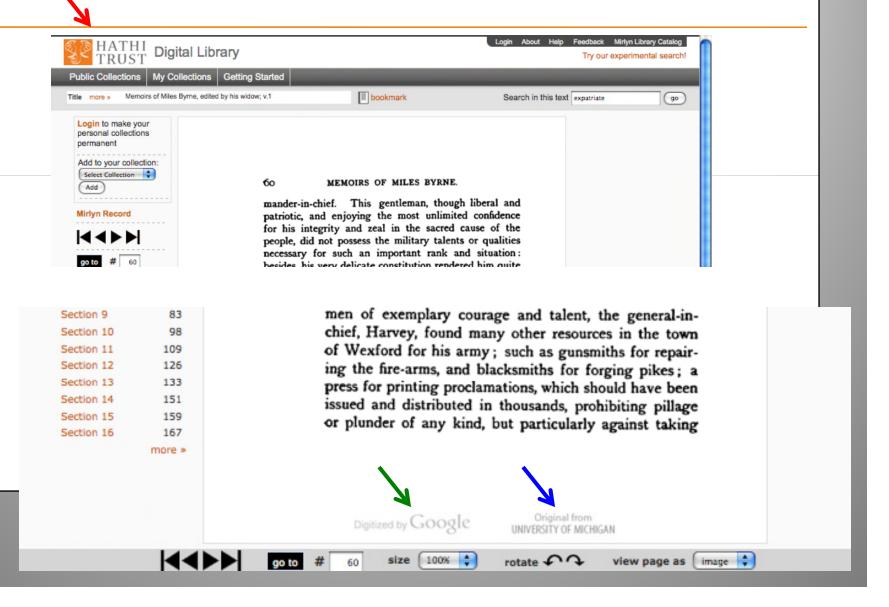




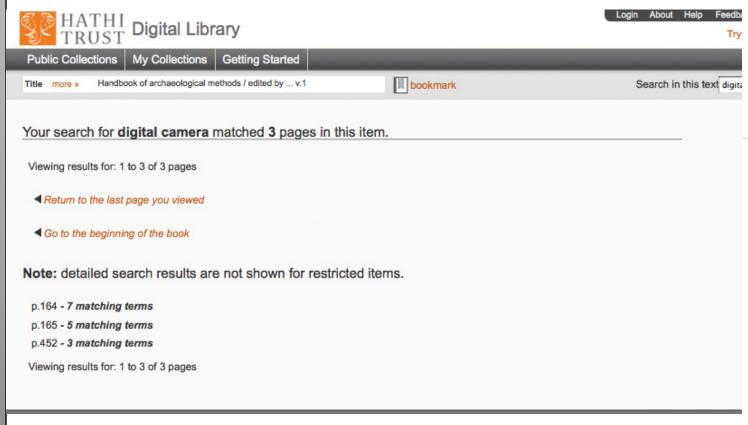
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books and journals online?



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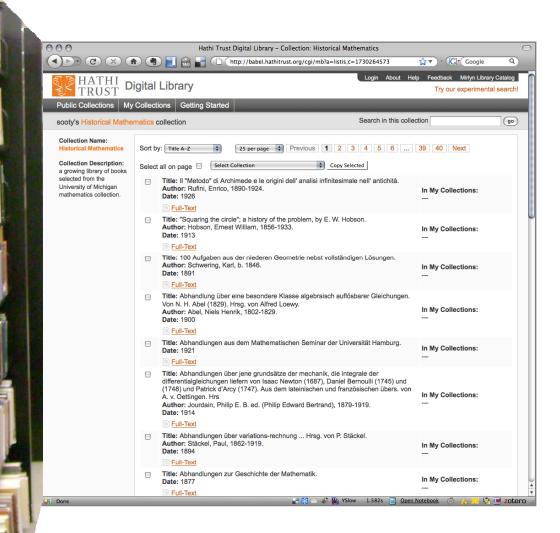




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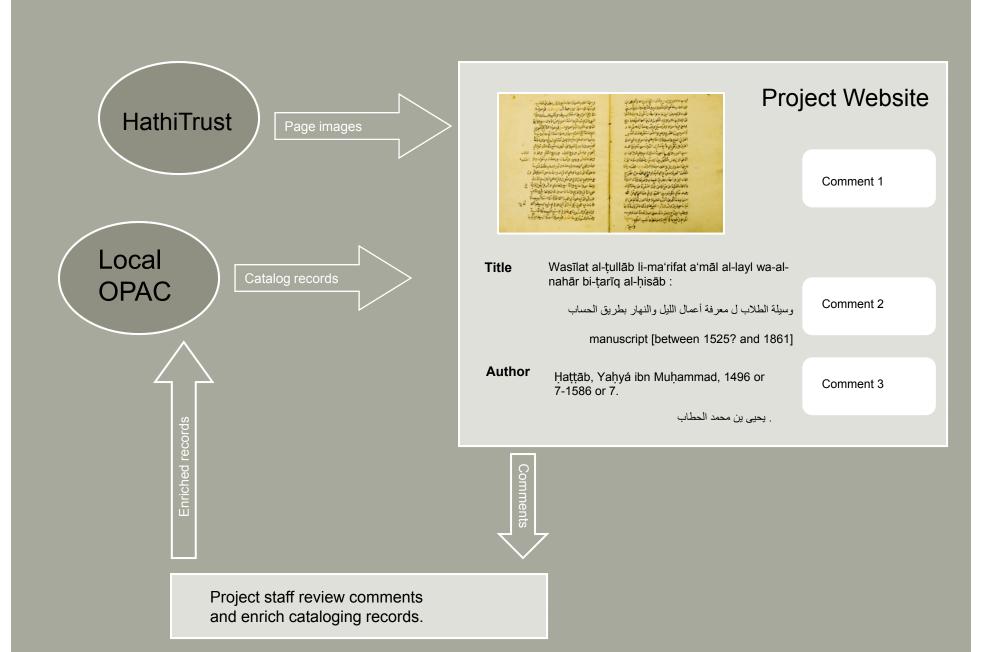






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- 6. soon, full text search and data API





next up ...

- non-Google ingest (OCA & local digitization)
- corpus research support
 - SEASR
 - Data export
 - Research center
- openness strategies
- binding together shared print and digital in strategy to manage local print

Universal Library?

- collaborative work around collaborative problem
- preserving the published record
- comprehensiveness through consolidation and sense-making
- commitment to perpetuity



opportunities

- economies of scale
- comprehensive collection
- combining print and digital strategies
- more effective digital preservation
- stepping stone to preserving other forms of digital content
- platform for new methods of discovery
- non-consumptive research



challenges

- digital preservation
- collaboration
- understanding what the right services are
- The Silence of the Archive: The USPS problem



thank you!

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