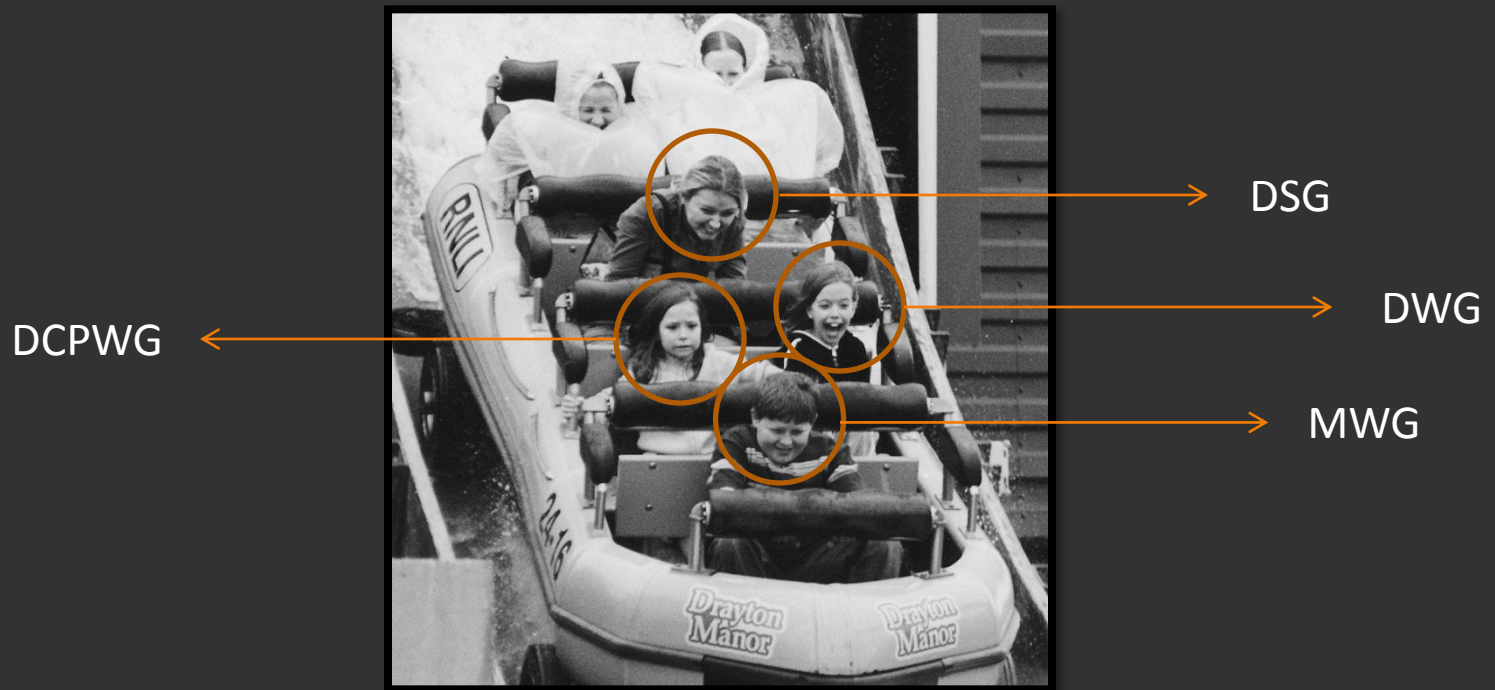# Digital Strategies Group and the Working Groups at UMass

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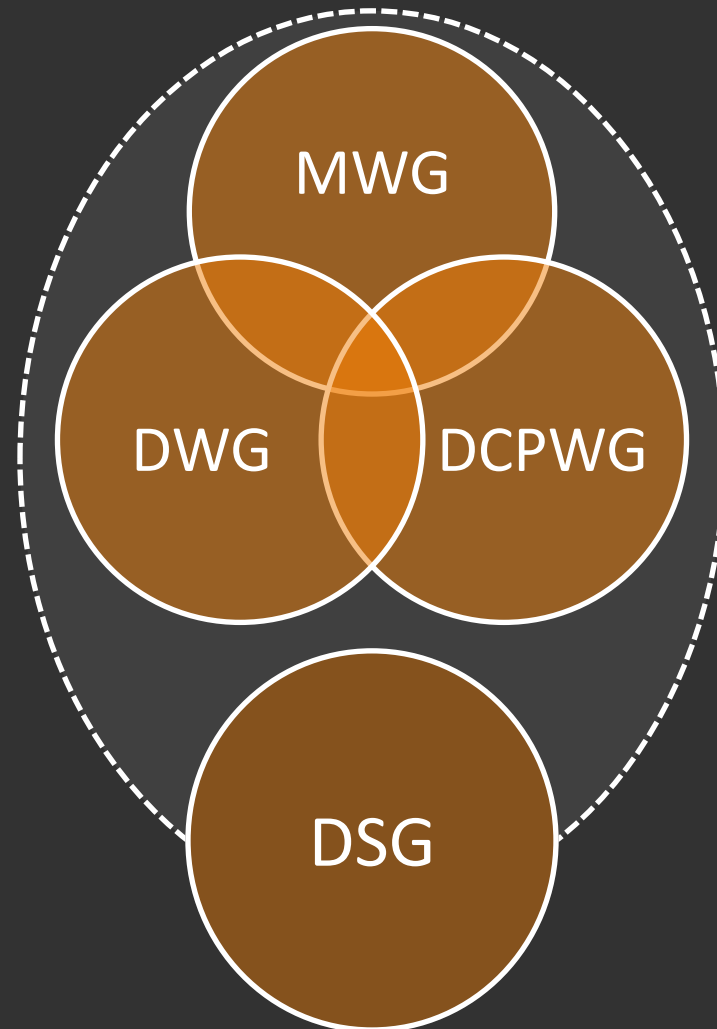# Digital Strategies Group and the Working Groups at UMass

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Digital Strategies Group

Provide direction and strategic planning for the Libraries' development of digital activities that focus on digital content that is created or collected by the libraries, and services that grow from these digital collections. Oversee coordination of digital activities.

Strategic Plan 2012-2015

- Education
- Coordination
- Advocacy
- Communication

- Support the activities of the Working Groups!

Digital Creation and Preservation Working Group

Charge

- To plan & oversee implementation for the Libraries' digital preservation program

Past Projects

- Survey of Digital Creation & Preservation Practices
- Digitization Guidelines
- Digital Preservation Policy
- Five College Digital Preservation Task Force
- Digital Preservation website

Future Goals

- Preservation Metadata Guidelines
- Digital Creation and Preservation consulting services

The primary purpose of all libraries is to preserve and provide access to information that has permanent or continuing research value.

This is an ongoing core function for the UMass Libraries.

Digital content needs to be preserved despite the challenges of technological change.

Metadata Working Group

Charge

- To provide direction for and coordination of metadata creation and management with the goal of interoperability

Past Projects

- Workshops on metadata
- Survey of current internal metadata practices
- Bibliography on shareable metadata
- Metadata Guidelines for UMass Amherst Libraries

Future Goals

- Investigate/implement preservation metadata
- Metadata consultation services
- Deeper and more distributed expertise

With quality metadata libraries can enable cross collection searching, alternative access, and more responsible management of our collections.

Data Working Group

Charge

- To accept broad responsibility for facilitating research data curation and develop meaningful resources on data management for the University community

Past Projects

- Faculty interviews/graduate student focus group
- Web audit/Tiers of Research Data Services
- Data Management web site and LibGuide
- Data Management Plan consultations and template
- Workshops for faculty and graduate students

Future Goals

- Education and consultation services
- DOI minting service (EZID Pilot Project)
- Evaluation of infrastructure for management and curation of data sets

Data is a primary research output and should be managed and curated throughout the research life cycle. Libraries have an important role to play.

DSG Strategic Plan 2012 - 2015

Goals

- Collect and create more digital content
- Manage the Libraries' digital collections well
- Ensure continued access to the Libraries' digital collections in an environment of technological change
- Provide support to the university community in the creation and management of digital content
- Develop the organizational capacity to support these activities

Examples

University Photos Project

Disciplinary Data Repositories

Resources

http://www.library.umass.edu/digital-initiatives/

http://www.library.umass.edu/digital-collections/

Coming Soon: Digital Scholarship Services

Digital Strategies and the Working Groups

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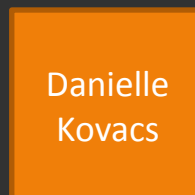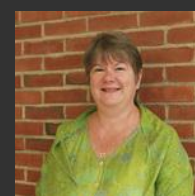
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