



Collection Development Resources for Web-based Materials

There are a vast array of resources concerning collection development in the context of digital history archives, digitization initiatives and collecting born-digital materials. Many are theoretical; some are practical. For the purposes of the *Community Webs* project we have selected a sampling of references to suggest the kinds of collections development resources available and to provide instructive examples of projects and policies that can inform public library web archiving.

In contrast to the number and variety of resources concerning collection development, there is less literature on a related phenomenon: community participation in digital history collecting by public libraries. Although many public library archivists understand the importance of community participation for developing and sustaining community-focused archival initiatives, their work to advance public engagement has not yet been codified and translated into accepted professional practices. Such efforts are primarily documented in ephemeral project reports rather than scholarly essays.

We have sought to include examples of participatory archival development in this resource list because the *Community Webs* project focuses on archives in *public* libraries and inherently emphasizes community-generated content. The references and examples are not comprehensive, but they reflect the significance of public participation in the formation of public memory and web archives.

As the project evolves, all of you, as early adopters, will be creating and contributing new references and case studies that can inform future digital history and web archiving work by your public library colleagues.

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