US Merchant Marine Academy Update

The USMMA will "go live" in CNY's catalog on Tuesday, May 30th. The staff at the USMMA have been working with Innovative Interfaces to get set up for borrowing and lending in the CNY catalog.

Report from the Digitization/Sharing Projects & Rights Management Committee

This Committee began its work in September 2016, with the first priority being to investigate venues such as Empire Archival Digital Cooperative (EADC) and the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) to share digital materials. The Committee is working with EADC to coordinate training for finding aid creation and will be reaching out to members to create a community of practice to determine the level of assistance needed. The goal of this project will be to make more CNY member collections discoverable through the EADC repository.

Greg Murphy, committee member, facilitated a small group discussion at the Collaboration Day at Bard. Below are some points discussed by the group at that meeting:

- How to incorporate existing discoverable finding aids without investing a lot of staff time without duplicating effort? Some schools have discoverable finding aids and are on different platforms Archon, INmagic, Digitool. Some schools don’t have the staff to justify a migration to a new system or standard vs. processing unprocessed material.
- It was agreed that a standard content guideline could help – Can the EADitor help us with this?
- Monograph special collection vs. archival special collection – how to distinguish?
- The topic of rights statements came up. It was agreed that it would be great if the consortium had a deeper resource to help make schools make better rights decisions – DPLA has a good template for this. http://rightsstatements.org/page/1.0/?language=en
- How should we approach restricted content that are institution only?
- It was agreed that a grant could help us. Some ideas to target were: discovering hidden collections, NEH, CLIR, ISLS. An idea came up that we could use funding to hire a consultant that will go to various institutions to help people get on the right path perhaps also help with metadata and digital object standards
- Many schools would like to see more digital content hosted. Should we use an existing system, a homegrown one, better to use EADC or DPLA for hosting digital content? (Note: In 2016, the CNY Board recommended CNY participate in existing repositories like EADC and DPLA).
- Scanning on demand ideas? AEON ATLAS systems is being used to share content for some schools.

The Committee will share more information as the EADC project gets underway!

Member Services Update

Package labeling

If you were not able to attend the Empire Land Delivery webinar in April, be aware that the labels for outgoing items have changed. ConnectNY is working on supplying members with a “Outgoing Labels” template for shipping purposes. You can find the new “Package Labeling” information at: https://www.esln.org/services/empire-library-delivery/

With these changes in ELD package labeling mentioned above, it was discussed by the Access Services discussion group at this year’s Collaboration Day that downloadable address labels be made available on the CNY website. In June, Daily Processing contacts will receive an email providing them a test page. During the month of June, CNY will be looking for suggestions and feedback about the labels. Answering such questions as; Are they easy to access? Do they assist in the lending process? What more could be added? What should be taken away? Suggestions and/or feedback can be sent by replying to Michelle Bogdan, Member Services Coordinator (mbogdan@connectny.org).

New ConnectNY Member, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

USMMA will use the NYC Hub for delivery through Empire Library Delivery. In addition, USMMA will use the VYM symbol. This content will be added to the ConnectNY and Empire Land Delivery websites.