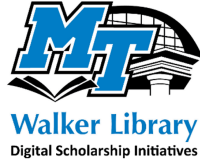


Digital Partners

Digital Scholarship Initiatives, an extension of the mission of the Walker Library as an active partner in the scholarly communication process, supports the educational mission of the university by providing access to information and collaborating with academic partners.



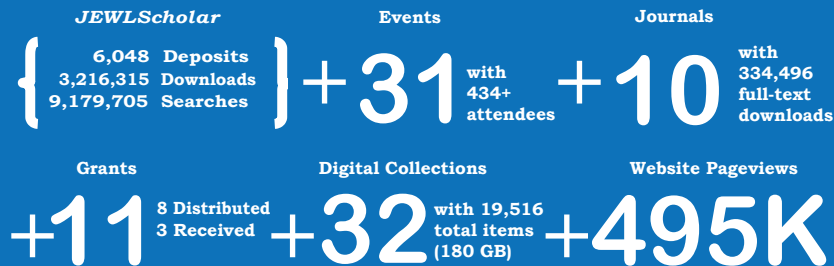
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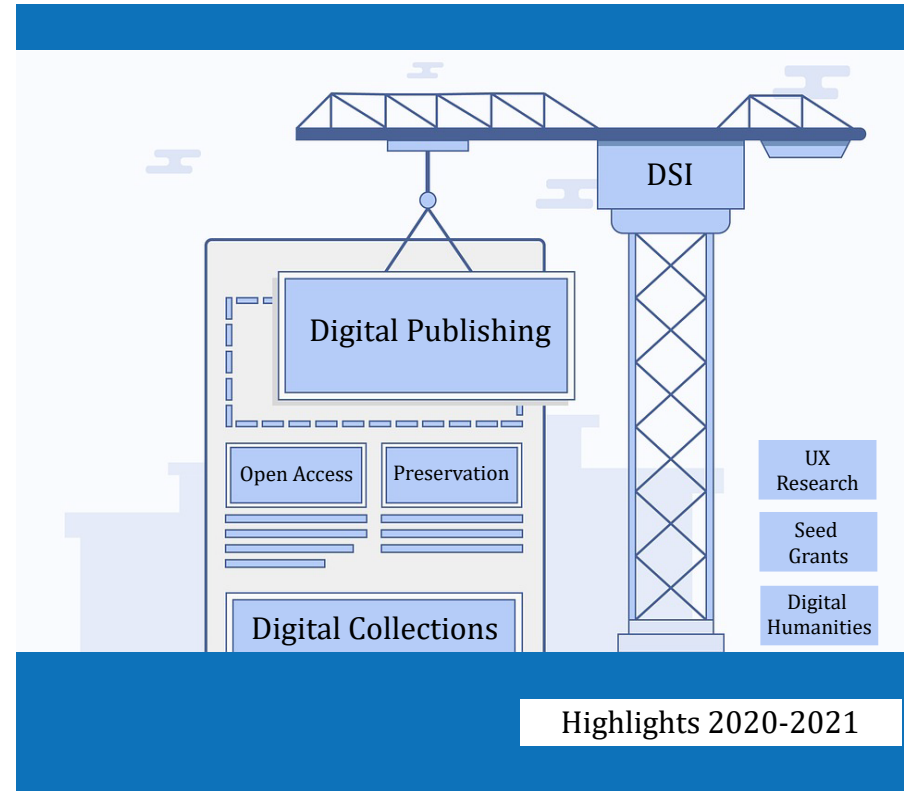
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Digital Scholarship By The Numbers

Growth Since Launch in 2014



Digital Scholarship Initiatives



Highlights 2020-2021

Digital Scholarship Initiatives

Digital Scholarship is research enhanced by the design of digital projects, incorporation of digital tools and methodologies, collaboration among digital partners, and dissemination through digital platforms.

Digital Scholarship Lab at Walker Library

Serving as a hub for collaboration among campus centers, faculty, and students, the Digital Scholarship Lab creates and applies technologies that enhance digital initiatives. The products produced are often grant-funded, interdisciplinary, and strengthen the scholarly output of MTSU.

As the **digital publisher**, DSI is responsible for the management and accessibility of digital collections, web projects and publications.

Overview of Programs



Digital Publishing

- **Stable Online Access** • **Permanent URL** • **Cost-Effective**
- **Increased Visibility** • **Technical Support** • **Statistics**

All publications are digital and open access. Items receive baseline support: server space, basic web design, limited technical support, and the indexing, discoverability, and preservation of content. Content and platforms vary:



JEWLScholar@MTSU is the institutional repository (IR) of MTSU, a campus archive. Submit items digitally, including **published articles, newsletters, conference proceedings, capstones, theses, and open educational resources.**



Journals@MTSU uses Open Journal Systems (OJS) software to support open access publications created by MTSU affiliates that have a stable **editorial team and publish regularly.** OJS also offers an editorial management workflow. Journals are indexed by Worldcat, DOAJ, Google, and other search engines.



Web / Digital Projects are typically grant-funded, and focus on digital scholarship, digital humanities (DH), and web applications that enhance the user experience.

DSI Lab Statistics 2020-2021

Year impacted by Covid-19



1 Summer **3** Fall **8** Spring
Lab Use (hours)
No events during pandemic



2 Grants
(0) Received
(2) Distributed



416
New items in 32+
digital collections

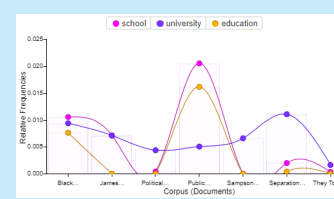


Digital Collections

- **Historical Records** • **Lesson Plans** • **Images**
- **Contextual Themes** • **Scholarly Essays** • **Multimedia**

Digital Collections are created with and for scholars, including campus partners who value descriptive metadata records. Collections include both digitized and born-digital materials.

Digital Collections and Digital Projects often form collaborations among content scholars and technology experts that use **digital methodologies** (text mining, digitization, spatial analysis, digital preservation, usability), and **digital tools** (CONTENTdm, Scanners, ArcGIS, StoryMaps, TimelineJS, Omeka, Drupal, Tableau, Voyant, Treejack, Chalkmark).



*Images (left to right) used Storymaps, Voyant, and CONTENTdm/TimelineJS/Drupal
*In 2018, the *Trials, Triumphs, and Transformations* collection (right) won honorable mention for the American Studies Association Garfinkel Prize in Digital Humanities.



Digital Seed Grant

- **Competitive** • **Annual Spring Application** • **Start-Up Funds**

Digital Seed Grants were developed as a competitive call for proposals to encourage and create opportunities for faculty, staff and graduate students to use digital tools in research or teaching. Applications due in the spring.



Events

Events are free and vary by year. Examples include:

- **Seminars** to learn and explore DH topics
- **Workshops** for hands-on learning of digital tools
- **Showcases** that enable users to present projects in a lightning-round style conference setting



Statistics are shown for the institutional repository

173 IR New Titles
455,885 IR Downloads



Statistics are shown for six OJS-based journals

103 Articles Added
85,783 Total full-text downloads