

Title: Experiences and use of "Biblioboard" within the Library and for a JISC Funded E-Textbook Project

Abstract: In Spring 2014 we placed a bid within the JISC project "Institutions as E-textbook publisher", initiated to explore viability of institutions in publishing Open Access e-textbooks, asking the question: "Will the institution as e-textbook creator help students by providing a more affordable higher education..." This joint-bid by the University Library and Liverpool University Press formed part of a series of similar e-textbook ventures. The University Library and Press began a subscription for Biblioboard in Spring 2014. Biblioboard is an archival publishing environment, focused around media which can be scanned in PDF, ePub or image formats using an hierarchical framework corresponding to media groups, termed "anthologies" which can be grouped under custom "modules" or "categories" (pre-defined taxonomies). Biblioboard provides generic content drawn from sharing partners, including cultural, historic and artistic works - alongside an institutional portal to local "curations".

By Summer 2014 the Biblioboard platform had been adopted as the medium for development of an e-textbook ("Using Primary Sources"), with chapters from 30 authors using archival and historic media such as illustrations, posters and photography.

This presentation will explore issues encountered when deploying BiblioBoard content for the above project, including considerations for the organisation of media and documents via Biblioboard "collection" tools, issues when adding, refining and locating metadata for archival materials, management of contributor media/author liaison, technical facilities and limitations of the platform (and workarounds) and plans/approaches for taking development work forward into 2016.

The presentation will also explore further potential uses of the platform for operational/support functions within the Library, outlining tools and features which lend toward wider uses of the platform.

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