Division of Collections and Digital Services
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Scope: The Division of Collections and Digital Services for Texas State University Libraries is responsible for three departments and broad areas:

- University Libraries Digital Services including digital initiatives, digitization and core library systems ranging from the ILS to the Electronic Discovery Service (EDS) to Interlibrary Loan and other related systems.
- Oversight and management of Library collections including Acquisitions of materials and purchasing and processing of monographs, serials and electronic resources.
- Cataloging and metadata services including traditional and new metadata services.
- My position focuses on strategic leadership and administration for the division including oversight for departments and creation of sustainable library systems, services and collections.

Top Two Accomplishments

1) Digital Initiatives Infrastructure: In the last five years, a complete complex digital initiatives infrastructure has been built from preliminary stages. A new team has been developed including application programmer, digital collections librarian, DWS department head, digitization and media specialists. Complex digital projects have been carried out with strong diversity and multidisciplinary components creating national level multimedia digital libraries and imaging projects which have been presented on state and national levels. The range of technologies explored speaks directly to ARL principle #5 engagement with current and emerging methodologies and digital tools in support of teaching, discipline-based and multidisciplinary research and commitment to diversity (#10)

2) **Digital Scholarly Research Ecosystem:** Over the last five years, a leading edge digital scholarly research ecosystem has been developed including a digital collections repository (DSpace), Data Repository (Dataverse), Digitization Lab, Online Research Identity Management System (ORCID), Academic Journal System (OJS3), User Interface Software (Omeka) and Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Management System (VIREO). A digital collections librarian was hired to manage major aspects of the system and the system has also been presented on national and international levels to other research libraries and written about in research articles. This accomplishment speaks to ARL Principal #3 Engagement and partnership with campus and other research organizations to collectively support the full research cycle and its impact

Key Partners and Campus Committees

Wittliff Special Collections, University Archives, Office of Sponsored Research, Texas State Graduate School and Honors College

ARL Statement Dr. Raymond Uzwyshyn, Director, Collections and Digital Services

Discuss how ARL membership will benefit the campus and how your specific role will contribute to the broader community.

ARL membership for Texas State University Libraries will benefit the Texas State University Campus in a number of beneficial ways. The university is a diverse higher research activity university aspiring towards Carnegie I classification with increasing needs of a Research I university. ARL focuses on leading-edge research libraries directions committed to diversity and congruent with research-oriented principles which the Texas State Campus is pursuing. ARL membership will help the campus achieve the support levels necessary for this higher level of research scholarship.

My position as Director of Collections and Digital Services focuses on technological and collections related aspects of academic libraries. ARL provides both a leadership role and examples of best practices for many Collections and Digital services related areas. Through ARL membership it would be beneficial to be exposed to and contribute towards these larger research library directions and possibilities. Through my present role, I have contributed to the broader community through technology-related presentations most recently at the Coalition of Networked Information Fall and Spring Meetings, ASERL Spring Webinar Series and Campus Technology conferences. I have also published widely in library-related technology and academic library related journals for the academic library technology and higher education communities. I believe membership in ARL can widen perspectives and opportunities to contribute to the larger academic library dialogue and discussions through further national and international publications, presentations, conferences, committees and community service. Texas State University Library is a team player and presently involved in many state-related consortial work groups, committees and initiatives. It would be great to be able to contribute to similar types of initiatives on ARL national levels building wider bridges for dialogue and leading-edge initiative

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