

## Open Source Collections Management Software

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## What is it?

- Collections management software for museums and archives.
- \*\* Collections *presentation* software providing framework for web and kiosk applications; includes media clients such as a high-resolution image viewer and audio/video player, and can transcode video & audio formats.
- \*\* A collaboration between Whirl-i-Gig and partner institutions in North American & Europe.
- \*\* Freely available under the open source GNU Public License (GPL).

## Features

- Entirely web-based.
- \*\* Integrated digital asset management support for many media and document formats.
- \*\* Extensive support for authority lists.
- \*\* Extended support for controlled vocabularies.
- \*\* Configurable support for metadata standards.
- Mean Direct web-presence with OCAccess.
- # Georeferencing/GIS support.
- Can run on Linux/Unix, Mac OS X and Windows servers.



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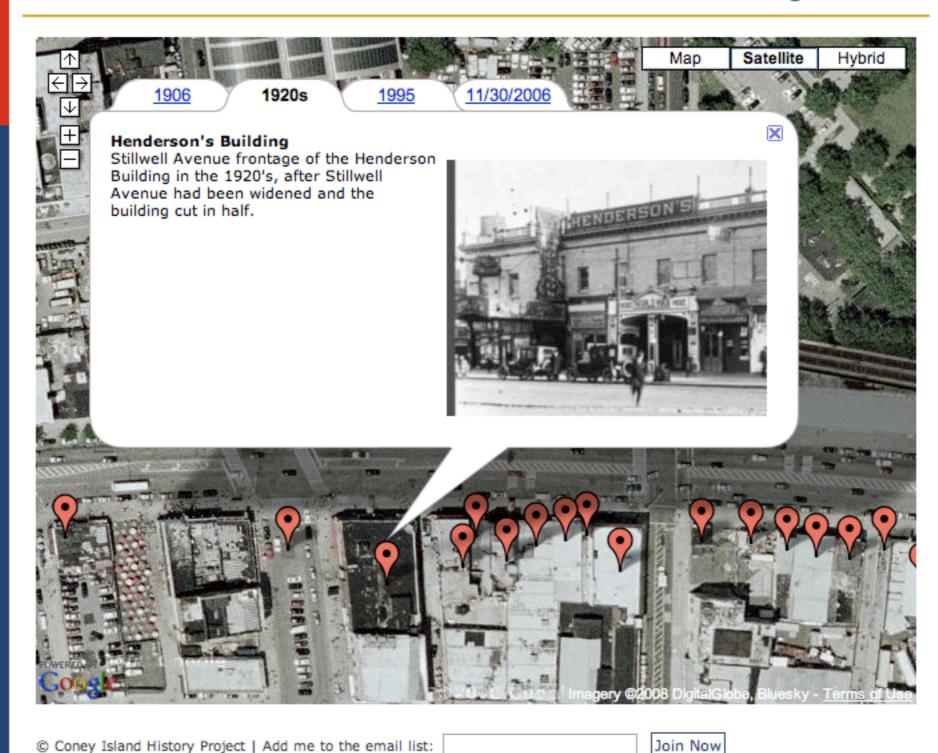
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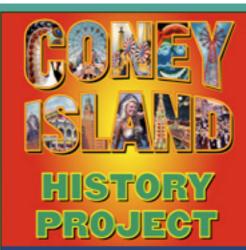
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### **DEVELOPMENT MAP**

changes and land use



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## **ORAL HISTORY ARCHIVE**

voices from Coney Island

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**Beth Allen** Incubator baby

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Now playing: The incubators

Interviewer: Elinoar Astrinsky

Interviewee: Beth Allen

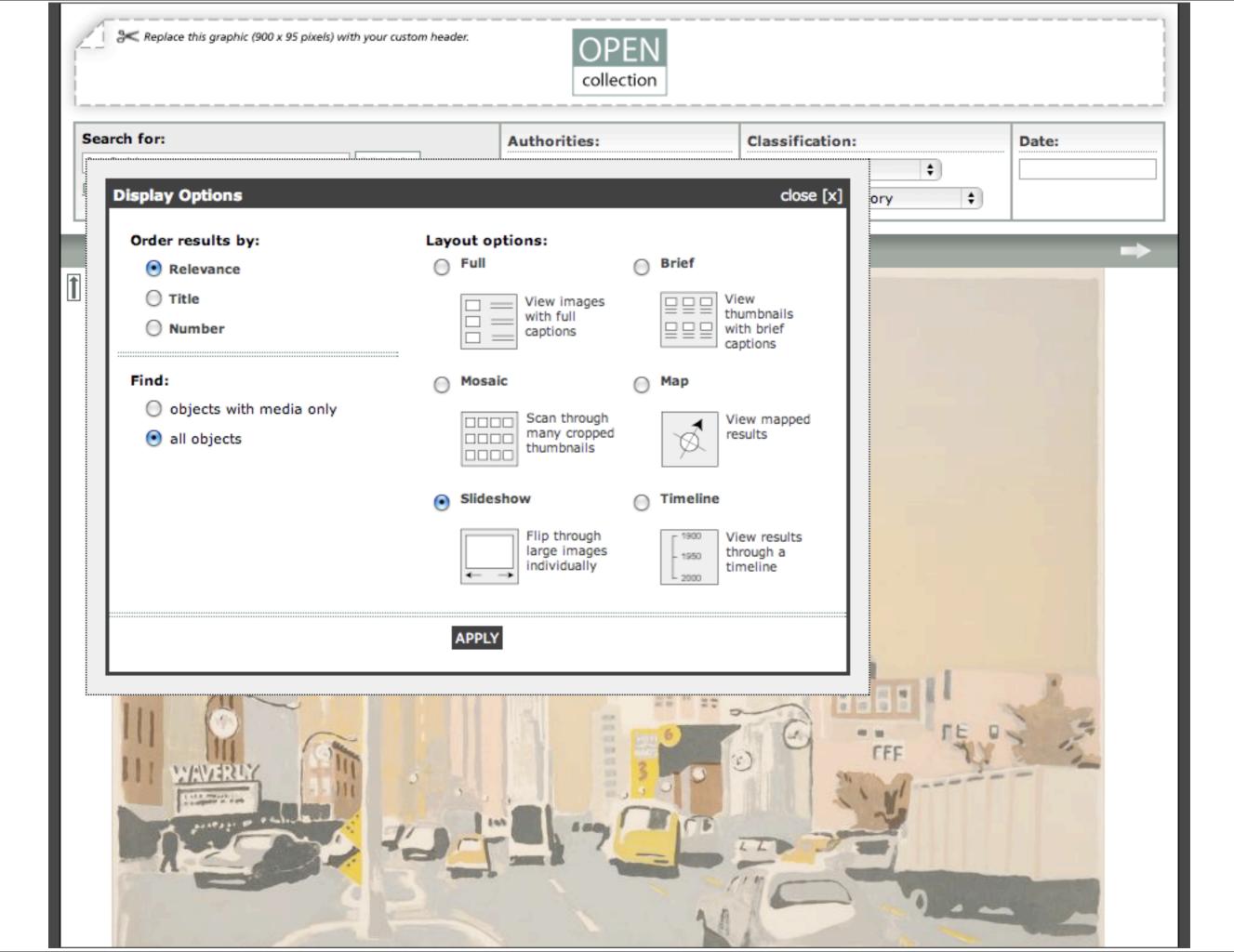
Location: Residence of Beth Allen

Beth Allen was born 2 months premature in 1941. Desperate to save her and with few other options - hospitals of the day had no facilities for premature infants - her parents placed her in the care of Dr. Martin Couney, a neonatal pioneer largely responsible for the now widespread use of incubators. Couney was also a controversial figure, a physician outside the mainstream who for decades operated his neonatal care facility as a 10¢ sideshow in Coney Island. In this interview, Beth Allen recounts her origins as an "incubator baby" and her family's relationship to Dr. Couney.

### Related interviews:

Roslyn Tromer (Interview with another "incubator baby.") Terry Silverman (Terry Silverman is Beth Allen's older cousin)







## Open Source?

- \*\* All software is free to download and use. There is no commercial aspect to the project.
- **GNU** Public License version 2 (GPLv2): do what you want with the software. Forever.
- Source code is included:
  - Gives you the freedom and ability to modify the software to suit your needs.
  - Software can never orphaned as user community has the means (source code and legal rights) to fix bugs and maintain compatibility.
- \*\* GPLv2 gives you the right to distribute your modifications so long as source code is included.

# History

- \*\* Project began in 2003 by Whirl-i-Gig, with roots in web-based cataloguing systems developed in the 1990's.
- Developed to fill a specific need for a free, flexible and modern system.
- \*\* February 2007: first public release.
- \*\* Today: 25 institutional users (that we know about).
- Major revision due in early 2009.

## Selected users

- Royal Museum for Central Africa, Brussels
- \* Deutsche Kinemathek, Berlin
- Center for Biodiversity Conservation, American Museum of Natural History, New York
- \*\* Hearst Museum of Anthropology, UC Berkeley
- \*\* The Parrish Art Museum, Southampton, NY
- \*\* The Frick Collection, New York
- Museum of Jewish Heritage, New York
- National Museum of Women Artists, Washington, D.C.
- # Hansen's Snobliz, New Orleans, LA

## Types of collections

- **Fine Art**
- **%** Film
- \*\* Technology
- \* Architectural design archives
- Costumes and clothing
- \*\* Anthropology/ethnographic collections
- Biodiversity conservation (field photographs)
- Oral history
- Exhibition asset management
- Corporate archives
- Photography
- # Historical societies

## Support

- Whirl-i-Gig's work on OC directly funded by users all developed code is contractually covered by the GPL.
- Indirect funding through our related work in cultural heritage and the natural sciences.
- \*\* Indirect support from US Institute for Museum and Library Services, US National Endowment for the Humanities, US National Endowment for the Arts, the New York State Council for the Arts and New York City Department of Cultural Affairs through project partners.

## Roadmap

- Wersion 0.5x branch:
  - \*\*Bug fixes and minor enhancements through end of 2008
- Wersion 0.6x branch:
  - Major overhaul of user interface and data model
  - Support for multilingual cataloguing
  - User-customizable user interfaces
  - Improved import and export facilities

  - \*\* Expected release in early 2009

## Roadmap

- **Early 2009** 
  - Expanded support for external service interfaces (vocabulary services, data lookups, etc.)
  - \*\* Improved OpenCollectionAccess.
  - \*\* Expanded tools for time-based cataloguing and media presentation.
  - Move towards 1.0 release by summer 2009.

## Overarching goals

- Develop broad-based international user community.
- \*\* Establish OC as a viable platform for the widest practical range of uses in as many locales as possible.
- Develop support infrastructure: net-based community support as well as local consultants.
- Establish productive collaborations with complementary projects.

# Thank you!



Questions or comments?

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For more information on OpenCollection: <a href="http://www.opencollection.org">http://www.opencollection.org</a>

# DC Tools Community Meeting at DC-2008

- Welcome, introductions, "tour de room"
- 2. view back on activities in 2007-2008 Jane Greenberg (UNC Chapel Hill, USA)
- 3. One Tool as an example: OpenCollection

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- 4. Implementation of a publication workflow for the DCMI Tools- and Software-Collection Thomas Severiens (Univ. Osnabrück, Germany)
- 5. Open discussion and plans for 2008/09

# DC Tools Community 2007/08

### Charter:

 a discussion forum for individuals and organizations interested in the development and usage of tools and applications based on Dublin Core Metadata (developers and users)

### Results 2007/08:

- Meeting at DC2007 in Singapore, result published on server,
- Restructuring of Tools- and Software-Collection (to be continued)

Seth Kaufmann: OpenCollection

## Taking care of the Software- and Tools-Collection

by Thomas Severiens
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- DCMI Tools and Software Collection: http://www.dublincore.org/tools/
- Structured by the DCMI Tools Metadata Application Profile: <a href="http://www.dublincore.org/groups/tools/map.shtml">http://www.dublincore.org/groups/tools/map.shtml</a>
- and by the DCMI Tools Glossary: http://www.dublincore.org/groups/tools/glossary.shtml
- Collection of Software, Tools, Libraries, and Algorithms etc.



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For a definition of the terms see the DCMI Tools Glossary

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Metadata Extraction

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Metadata Harvesting

Metadata Templates

Search Engines

Translation

Transliteration

Validation

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#### Conversion

DC-dot http://www.ukoln.ac.uk/metadata/dcdot/ (UKOLN, United Kingdom) free online tool

This service will retrieve a Web page and automatically generate Dublin Core metadata, either as HTML tags or as RDF/XML, suitable for embedding in the ... section of the page. The generated metadata can be edited using the form provided and converted to various other formats (USMARC, SOIF, IAFA/ROADS, TEI headers, GILS, IMS or RDF) if required. Optional, context sensitive, help is available while editing.

Editor-Converter Dublin Core metadata http://www.library.kr.ua/dc/dceditunie.html (Kirovohrad Regional Universal Research Library, Ukraine) free online tool

This online program can be used for two purposes: as a Dublin Core metadata editor, and as a converter to UNIMARC.

After conversion to UNIMARC format, metadata can be saved to your local hard drive as an ISO-2709 file. Viewable in Ukrainian, Russian and English.

### Crosswalks



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### **DCMI Tools Metadata Application Profile**

### Draft Proposal, April 23, 2007

Element	Qualifiers	Example DC-dot	Example Picard Tagger
contributor	doap:maintainer doap:developer doap:documenter doap:translator doap:tester	Rachel Heery	developer: LukasLalinsky developer: RobertKaye
creator		Andy Powell	
date	dcterms:created dcterms:dateCopyrighted dcterms:modified dcterms:issued	Created: 7 July 1997	issued: 2006-06-25
description		Extracts and validates metadata from HTML resources and MS Office files. The generated metadata can be edited using the form provided and converted to	PicardTagger allows you to automatically look up the releases/tracks in your music collection and then write clean metadata tags
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### **DCMI Tools Glossary**

### Draft version, May 6, 2007

#### Algorithm

A finite set of well-defined instructions for accomplishing some task which, given an initial state, will terminate in a defined end-state. (Wikipedia)

### **Application Profile**

An assemblage of metadata elements selected from one or more metadata schemas and combined in a compound schema. Application profiles provide the means to express principles of modularity and extensibility. The purpose of an application profile is to adapt or combine existing schemas into a package that is tailored to the functional requirements of a particular application, while retaining interoperability with the original base schemas. Part of such an adaptation may include the elaboration of local metadata elements that have importance in a given community or organization, but which are not expected to be important in a wider context. (Duval)

### **Automatically Generated Metadata**

Metadata generated with the aid of machine processing. See derived metadata, metadata extraction, and metadata harvesting. (Greenberg)

#### Conversion

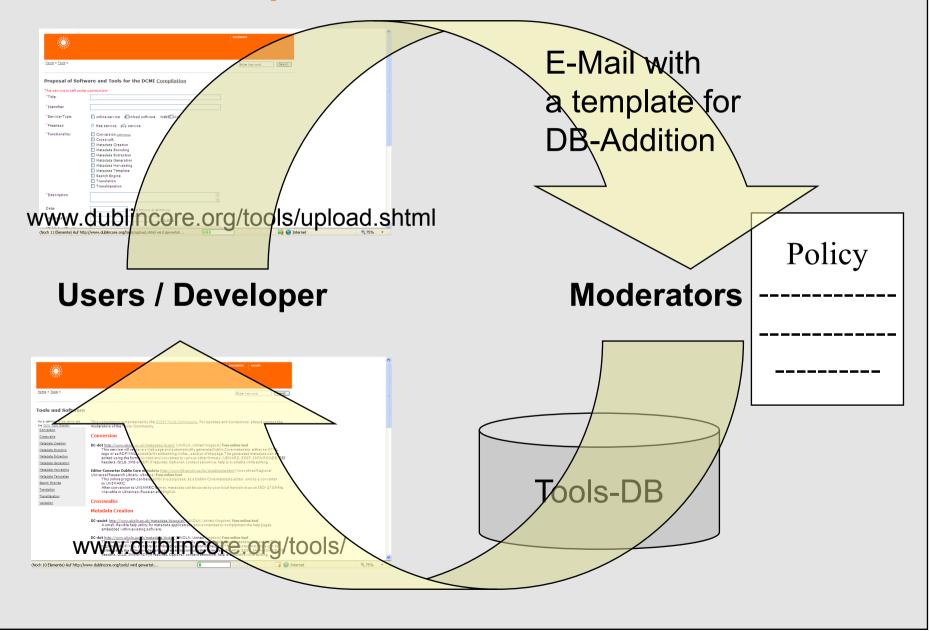
Can refer to either

- conversion between schemas
- conversion of encoding (x/html to xml)

#### Crosswalk

A semantic mapping of metadata elements across metadata schema specifications. Crosswalks permit searching across multiple databases that use different schemas (Greenberg)

## Proposed Workflow:



### Actions to be taken...

- Write and discuss a publication policy (until DC2009),
- Continue intellectual work on AP and Glossary-Taxonomy (continuosly),
- Collect experiences with the proposed workflow,
- Implement cgi-scripts on DCMI server (upload script and DB-output).