

CSCE-675 Digital Libraries: Daily Readings

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I. WHY DIGITIZE? [1]

Details:

- Year: 1999
- Type: Article in CLIR
- Affiliations: Council on Library and Information Resources

Take-away points:

- The author found that digitization often raises expectations of benefits, cost reductions, and efficiencies that can be illusory and, if not viewed realistically, have the potential to put at risk the collections and services libraries have provided for decades.
- The author suggests that the universities must first analyze if the cost of digitization provides enough benefits.
- The benefits of making an underused collection more accessible should be viewed in conjunction with other factors such as compatibility with other digital resources and the collections intrinsic intellectual value.

Questions to discuss

- What are the copyright issues associated with digitization?
- How does Google's effort contribute in digitization?

II. DIGITAL IMAGING TUTORIAL

Details:

- Year: 2000
- Type: Article in Cornell Library
- Affiliations: Cornell University Library/ Research Department

Take-away points:

- This tutorial provides introduction to the use of digital imaging to convert and make accessible cultural heritage materials.
- It also describes some concepts advocated by Cornell library like, the value of benchmarking requirements before undertaking a digital initiative.

Questions to discuss

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- How does Google's effort contribute in digitization?

REFERENCES

- [1] A. Smith, "Why Digitize?" 1999. [Online]. Available: <http://www.clir.org/pubs/reports/pub80-smith/pub80.html>