The Power of Collaboration: Creative Opportunities with Faculty
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Collaboration is critical to project success

Digital humanities, e-science and other web-based initiatives are rapidly developing, resulting in many new and exciting opportunities for librarians to collaborate with faculty and the community.

This Poster outlines two digital projects currently underway at UT Arlington

The Maverick Veterans’ Voices Project

- A joint project of the UT Arlington’s College of Liberal Arts and the University Libraries
- Project is to honor and preserve the experiences of the men and women of the UT Arlington community who have served in any branch of the United States Military.

Current collaborations include:
- Kim van Noort, Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts secured a grant from University President James Spaniolo
- Van Noort contacted Dean Bichel of the University Libraries for technical and staffing assistance
- Libraries Digital Creation Department, Special Collections Department and Marketing Department staff jointly developed the web site, conducted interviews, taped/edited interviews

Future collaborations may include:
- University Office of Development (fund raising)
- Professors and students (especially History)
- Campus ROTC
- Local historical societies
- Local veterans groups
- Veterans homes and hospitals

http://library.uta.edu/mavvets/index.php

International Journal of Research on Service-Learning in Teacher Education (IJRSLTE)

- A joint project between an UT-Arlington Education & Curriculum professor and the University Libraries

- Born-digital journal with the first volume published in 2010 and placed on a regular domain server. When the UT-Arlington Education & Curriculum faculty member became the editor of the journal in 2011, she approached the library seeking technical guidance on how to professionalize the online presence of the journal.

- The Library saw this as an opportunity to support and promote open access, so they readily agreed to the partnership

- Planned future collaborative efforts:
  - The library has a current strategic initiative to host at least four more online journals between now and mid-2015
  - Future collaborations may include faculty, students and campus organizations
  - It is hoped that this project will provide a springboard for more complex, collaborative, open access initiatives such as open monographs, digital humanities projects, a university press, etc.

http://journals.sfu.ca/ijrslte/index.php/IURSLTE/