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OHRAB 2012

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THANK YOU!
Why digitize?

• Open up access to our collection of under used materials
• Establish partnerships
• Establish value for the institution
• Strengthen opportunity for future grants / partnerships
• Monetize?
Background?

• I am
  • Public Librarian (with a master degree in History)
  • IT Manager
  • Control the infrastructure and staff (1 systems analyst / 1 Developer)
  • Started with digitizing / Streaming City Council DVD’s in our collection
• I had access and control of my own budget (hardware / software)
• Support from Director and the Board of Trustees
• Support from Staff (PR Manager)
• Support from the Partners (Alumni Assoc, City Hall, ECTV, etc.)
• Support from the Public
Euclid City Council Videos

- Unused portion of the collection
- 2007 start of internet video streaming
- Extend to citizen that do not have cable access
- URL picked up by radio station. Crashed the server.
- Partnership with OPLIN for bandwidth
- ECTV for content from broadcast
- Mayor noticed. Received recognition for OHRAB award.
Euclid Sun Journal

Sun Journal (before PD sale)
Only entity that held a copy
Cuyahoga county recorders office - $5k
Used working copies (too expensive to purchase new ones)
Euclid High School Yearbooks

- 1922-2000
- Existing collection incomplete
- High school Alumni Association partnership
Euclid Oral History

• Euclid Librarian interviewed Euclid’s Historical figures in the 1970 - 1980 time period
• Cassette tapes discovered during office cleaning
• Audio conversion / clean up with audacity and Adobe products
• JW Player – embedded player online. Ease of use.
Euclid Historical Brochures

• Local historian and reference librarian on staff – Tom Pappas
• Used ESJ to highlight historical figures
• Hard to keep the brochure bin filled
• Load brochures on the website
Bicentennial Gallery

• Call to long time residents to contribute content
• Gallery is unfinished
• Content remains
• Historical videos held in collection and donated from public
Future

• Blueprints found from 1956 renovation
• Board of Trustees meeting minutes 1935 – present