

ArchiveWell

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Supporting and Encouraging Community Based Cataloging of Archival Collections <http://archivewell.org>

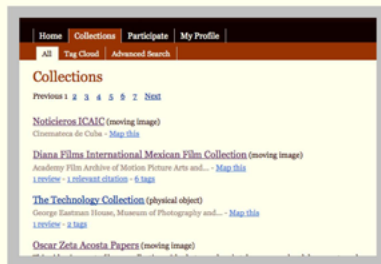
Problem

Unlike libraries, archives lack a singular extensive database that can help diverse users find documents.

Vocabulary used to access materials may be difficult to understand and retrieve the right set of records.

Access

View a list of collections with the most recent submitted first.

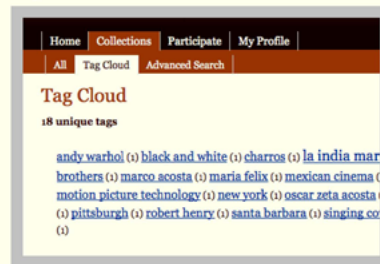


Approach

Facilitate exploration and search of collections relevant to the topic users are researching.

Leverage the knowledge and experience of the community to provide information about different collections.

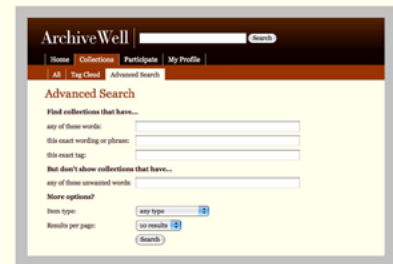
Tag cloud displays all the tags that classify the different collections.



Allow users to rate and review collections in order to reflect user interests and needs.

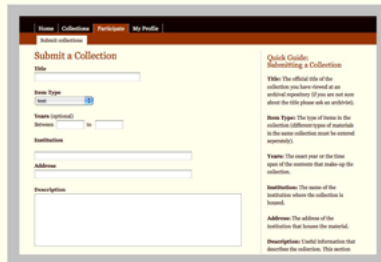
Encourage participation from users with different backgrounds and experiences with various media types.

Search for collections using the Search Bar or Advanced Search.



Participate

Submit information about collections: title, year, institution, and description.



All members can help edit the description of collections.



Categorize collections using tags to make searching easier.



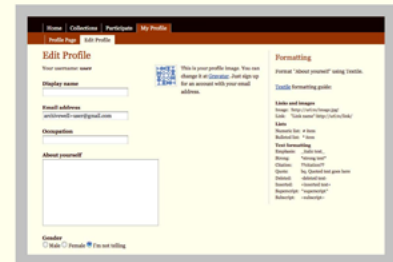
Rate and review collections to help users find quality collections.



Add relevant citations to show how collections are being used.



Edit your profile to introduce yourself to the ArchiveWell community.



Future Work

Add social networking features to connect users with each other when they need special access to collections or need help managing archival projects.

Support submission of individual items within a collection.

Join

Sign up for an account at <http://archivewell.org/signup>

You only need to provide a username, a password, and your email address. You can edit your profile later to add more details.

Contact

Help us improve ArchiveWell.

Email us with your suggestions, feature requests, and comments. Questions will be answered promptly.

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