

# HOW DB JOHNSON LOST HIS ARM AND WHY IS IT A SUBJECT HEADING?

Harvesting and change management in  
repositories

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# THE REPOSITORY

Digital Commons @ Winthrop was launched in January 2015

Started out mainly for archival content

We've added conferences and student works. These include journals, newspapers, and graduate theses

Started harvesting in 2016. We harvested our oral history collection, using the Digital Collections Gateway, in to OCLC and our library catalog, WMS

# FAST FORWARD TO 2020

Moved to a statewide ILS –  
Exlibris Alma/Primo

*Opened up the opportunity to  
harvest our repository content  
directly into our discovery layer*

Awesome Right?

# WELL... UH OH

What we found was that we needed to do a few (alot!) customizations and updates to make harvesting as clean as possible.

While we were already using the Digital Collections Gateway, it was really just a way to quickly provide access to repository materials through the catalog.



Photo from: <https://www.eonline.com>

# A REAL LIFE EXAMPLE

religion >

fire escapes >

blue line >

Founder's Day >

how D.B. Johnson lost his arm >

History >

Oral histories >

Interviews >

Interviews

[https://pascal-winthrop.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01PASCAL\\_WINTH/tdpbth/alma991000006389705661](https://pascal-winthrop.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01PASCAL_WINTH/tdpbth/alma991000006389705661)



Image from <https://digitalcommons.winthrop.edu/pettusimages/9/>

## DB JOHNSON

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This image is of Winthrop Founder and First President David Bancroft Johnson from the early 1880s.

# FINDING A STARTING POINT

Identified current mappings for test collection

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-<metadata>
  -<oai_dc:dc xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.bepress.com/OAI/2.0/qualified-dublin-core/
    <dc:title>Interview with Vernon Jordan</dc:title>
    <dc:contributor>Jordan, Vernon</dc:contributor>
    <dc:contributor>Michael A. Cooke</dc:contributor>
    <dc:description.abstract><p>IN PROCESSING</p></dc:description.abstract>
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    <dc:identifier>OH 360</dc:identifier>
    <dc:format>1 Cassette</dc:format>
    <dc:rights.accessRights>This interview is open for use.</dc:rights.accessRights>
    <dc:type>Interview</dc:type>
    <dc:subject>Oral History</dc:subject>
    <dc:subject>South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus</dc:subject>
  -<dc:identifier>
    https://digitalcommons.winthrop.edu/oralhistoryprogram/311
  </dc:identifier>
</oai_dc:dc>
</metadata>

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<https://digitalcommons.winthrop.edu/do/oai/?verb=ListRecords&metadataPrefix=dcq&set=publication:oralhistoryprogram>

Make edits and add additional fields if needed

Details	
Title	<a href="#">Interview with Vernon Jordan</a>
Creator	<a href="#">Jordan, Vernon</a> > <a href="#">Michael A. Cooke</a> >
Subject	<a href="#">Oral History</a> > <a href="#">South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus</a> >
Format	1 Cassette
Source	DigitalCommons
MMS ID	991003222911305661

Catalog view of item harvested directly into discovery layer

## Details

Title	<a href="#">Interview with Vernon Jordan</a>
Creator	<a href="#">Jordan, Vernon E. (Vernon Eulion), 1935-</a> > <a href="#">Cooke, Michael A.</a> >
Subject	<a href="#">Jordan, Vernon E (Vernon Eulion), 1935-</a> > <a href="#">South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus</a> > <a href="#">Oral histories</a> > <a href="#">Interviews</a> >
Genre	<a href="#">Interviews.</a>
Description	IN PROCESSING
Creation Date	1985
Source	Library Catalog
MMS ID	991000003509705661

# GATHERING MOMENTUM

Worked with cataloging to start adding subject headings to select collections. (Oral Histories)

Also worked to revise skeleton marc records for collections harvested through the gateway.

This initiated cross departmental collaborations but also helped them become invested in the project

Instituted a lockdown on collections that we identified as needing more clean-up than the others.

# EDUCATE

It became more important than ever to educate all parties on harvesting and the importance of their role and why this should be and is a **shared goal**.

Operating in a cylo was no longer an option because the impacts were further reaching

Created documentation that gives a high level overview of our specific harvesting process

Meeting with our repository consultant

Becoming Alma and Primo Certified

# PROCESSES

## Process #1:

Digital Commons → Digital Collections Gateway → ILS

This mediated process creates a skeleton MARC records with OCLC numbers. During the intermediate step (Digital Collections Gateway), Cataloging/Metadata staff populate the MARC records with additional details before the records are visible in OneSearch. Because this process creates MARC records, these records are included in Alma.

The harvesting process checks for and adds any new records, but does not make any changes to the MARC records.

## Process #2:

Digital Commons → Primo/ILS

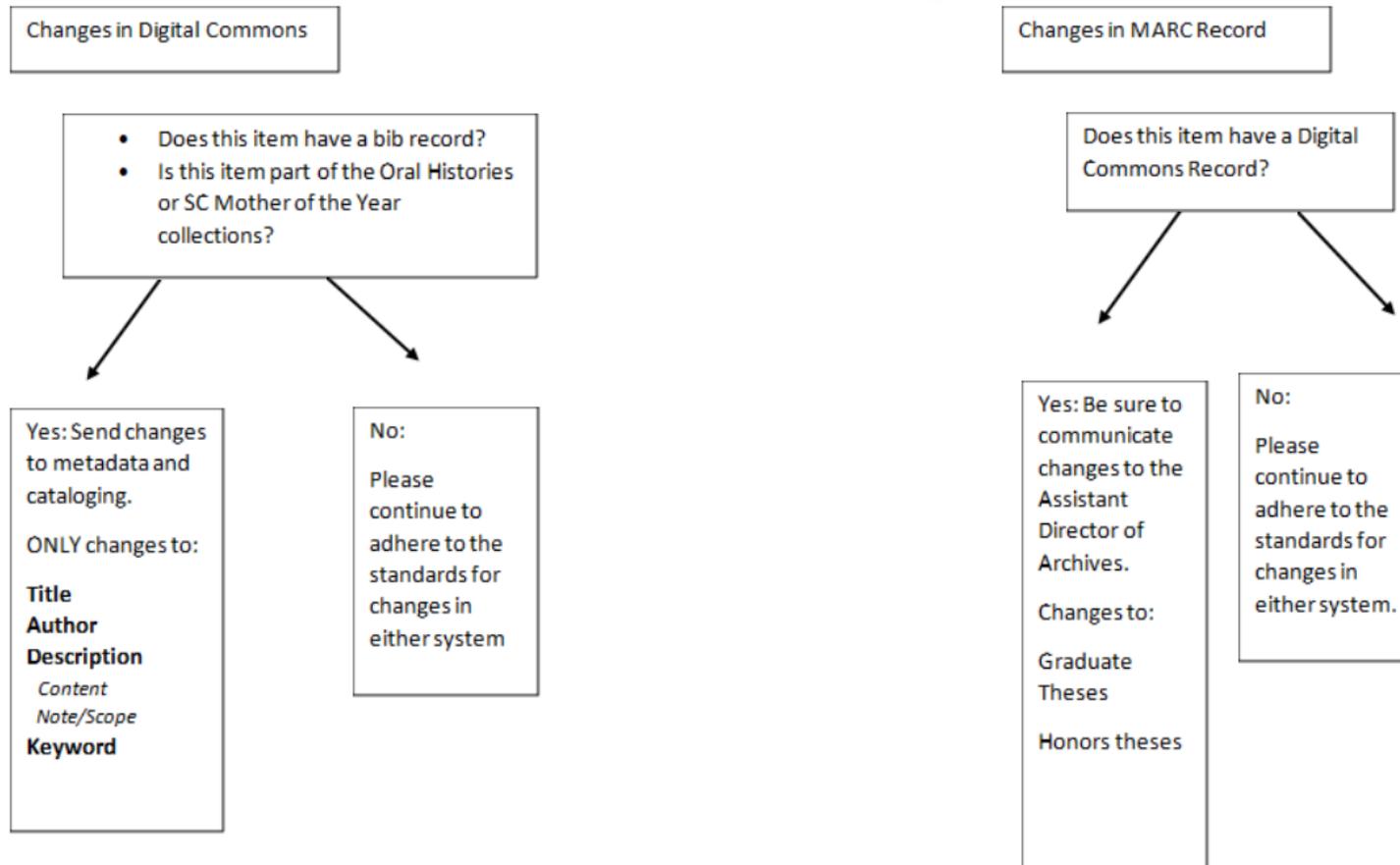
This automatic process harvests all collections excluding those harvested through the Digital Collections Gateway (Process #1 above). Records information is harvested directly from the Digital Commons into Primo VE using the harvesting tool in Alma.

Currently all collections and titles in DC are harvested in to Primo, including the records harvested through the Digital Collections Gateway. Harvested records are available immediately in Primo. Legacy systems and processes create duplicate records for some items/collections.

More information about the Digital Gateway can be found here: <https://www.oclc.org/en/digital-gateway/features.html>

# NEW PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES: COMMUNICATION

DC Workflow for notification:  
Did you make a change?



# METADATA TASK FORCE

Creation of Metadata Task Force with the following charge:

*This task force will deliver recommendations for metadata practices and procedures for the Digital Commons based on research, current standards, and through collaborative discussions. These recommendations will particularly examine how these practices will impact end user discovery and accessibility of Digital Commons content, but not limited solely to that consideration.*

The task force has been looking at other universities and our state digital library

Spoke with our Bepress consultant, who gave an overview of harvesting and how the process works for our system at a high level

# CHALLENGES

## ILS Migration

Digital records were not taken in to account in our test load so we were unable to see how previously harvested materials would display in new system

Staffing

Learning a new system

## Resistance to Change

Some of the steps we needed to take involved a change in process

It also involved the creation of new processes

We now have 3 areas of the library who need to work relatively closely together when before, collaboration was minimal

# CHALLENGES CONT

## Covid-19

Need I say more?

The transition to remote took precedence over all other projects.

With different levels of technology and internet access among employees. Progress was slow.

## Institutional

Transitions in leadership



Taskforce is providing recommendations



Finalizing processes so that collections can be unlocked



What does this process look like as we continue working from home?



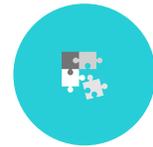
Planning for a major update to implement new standards



Fix duplicate records caused by harvesting through two platforms



Continue to educate.

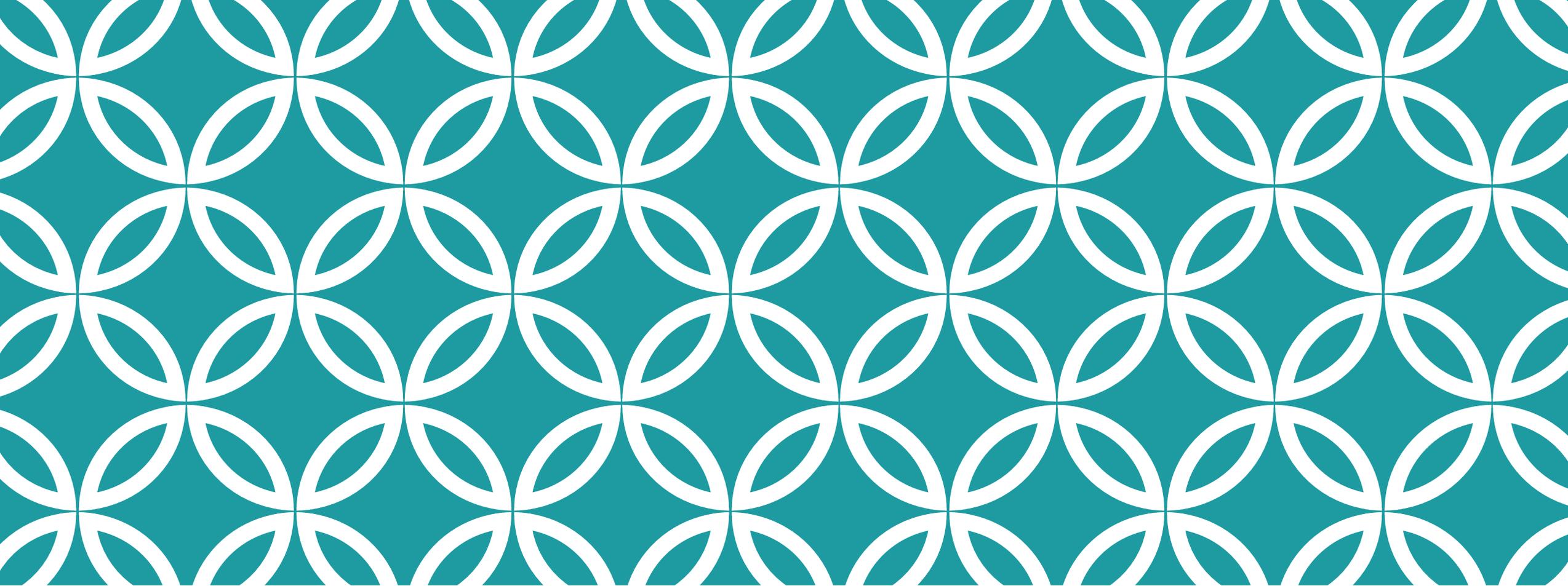


Collaborate with other libraries in the state



Breathe

# WHERE WE ARE NOW & FUTURE PLANS



# QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?

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