Collaboration and Motivation for Digital Success: The Western Writers Series Digital Editions @ Boise State University

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MOTIVATION

Library:
1. Technology in place (CONTENTdm)
2. Get items cataloged into OCLC, OPAC
3. Natural fit

Special Collections:
1. Insure digitization project was up to standards
2. Showcase new management system (CONTENTdm)

Library supports an academic program +
Promotes and expands the library's digital presence +
Library promotes the university online

COLLABORATION:

Inter-department across campus
The English Department and Albertson's Library collaborated on digitizing 23 booklets. The library took the lead in providing a digital platform, website design, and digitization. The English Department secured copyright and donated expenses for promotion. A Memorandum of Understanding was drafted before the project began to outline areas of responsibility.

Intra-department in the library
Special Collections, cataloging/technical services, and public services were all mobilized to assist with this project. Special Collections hosted the project using CONTENTdm software. Technical Services updated catalog records and provided website expertise. Public Services liaised with the Western Writers Series editors and provided suggestions to make the collection more accessible.

PROMOTION

Campus Publications
Professional Conferences (Online NW, PNLA, SWILA, English Conferences)
Launch event at The Cabin Online: Wikipedia, library & digital collections homepages, library guides, listservs, catalog records in Worldcat, flyers, brochures, and mini-cards

The Western Writers Series is published by Boise State University. The Series consists of 50-60 page booklets of authoritative introductions to writers and classic texts that relate to literature of the American West.

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Check out the Western Writers Series Digital Editions at http://library.boisestate.edu/westerwriters/

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