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### Abstract

In the summer of 2016, Gettysburg College's Musselman Library piloted the Digital Scholarship Summer Fellowship (DSSF), a library-led, student-centered introduction to digital scholarship. The Fellowship, a 10-week, paid, summer program for rising sophomores and juniors, is programmatic, based on a curriculum designed to introduce the student fellows to digital tools, project management, documentation, and the philosophy behind digital scholarship. The Fellowship aimed to create a digital scholarship community of practice at Gettysburg College, collaborating with educational technologists and faculty engaged in digital scholarship to support the needs of the first cohort; in addition, the Fellowship supported the digital scholarship activities of students participating in other summer research programs. R.C. Miessler, coordinator of the Digital Scholarship Summer Fellowship, will discuss the creation, development, implementation, and future of the program. The student fellows, Keira Koch, Julia Wall, and Lauren White, will reflect on their experience and present the digital projects they created.

### Keywords

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## Library-led Digital Scholarship for Undergraduates at a Small Institution

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# Origins and Development // R.C. Miessler

July 2015: [ILiADS](#) illustrates student interest in digital scholarship

September 2015: Musselman Library forms a [Digital Scholarship Working Group](#)

November 2015: [#BUDSC15](#) reinforces concept of library-led program

February - March 2016: [Digital Scholarship Summer Fellows](#) selected

March - May 2016: [Curriculum](#) developed

May 23, 2016: First day of the [Digital Scholarship Summer Fellowship!](#)

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# Foundations // Keira Koch

- A project starts when you **choose a topic**
- It becomes manageable when you **narrow your scope**
- Digital Scholarship workshops provide **structure** for the final project

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# Skills // Julia Wall

- Digital tools are not barriers, they are **opportunities**
- Public-facing projects require **understanding of copyright**
- Tools are constantly evolving, creating **new possibilities**

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# Engagement // Lauren White

- Digital Scholarship functions as a **community of practice**
- Digital Scholarship makes the **seemingly unapproachable accessible**
- There is still work to be done in the areas of **diversity and inclusion**

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# What Comes Next?

- Working with faculty and students as the **Digital Scholarship Fellows**
- Planning for **#dssf17**



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