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Abstract

In July of 2017, Gettysburg College's Musselman Library completed the second iteration of the Digital Scholarship Summer Fellowship, a library-led, student-focused program that introduces students to digital scholarship tools and methodology. Librarian R.C. Miessler discusses the successes and challenges of supporting a growing digital scholarship program, with a focus on its future sustainability and a vision of its expansion into a campus-wide initiative.

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Looking Back (#budsc16 + #dssf16)



Beth Seltzer @beth_seltzer · 29 Oct 2016

Drawing from library, ed tech, faculty, local, to teach digital workshops at **Gettysburg**. #budsc16 #s2c



Carrie Pirmann @librariancarrie · 29 Oct 2016

.@gettysburg #dssf16 students are incredible! proud to hear your presentations today as a @gettysburg alum #budsc16 #s2c #gettysburggreat



Param Bedi @parambedi · 29 Oct 2016

The @gettysburg student projects are exemplar of how Digital Scholarship should be done with students #BUDSC16 #s2c @iconodule



Brooke Bergantzel @librarybrooke · 29 Oct 2016

Most valuable element for the summer programs for students was resoundingly the collaborative cohort. #s2c #budsc16



jacob heil @dr_heil · 29 Oct 2016

Gotta say that the apparent absence of DH hierarchy from student fellows' perspective is a credit to #dssf16 program #s2c #BUDSC16



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After #budsc16 ...

What We Did Here: Activism at Gettysburg College

Supporting classroom activity in History, Spanish,
Biology, First Year Seminars

What We Did Here: Activism at Gettysburg College
digital repository

What We Did Here: Activism at Gettysburg College is a crowd-sourced digital collection, created in partnership with Musselman Library and Special Collections and College Archives, devoted to documenting the discourse that has occurred on campus surrounding issues of race, gender, sexuality, political affiliation, religion, and class. Students, faculty, and staff have the opportunity to submit written testimonies or various media that are representative of campus' response to these topics. Examples of media submissions are club posters, or pictures, videos, and audio of events or campus responses. This documentation is not limited in its scope: all submissions from all identities and viewpoints will be handled with equal gravitas.

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Planning for #dssf17!

Hiring the #dssf16 cohort as senior fellows

Developing the curriculum

Finding housing

Hiring and recruiting the right cohort for #dssf17

Cross-campus engagement with summer programs

#dssf17 Begins



#dssf17 VALUES (2.0)

- OPENNESS
- COMMUNITY
 - collaboration
 - connectedness
 - collegiality
- engaged diversity - accessibility
- experimentation cycle -
 - experimentation
 - failure
 - adaptability
- dedication
- have fun 😊

#dssf17 - It's Super Effective!

First round of digital literacy assignment grants

Travelling and presenting (PaLA, PCLA, Keystone DH)

Collaborating cross-institutionally

New projects

Building community with other campus student researchers

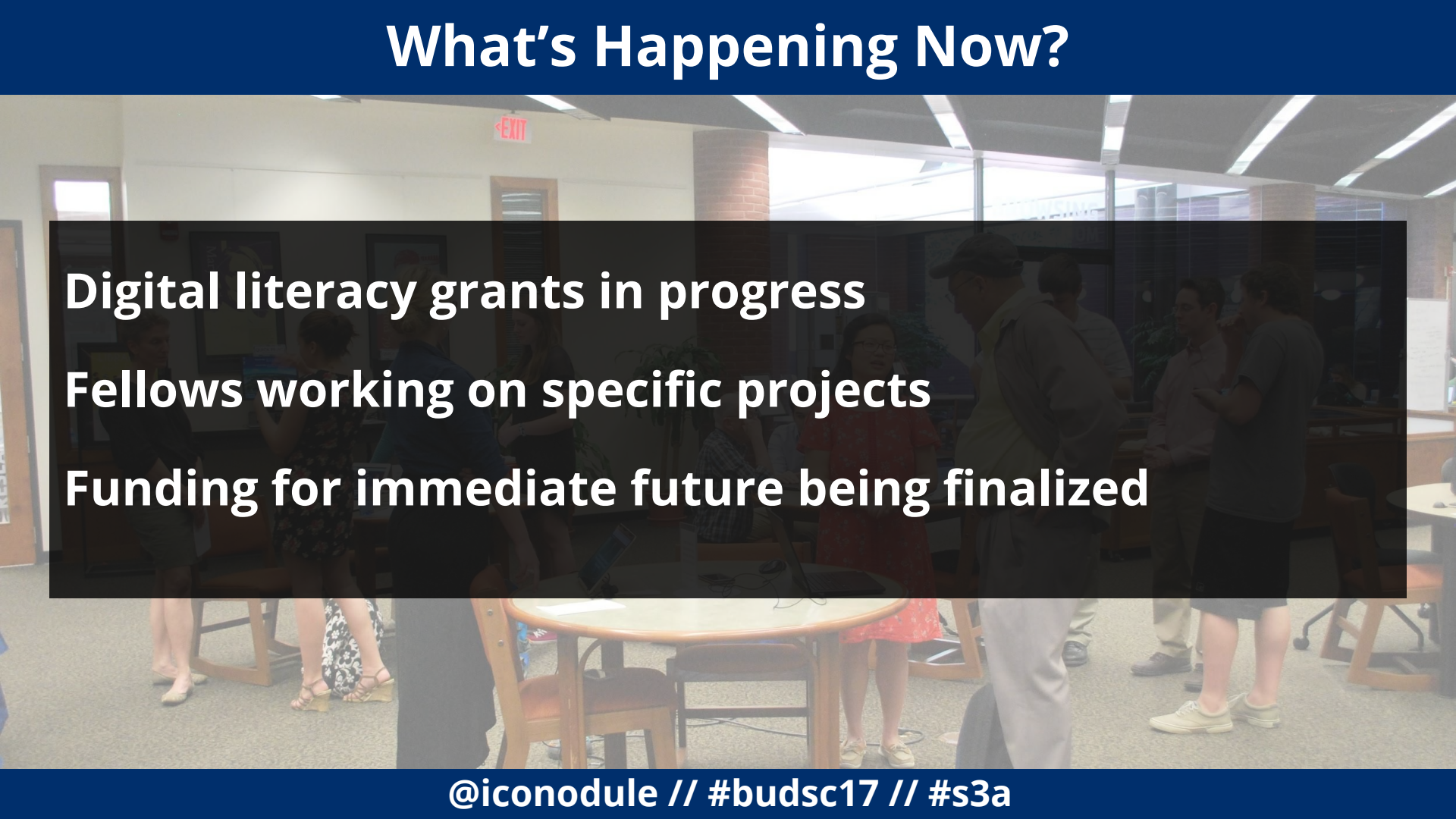
#dssf17 - Learning Opportunities

More students = more oversight

Developing a cohesive community of practice

Time and workload management

What's Happening Now?



Digital literacy grants in progress
Fellows working on specific projects
Funding for immediate future being finalized

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Looking Forward (#dssf18 + Beyond)

Defining digital scholarship (humanities?)

Is the goal process, product, a mix?

Diversity in recruiting and hiring

Defining roles for fellows and library staff

Challenges of logistics during the summer

What does DS/DH look like at Gettysburg?

Thank You!

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