

Digging Deeper, Reaching Farther:

Libraries Empowering Users to Mine the HathiTrust Digital Library Resources

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WHAT IS IT?

Modern academic librarianship demands reconfigured skillsets and expertise to meet the rapidly evolving, data-driven needs of today's researchers and students as they pursue digital scholarship and produce immense amounts of research data. This three-year project, supported by the IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian program, will build a suite of training programs based in the HathiTrust Research Center aimed at developing skillsets in text mining and methods of critical analytic tools for digital scholarship and data-intensive research.

The initiative is led by Harriett Green, English and Digital Humanities Librarian at the University of Illinois, in collaboration with partners from Indiana University, Northwestern University, Lafayette College, and the University of North Carolina. In this program we situate the academic library as a learning space for encountering the "big data" tools and methodologies that are being made more broadly accessible through HTRC, and adapting them for use in research and instruction. By developing a suite of curricular materials disseminated through a Train the Trainer program, the HTRC seeks to transform library services and professional development.

Our suite of curricular materials will be piloted at the five partner institutions. Once fully developed, our curriculum will be shared widely through a national Train the Trainer program consisting of at least 10 events. Program attendees will then disseminate the curriculum to their home institutions, embedding new services and initiatives at some 200 institutions, with the potential to reach thousands of students and faculty. By the conclusion of the grant period, the team will also release an instructional webinar and will package the curriculum as an open education resource for use by some 120,000 academic libraries in the United States.

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