Advancing the Creation, Dissemination, and Validation of Digital Scholarship on Campus

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Digital scholarship is...

- Collaborative

- Interdisciplinary

- Performed in a digital environment

- Often visual/interactive in its output

- Rarely finished

The tenure and promotion process

- Emphasizes PI and sole author roles

- Limits publication formats and venues

- Is slow to accept nontraditional modes & methods

http://ark.digitalcommonwealth.org/ark:/50959/5h73r1566

Who else validates digital scholarship?

- Community of fellow scholars

- Funding bodies

- Publishers

- Media outlets

How can the university help?

- Don't make assumptions…ASK
  - "What is digital scholarship?"
  - "How is your work similar/different from that of a traditional scholar?"
  - "How can we make sure we're correctly assessing the impact of your scholarship?"
- Create a welcoming environment
  - Develop review criteria that accommodate everyone equally
  - Support early career digital scholars through mentoring

How can the library help?

- Support digital scholars

  – Ask how you can help

  – Try new things

- Collaborate

- Speak up!

Thank you!

Further reading:
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