

Establishing New Web Archive Collections through “In-reach”

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Starting point:

We have been collecting our institutional web presence since 2011

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Northwestern University Libraries

Archive-It Partner Since: Sep, 2015

Organization Type: [Colleges & Universities](#)

Organization URL: <http://www.northwestern.edu>

Description: Northwestern University is a private institution founded in 1851. The school has campuses in Evanston, IL, Chicago, IL, and Doha, Qatar. Northwestern's approximately 190,000 alumni include leaders in government, law, science, education, medicine, and performing arts. The Northwestern University Libraries use Archive-It to document online academic, administrative, research, athletic, public service, and social activities and reflect the evolving nature of the university's web presence.

<https://www.archive-it.org/home/Northwestern>

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Title: Associated Student Government

URL: <http://asg.northwestern.edu/>

Captured 30 times between Jul 8, 2011 and Sep 28, 2015

Tag: Student organizations

Title: Associated Student Government (legacy)

URL: <http://asg.northwestern.edu/archive/>

Captured once on Jul 19, 2011

Tag: Student organizations

Title: Medical Humanities and Bioethics Program Web Archives

URL: <http://bioethics.northwestern.edu/index.html>

Captured 19 times between Oct 24, 2011 and Jan 25, 2016

Tag: Feinberg School of Medicine

Title: Life in Purple: Voices and Stories From Northwestern Web

URL: <http://blog.northwestern.edu/>

Description: Blog containing a collection of Northwestern-related vignettes.

Captured 2 times between Sep 26, 2013 and Oct 24, 2014

Creator: Northwestern University

Tag: Alumni, News & Events, Student Life

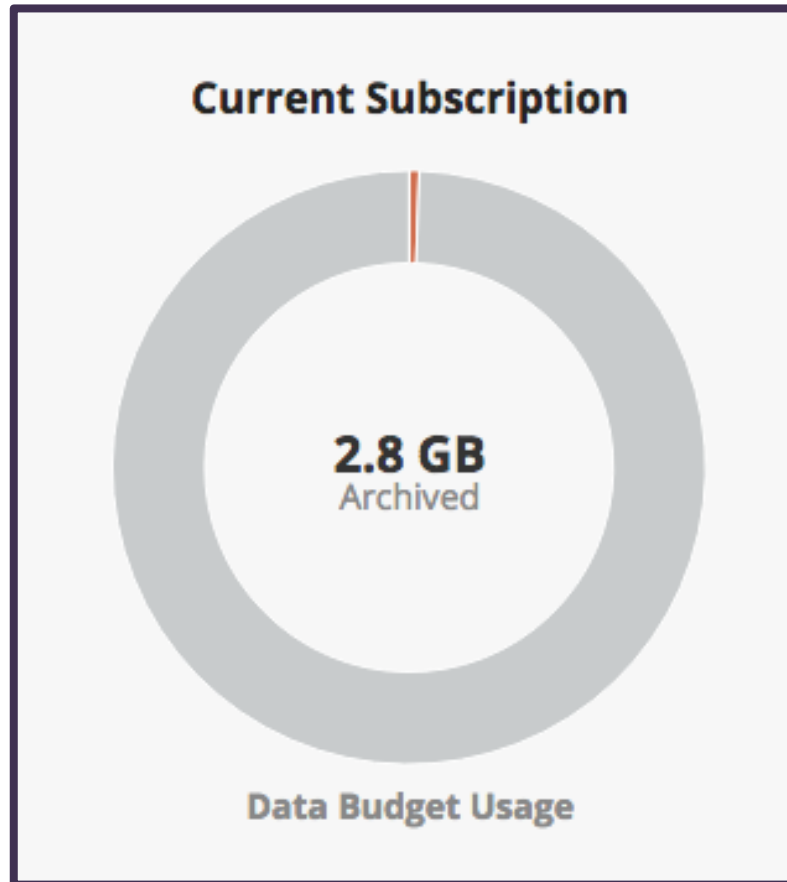
Title: Department of Microbiology-Immunology Web Archives

Reasons for expanding the scope of web archiving at Northwestern



www.library.northwestern.edu

And of course...

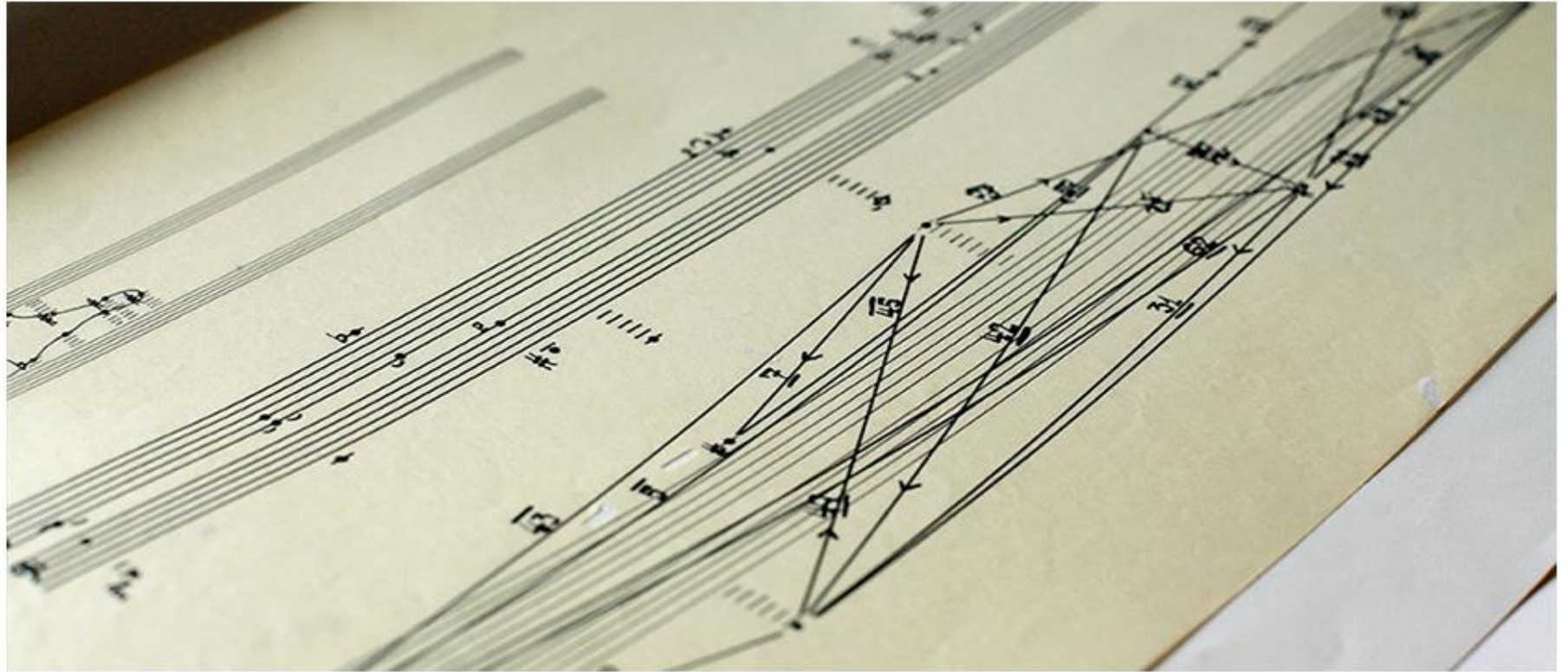


Outreach vs. “In-reach”

Through inreach I could:

- Establish new web archives that build on Northwestern’s collecting strengths
- Utilize in-house subject expertise
- Provide a new service to colleagues who are interested in expanding digital resources in their collections

Music Library



Among the largest music collections in the U.S., the Northwestern University Music Library has an unmatched strength in 20th century and contemporary classical music, and holds at least one copy of nearly every new score published since 1945. Its more than 300,000 volumes of books, scores, sound recordings, and journals also include collections of original manuscripts and correspondence, notably, the John Cage collection, which documents the life and work of the 20th century's most revolutionary composer.

Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies



Established in 1954, the Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies at Northwestern University is the largest separate Africana collection in existence. Its scope is as wide as the continent of Africa itself; its subject matter ranges from art, history, literature, music and religion to communications, management and cooking. The Africana collection is a resource for the entire university, and most of Northwestern's disciplinary programs are reflected in the collection. In addition to serving the NU community, the Herskovits Library staff also serves regional, national and international scholars.

Challenges along the way

- How to explain features of Archive-It
- Focusing on a collection theme
- Finding the time

To: Laura Alagna <laura.alagna@northwestern.edu>

Subject: RE: web archiving documents

Hi Laura,

I'm sorry, but I have not been able to give this any time. I know I also need to come up with some metadata. I'm booked today with Deering Reno planning, but maybe by tomorrow afternoon I can make this priority. I'll do my best!

Benefits > Challenges

- No need to convince anyone on the need for web archives
- Easy to collaborate with colleagues in the library
- Enthusiasm!

Date: Friday, April 9, 2010 at 4:44 PM
To: Laura Alagna <laura.alagna@northwestern.edu>

Subject: RE: web archiving

Hi Laura,

This sounds like a great idea!

Results

[Explore](#) >> [Northwestern University Libraries](#) >> [Chicago Music Scene Web Archive](#)



Chicago Music Scene Web Archive

Collected by: [Northwestern University Libraries](#)

Archived since: Apr, 2016

Description: The Chicago Music Scene web archive hopes to capture the “scene” in the Chicago musical community by documenting the web presence of specific ensembles, venues, festivals and publications. Before the utility of the Internet, musical activity was publicized in print publication, on broadsides, in pamphlets and in other ephemeral material. An understanding of the support and activity within a musical culture (or scene) is demonstrated in archival collections that hold this kind of material. Today, a music scene is represented on the web. As a searchable database, this archive offers the ability to learn about the current music scene in Chicago as it develops.

Subject: [Arts & Humanities](#), [Society & Culture](#)

Date: [2016](#)

Collector: [Greg MacAyeal, Curator of Northwestern University Music Library](#)

Thank you

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