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What's going on over there? Ventures into digital humanities at the University of Wollongong Library

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Abstract
At UOW, the Archives is a part of the University Library and contains both corporate information and cultural historical artifacts, often but not always relating to the Illawarra region.

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First steps:
— 2015 institution wide shift towards digital skills
— Project based response
— Catalysts
— Use of UOW Archival Content
— Support for specific teaching/research need
— Existing relationships
— In house capacity – no funding
The History Archive Portal (HAP)

— Collaboratively designed by History program and Library

— Unique UOW Archival material, other OA material and subscribed content

— Student feedback crucial to initial design

— History staff monitor for appropriate content

hap.uow.edu.au/
The Yellow House

— Library content
— Single room in the Yellow House recreated in VR
— Library computers will host VR software
— 3rd year media students designing more rooms in VR

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One of the most vexing and interesting features of the digital era is the way that it unsettles traditional arrangements and forces us to ask basic questions that have been there all along.

- Roy Rosenzweig, 2010
Library

Academics

Tools

Students

DH Project
Where we are now

— Early days in the DH space
— Project based approach remains
— Embedding projects into curriculum and assessment
— Evaluation as we go
— Assessing the degrees of complexity

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Into the future

— Project rather than service based approach
— Partner rather than service provider
— Learning on the fly – building capacity for an agile response that is still sustainable
— Invite collaborations for more of our collections
Questions?

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