Digital Scholarship Staffing:
A case study from Boston College

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CNI/ARL Digital Scholarship Planning
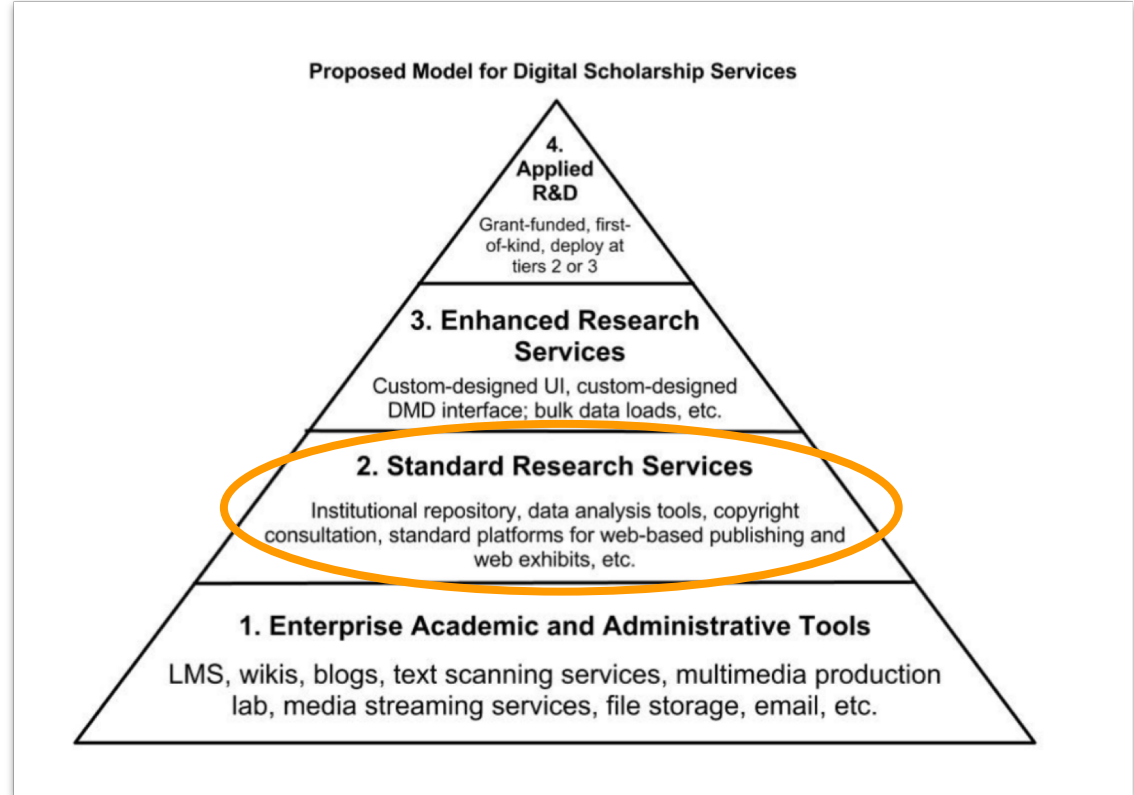Workshop @ Northeastern University

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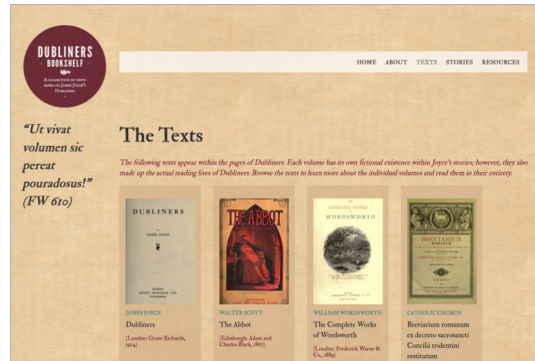
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Digital Repository Services / Scholarly Communications

Open Access Journals

Digital editions

Text encoding

http://dublinersbookshelf.org/

https://www.bc.edu/research/xul/
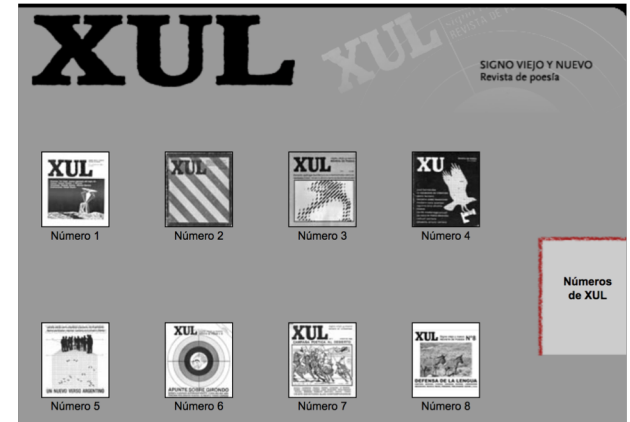
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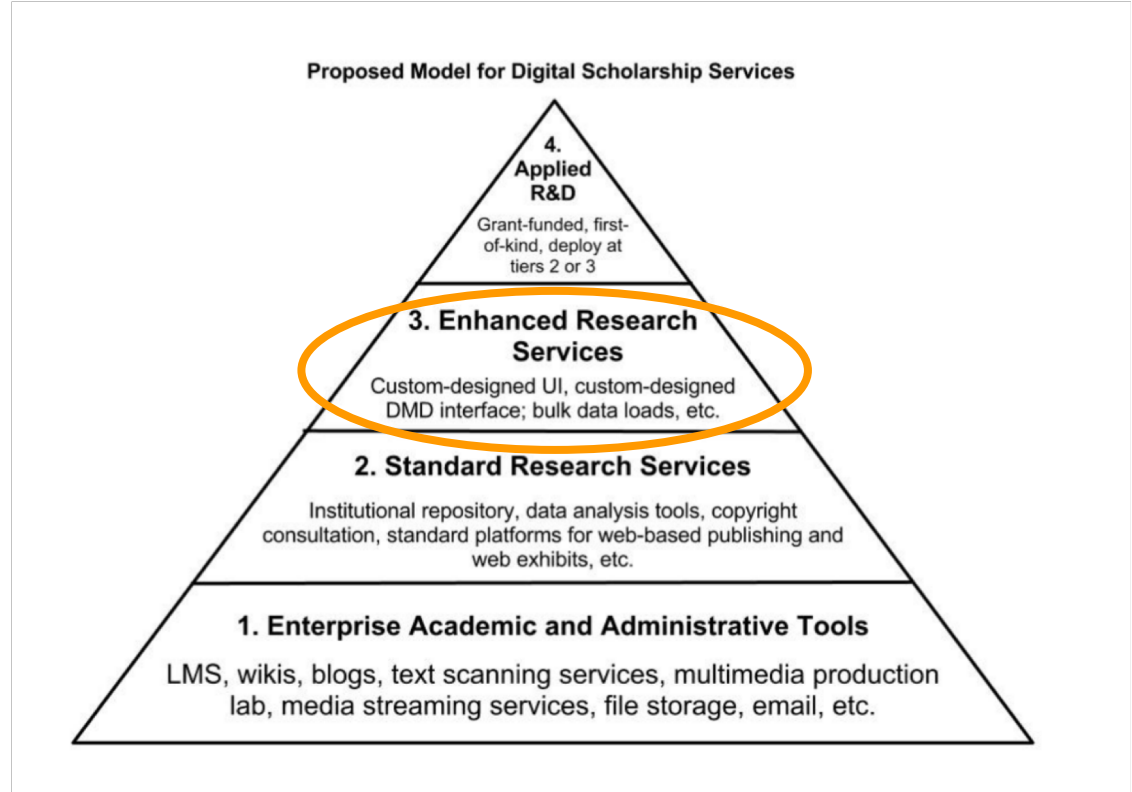
Subject Liaisons

Research data management

DMP Tool

GIS and data support

Hybrid Liaison/DS

Web publishing

Digital exhibits (e.g. Omeka)

Entry-level digital tools & methods

Departmental DS support (e.g. Digital History Initiative, Making History Public)

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2015-2016: Enhanced Research Services

Digital Scholarship Librarian

Support for collaboration with faculty and students

Digital scholarship instruction & workshops

Digital scholarship project consultations

Front-end and back-end development

- e.g. John La Farge: Stained Glass (library.bc.edu/lafargeglass/)

Documentation and service definitions

Staff time allocations

2016-2018: Enhanced Research Services

Formalizing Digital Scholarship

- History and English subject liaisons with split bibliographer/digital scholarship responsibilities

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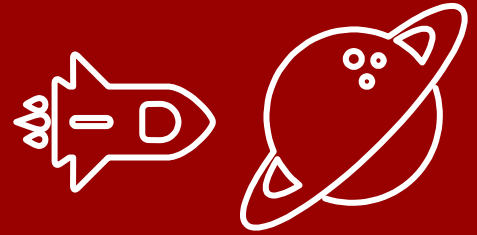- Scholarly Communications as part of digital scholarship

2018-Present: Integrating Digital Scholarship into the Library

Integrating digital scholarship, collections, and instruction

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Data services as digital scholarship

Challenges

- Staff turn over
- Post-doc model
- Clarifying expectations and roles
- Sharing resources and responsibilities

Any questions?

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