Bridging the Internal Gap: Special Collections and “In-Reach”

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Abstract

Over the past decade, special collections professionals have attempted to break down barriers and attract new and different patrons through outreach programs to undergraduates, high school students, community groups, and others as a means of broadening our reach, widening the appeal of our materials, and ensuring our continued existence and relevance in an increasingly digital world. Our success at this endeavor can be seen in the ever-increasing rise in collaborations between faculty, students, and other members of our diverse communities written about and reflected upon in the literature.¹ But while we have accomplished much with external audiences, it seems we...
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Article Views (By Year/Month)

2019
January: 7
February: 2
March: 8
April: 2

2018
January: 26
February: 8
March: 5
April: 4
May: 8
June: 2
July: 8
August: 10
September: 7
October: 4
November: 6
December: 8

2017
April: 0
May: 29
June: 8
July: 7
August: 4
September: 4
October: 7
November: 7
December: 2

external or internal content, and are distinguished by longer, focused essays. Blood adds that although the earliest blogs were filters, the journal type has now become more common. For Blood, blogs are unique (in her term, "native") to the Web, rather than carried over from offline genres. Among its practitioners, blogging is also frequently characterized as socially interactive and community-like in nature. Not only do blogs link to one another [7], but some blogs allow readers to post comments to individual entries, giving rise to "conversational" exchanges on the blog