Here today... here tomorrow: sustainable digital collections – the Stellenbosch experience

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“think more broadly of “sustainability” as something well beyond the preservation of content, data and metadata or a particular website. It asks inconvenient questions of relevance, take-up and use in an era when grabbing and holding an audience’s attention becomes ever harder. That our universities, libraries, museums and others start to recognise and address these issues will be essential if they are to remain relevant to audiences spoilt for choice with content”

Stuart Dempster
• Selection of collections

• Liaison with service providers

• Digital platform

• Metadata

• Heritage collections – integrity and context
About Digital Collections

Digital collections showcase digital content from the Library and Information Service’s unique digital collections and repositories. It offers a single connection point to various collections of primary resources as well as digital research output in support of digital scholarship, sharing our valuable resources and promoting intellectual collaboration. The Library and Information Service offers free online access to these digital collections. This initiative forms part of the Library’s commitment to enriching its digital resources and supporting, developing and contributing to high-level scholarly publication output.

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SUSTAINABILITY

• Part of Library’s strategic initiative

• Integrated with Library services and workflow

• Staff investment

• Digital preservation policy