THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX: USING DIGITAL COMMONS STRUCTURES IN CREATIVE WAYS

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Image description: Tyson, one of the Astrophysikitties, demonstrates how to think inside the bag.
Review of Digital Commons Structures

Here you see the **structures** that have been created for our Digital Commons:
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While these are the suggested and main uses, these structures can be used in other ways. You may enjoy sitting in that box, but you are free to step outside of it!

*Image description:*
*El Gato demonstrates how sometimes cats like to think inside the box.*
Indentation indicates that a **structure** type can be contained within the **structure** type above it.

**Community**
- Community
- Series
  - Articles
- Image Gallery
  - Images
- Book Gallery
  - Book

**Journal**
- Volume
- Issue
  - Article

**Event Community**
- Theme
- Track
  - Event

*Image description:*
Sagan, one of the Astrophysikitties, is thinking as long as the door is open he can walk in and out of this structure that contains him.
KSU Examples

Series used to archive a newsletter:  
http://digitalcommons.kent.edu/techknow/

Book gallery used for a serial publication:  
http://digitalcommons.kent.edu/theburr/

Image description:  
Tyson, one of the Astrophysikitties, demonstrates his preferred way to use a structure designed to hold books.
KSU Examples (continued)

Image gallery used to display a collection of videos: 
http://digitalcommons.kent.edu/museumvideo/

Image gallery contains presenter images/bios - also used on event page: 
As used: http://digitalcommons.kent.edu/dei/2015/presentations/7/ 
Gallery: http://digitalcommons.kent.edu/dei_bio_gallery/ 
Individual image/bio: http://digitalcommons.kent.edu/dei_bio_gallery/7/

Image gallery contains “winner” images brought into event page: 
As used: 
http://digitalcommons.kent.edu/ugresearch/2015/English_Comm/1/ 
Gallery: http://digitalcommons.kent.edu/ugresearch_gallery/

Image description: 
Cicero and Seneca use an image of the Carolinas to plan their next outing—or to take a nap—whichever comes first.
Examples from other institutions

Book gallery used to display letters and newspaper articles:
http://engagedscholarship.csuohio.edu/sheppard_letters_public/
http://engagedscholarship.csuohio.edu/newspaper_coverage/

Book gallery used to hold videos:
http://dc.uwm.edu/zuckerberg_files_videos/
(vids are pw protected)

Image gallery used to create a guide to seals in reading room -- also use of rich text field to display location:
http://repository.law.umich.edu/seals/

Image description:
Sagan, one of the Astrophysikitties, demonstrates how sometimes you have to be willing to view things from a new angle.
Data

Data sets in a series: http://digitalcommons.pepperdine.edu/polscidata/ - contains wav files, PDFs, JPGs, SEG-Y files ...

Data in a book gallery: http://scholarworks.umt.edu/flathead/ - Wav files as book downloads: http://scholarworks.umt.edu/flathead/7/ -

Data sets as additional files with use of series: http://repository.uwyo.edu/wy_wes/

Image description: Tyson and Sagan, the Astrophysikitties, know how important data can be in scientific research.
Collections

Sometimes your collection is best displayed using multiple structure types. Combine different types of structures and group them within a community.

**Oregon Wine History Archive**
hosted by Linfield College uses a combination of communities, image galleries, and series:
http://digitalcommons.linfield.edu/owha/

**Sam Sheppard Case** Collection hosted by Cleveland State University’s Cleveland-Marshall College of Law uses various structure types including communities, book galleries (some mentioned earlier in this presentation), image galleries, and series:
http://engagedscholarship.csuohio.edu/sheppard/

Image description:
The Astrophysikitties show how two different types can sit together in the same container.
THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

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