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Abstract

HathiTrust was founded in 2008 by 25 institutional partners as a means of preserving materials digitized in their large scale digitization programs. By pooling their collective resources and expertise, the partners created a robust and scalable infrastructure to efficiently store, manage, and preserve their collections of digital books and journals in common. Because the partners believe that preservation with access is the preferred model, they have leveraged this infrastructure to provide a wide range of access services on the preserved content. The scale of the project and depth of the collaboration involved have caused the partners further to envision HathiTrust as a shared environment for encountering and overcoming challenges that are common to all libraries, specifically in areas of collection development, repository standards and best practices, and methods for certifying the quality of deposited content.

Mission

 To contribute to the common good by collecting, organizing, preserving, communicating, and sharing the record of human knowledge

Access & Research Services

PageTurner **Bibliographic search** Large scale (full-text) search **Collection Builder Computational research**

Preservation & Management Features

Ownership of content Uniform architecture System-wide functionality **Robust, redundant storage Open standards for file and metadata formats** and descriptive practices

Shared Environment & **Collaborative Approach**

Shared governance Shared resources, development, and expertise **Collaborative collection development Development of standards and best practices**

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HathiTrust: Preservation As A Platform for Collaboration And Expanded User Services

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Computational Research

Three methods: 1. Data Distribution (for public domain volumes) 2. Protocol-based method (e.g. SEASR) 3. Research Center

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Shared Environment & Collaborative Approach

Collaborative Collection Management The Cloud Library - NYU and ReCAP

Standards and Best Practices

- Collaboration on METS specifications
- Ingest of Internet Archive-digitized books
- Individual volume certification

Application Development

- Data API
- Prototype PageTurner



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