

What I wish I knew before I started

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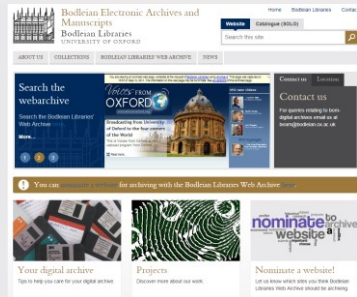
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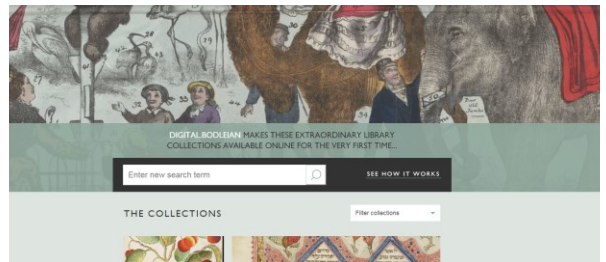
- A group of 30+ libraries which are affiliated to the University of Oxford
- Legal deposit library for over 400 years, e-legal deposit since 2013
- Over 12 million print items, special collections, archives
- Quickly growing digital collections



Bodleian Electronic Archives and Manuscripts



Oxford University Research Archive



Digitized collections

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- 2013 – Bachelor degree in Sociology
- 2014-2015 - MSc Information Management and Preservation (University of Glasgow)
- 2015-2016 – British Library, Flash Back Project

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...or "what did I learn along the way?"

Lesson 1:
Terminology is important

Lesson 2:
Be curious about what your colleagues do

Lesson 3:
Watch out for organizational myths

Lesson 4:
Digital Preservation is still often regarded as a purely technical problem, and this has real impact on sustainability and funding

Lesson 4
Advocacy is ~~a~~^{the?} key skill

And...

Having imposter syndrome is normal - don't let it put you off 😊

Why pursue a career in digital preservation?

- Learning new things on a daily basis
- Working with colleagues from different professional fields
- Never being bored!

Questions?

Thank you!

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