

Open Access to Working Notes in the Humanities

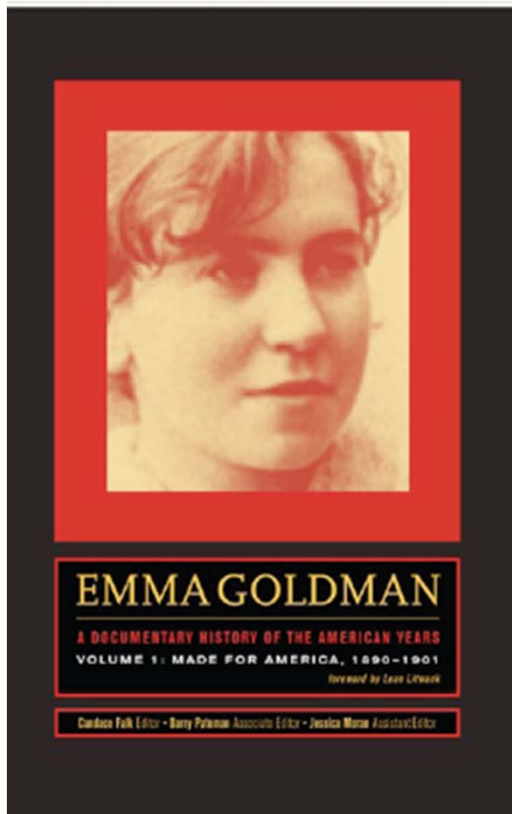


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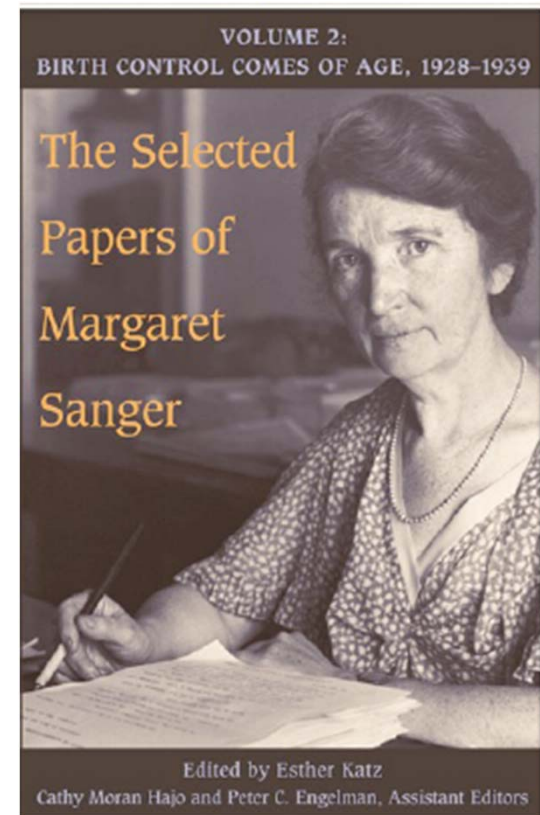
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A Case Study: Documentary Editions



Berkeley: Papers of
Emma Goldman,
1869-1940,
Anarchist.

New York: Papers of
Margaret Sanger,
1879-1966,
Birth control activist.



Problems of Documentary Editions

Requires specialized expertise for many years and research.

Funding is difficult.

Much of the editors' research not included because inconclusive or marginally relevant to the publication.

Limitations of the printed edition: Costly. Limit on number of pages, so editors' notes reduced. Small editions bought by libraries. Not widely available.

Relatively isolated work.

Working notes and unpublished notes discarded.

The return on investment far less than it could be.

Project Objectives

Gain in efficiency through collaborative, shared access to working notes among *related* projects.

Increased return on investment by making editors' notes promptly and more fully available through Web publication.

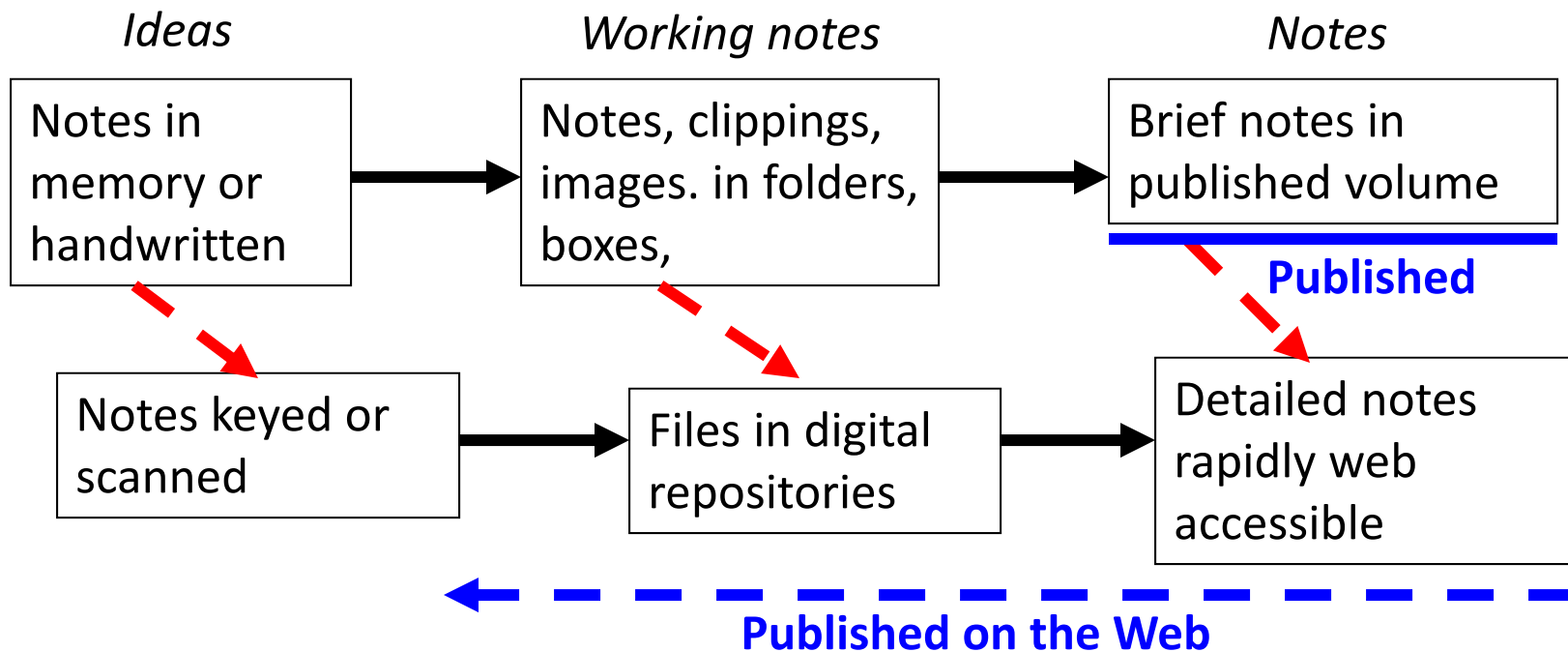
More effective interoperability with archival finding aids, library pathfinders, and other scholarly infrastructure as all become more closely associated in digital environment.

Concerned with notes whether or not annotations.

Inspired by *Notes & Queries* genre.

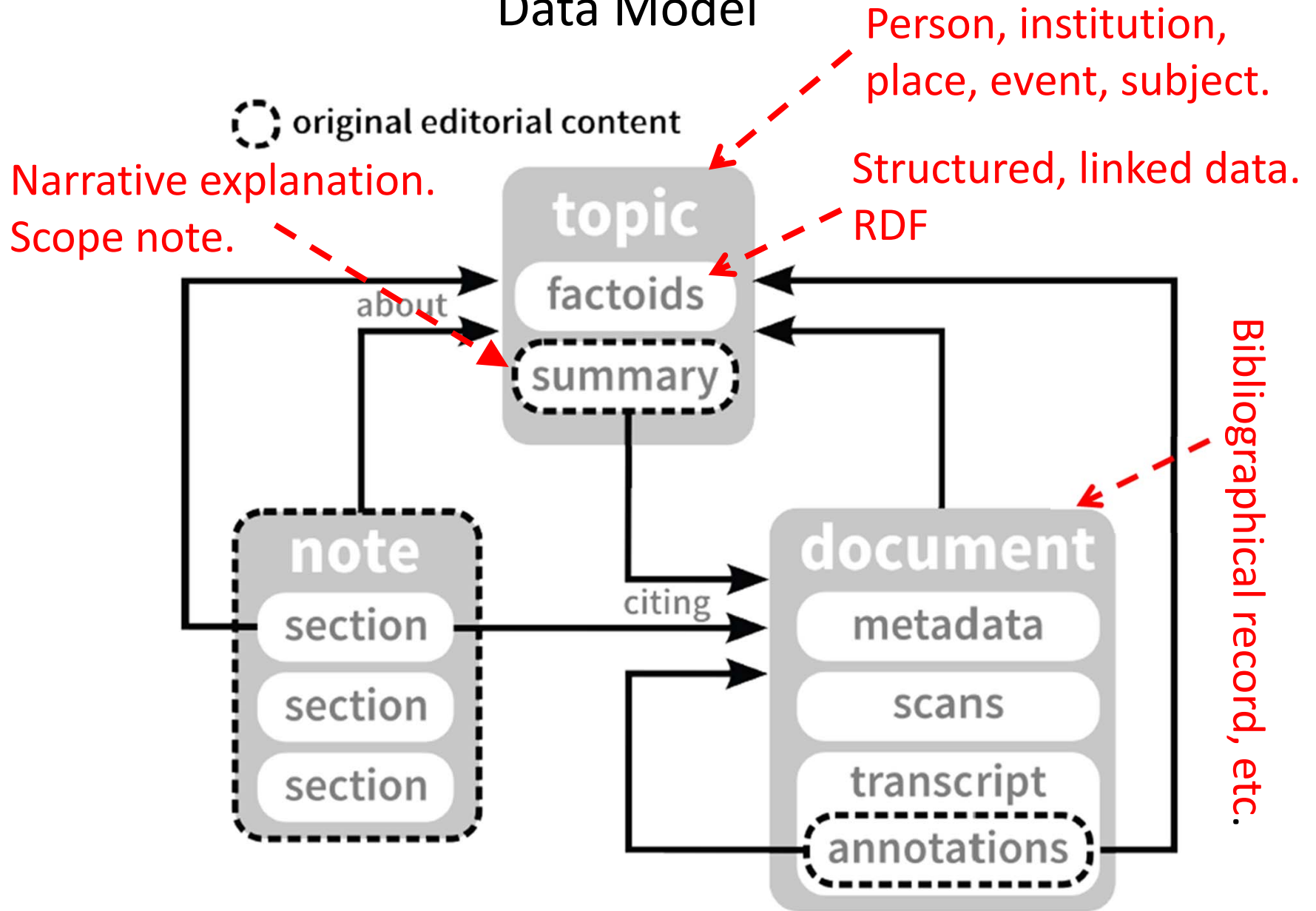
A Digital Remedy

Save as .html ! Make working notes available soon on a webpage as well as published edition. Immediately available. Indexed by Google, etc.



More a change in work practice than a technical challenge.

Data Model



Helen Keller — opposition to World War 1

This note is open

Related topics

Keller, Helen, 1880-1968

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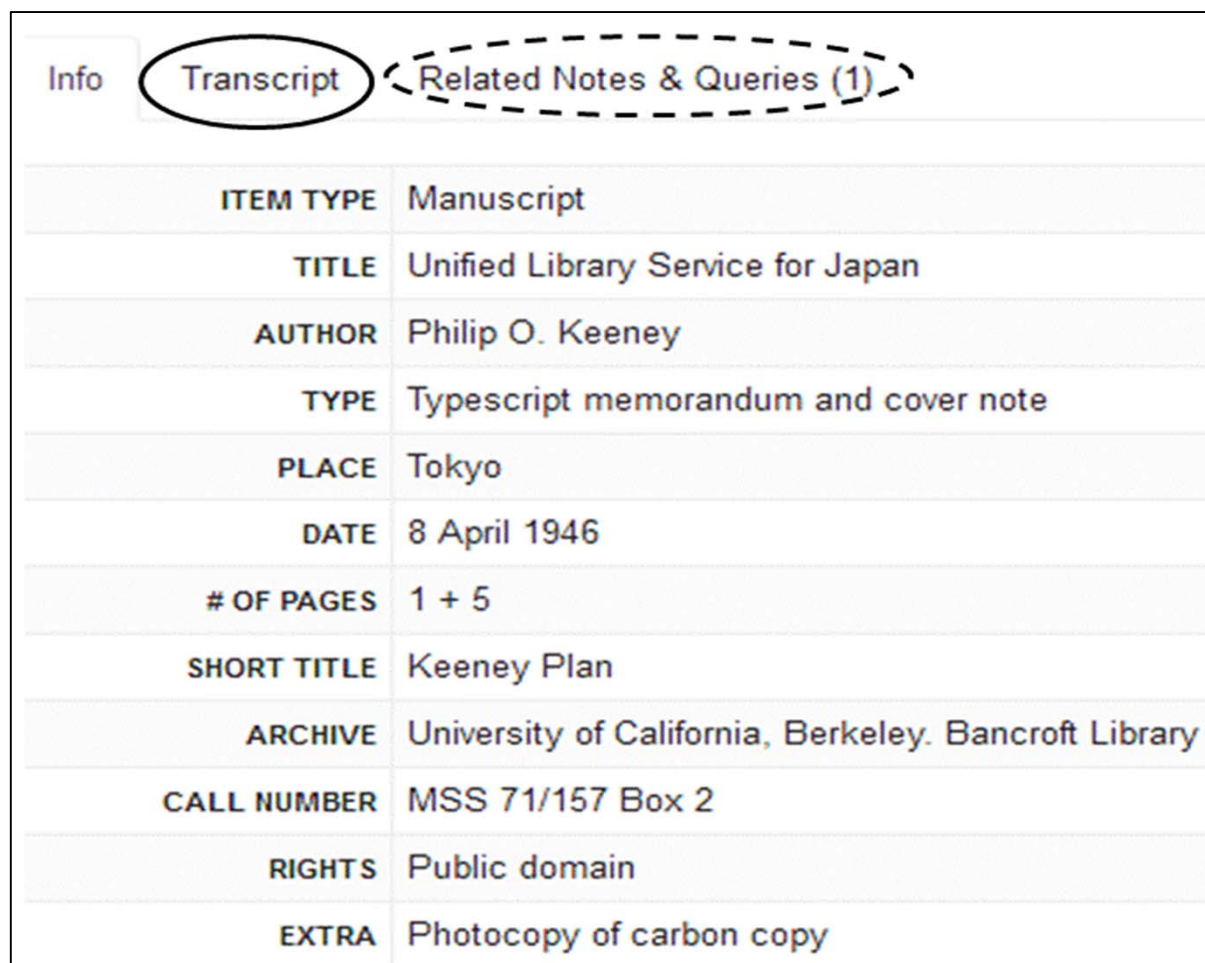
Question: Did Keller actively oppose the war in Europe, or just US involvement in it? Especially year 1915

She actively campaigned against the war in general-- and not just US involvement in it-- from the end of "peace ship" during this time because, according to her, the peace desired by Ford and other pacifists was nothing about the exploitation of workers, and inevitably result in more (capitalist) wars in the future. In a repeated in the following weeks, she advocated for the creation of a global union that would unite workers and prevent them fight each other. These views were similar to those held by other radicals at the time who were not war."



"HELEN KELLER FINDS DEFENSE PLANS BAD". *The New York Times*, December 20, 1915.

A “Document” is a bibliographical citation, possibly with a scan or transcript added and links to related topics and notes.



The screenshot shows a document record interface. At the top, there are three tabs: 'Info', 'Transcript', and 'Related Notes & Queries (1)'. The 'Transcript' tab is circled in solid black, and the 'Related Notes & Queries (1)' tab is enclosed in a dashed black oval. Below the tabs is a table with the following data:

ITEM TYPE	Manuscript
TITLE	Unified Library Service for Japan
AUTHOR	Philip O. Keeney
TYPE	Typescript memorandum and cover note
PLACE	Tokyo
DATE	8 April 1946
# OF PAGES	1 + 5
SHORT TITLE	Keeney Plan
ARCHIVE	University of California, Berkeley. Bancroft Library
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RIGHTS	Public domain
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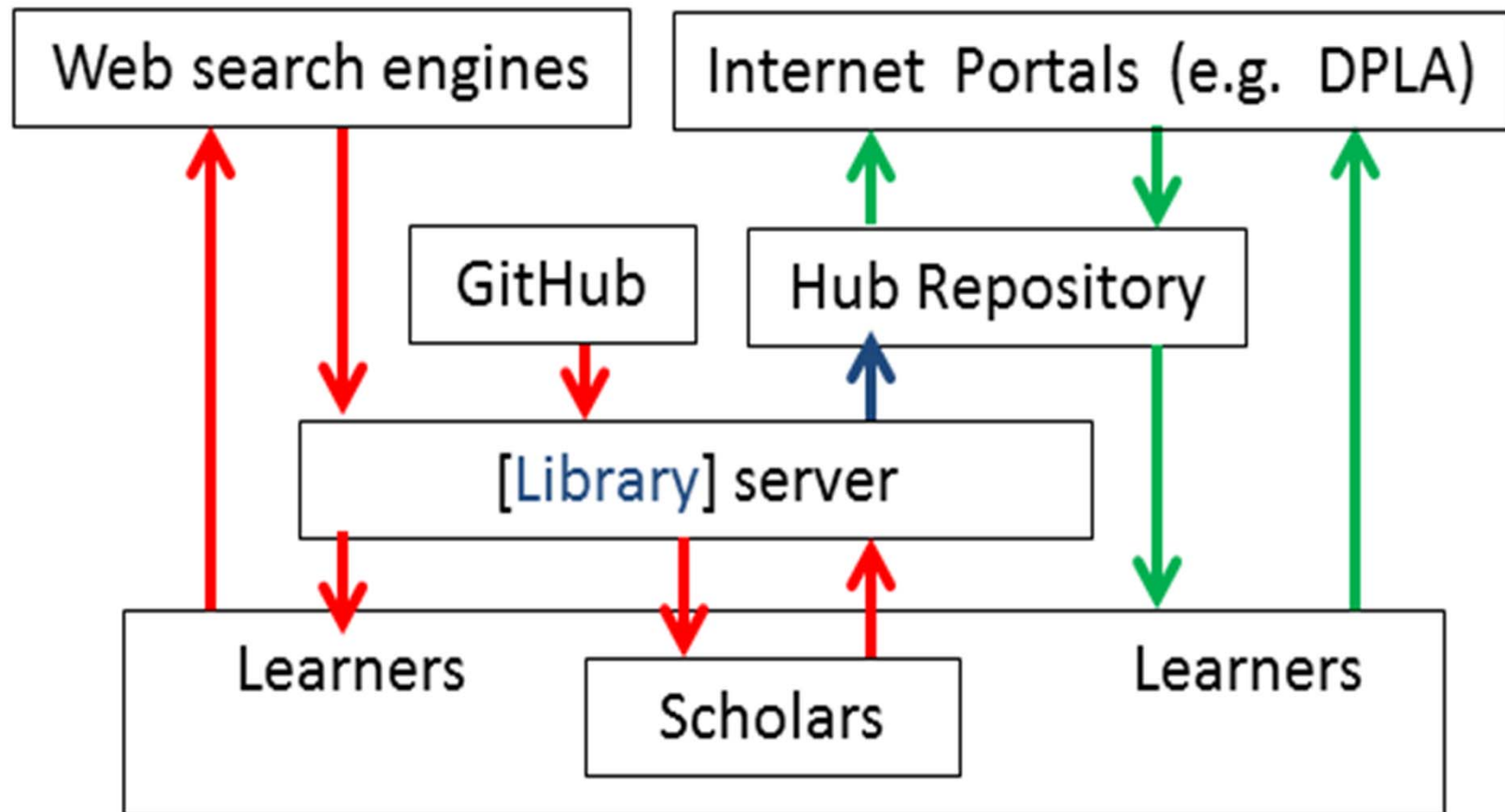
Software: All open access

- Django Python web framework
- PostgreSQL using native support for XML fields
- ElasticSearch for full-text searching
- Zotero for input and editing of bibliographic data
- Open Refine (prev. Google Refine) for duplicate detection

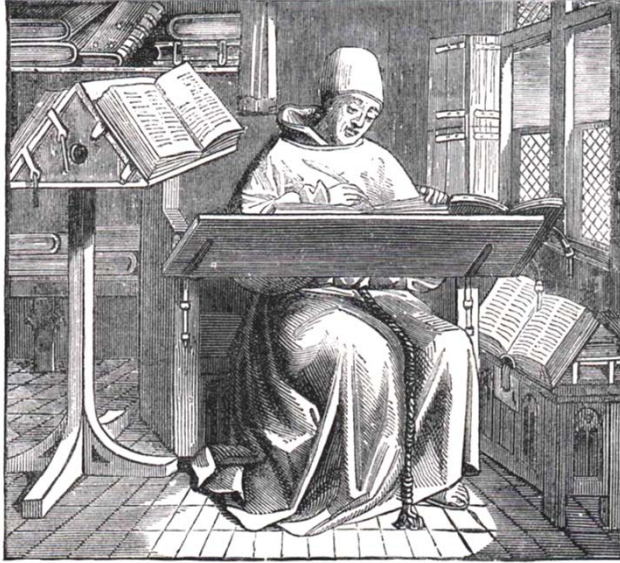
Future plans

- New site workingnotes.org
- Platform for research seminar: Maritime Buddhism.
- Undergraduate research course platform.
- Micro publications: Structured alternative to blogs
- Translators' notes: Collaboration; encyclopedia on text.
- Upload to library repositories: For preservation; access.

Integration with existing infrastructure



Looking Forward



- Environment like a shared office.
- Liberate the notes!
- Notes as a primary resource.
- Preserve the ‘workshop’.
- Published volumes as derivative.

These slides: <http://metadata.berkeley.edu/opensym2015.pdf>

Editors’ Notes website: editorsnotes.org

Project website, documentation: ecai.org/mellon2010

Description: metadata.berkeley.edu/digdocbuckland.pdf

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