Texas Documents: What are they good for?

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Problem:
TDOC Collection expands over 45 years and dozens of agencies. Narrowing down collection for scanning project in relation to University programs.

Solution:
Identified key university programs, than identified Texas agencies with documents that supported those programs.

The Unexpected

• Much more difficult to identify Texas documents in catalog than originally anticipated

• Believe there are many more documents that could be added, but aren't readily identifiable in catalog

• First student quit after a week to concentrate on her studies

• Matching metadata from OPAC with scanned documents required special naming conventions for the scanned items

THE STATE OF TEXAS

Great Opportunity to Partner with Special Collections

• SPCO librarian reviewed all titles for possible transfer to SPCO

• Allowed SPCO staff the chance to fine tune their department's collection development policy

• Digital Creation and SPCO staff forged good working relationships

Problem:
Our student budget is very small.

Solution:
We offered other staff a chance to learn to scan and work on this project.

Select Documents

Scan Documents

Upload Documents

Problem:
Our current print collection of Texas documents has very little exposure.

Solution:
By digitizing our collection, we expose our content to a broader audience. Four documents uploaded last year already have 560 views.

What Does the Future Hold?

• Approximately 15,000 additional titles to be scanned if money/time permits

• Project could expand to a partnership arrangement with other Texas libraries

• Libraries would volunteer to pick a state agency and scan that agency's legacy documents

• Possible opportunity to work more closely with TSLAC and other Texas state agencies