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**CHALLENGES**

- Increasing number of digital collections on East Asia
- High research value but limited visibility

**METHOD**

- Identify 63 university libraries that hold East Asian collections
- Browse
  - Webpages of University Libraries
  - University Digital Repositories
  - Webpages of East Asian Libraries/Collections
  - Resource/Subject Guides

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

Digital collections that are
- East Asia-Focused
- Held by Academic Libraries in North America
- Open Access

**FINDINGS**

164 collections were discovered

**EXAMPLES**

Indicators of good Interface design:
- Layout and Organization
- Wordings and Consistency
- Generalizations and Specifics
- Search/Browse Functions
- Image Quality

Many libraries adopt **Contentdm**, a main software application developed by OCLC, to create digital exhibits.

Most common **Metadata Schemes** include Dublin Core, MODS, and VRA. For example, Dublin Core contains 15 elements: contributor, coverage, rights, source, language, publisher, relation, rights, source, subject, title, and type.

**COLLECTION LIST**

- **Usage Statistics**: Based on their data, users can create their own report.

**OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS**

- How to keep ourselves updated with newly available digital collections?
- How to enhance the visibility and accessibility of these collections?
- How to integrate digital collections into curriculum?
- How to deal with legal issues associated with access, copying, and dissemination of digital materials?