Survey of Digital Collections on East Asia in North American Academic Libraries

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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

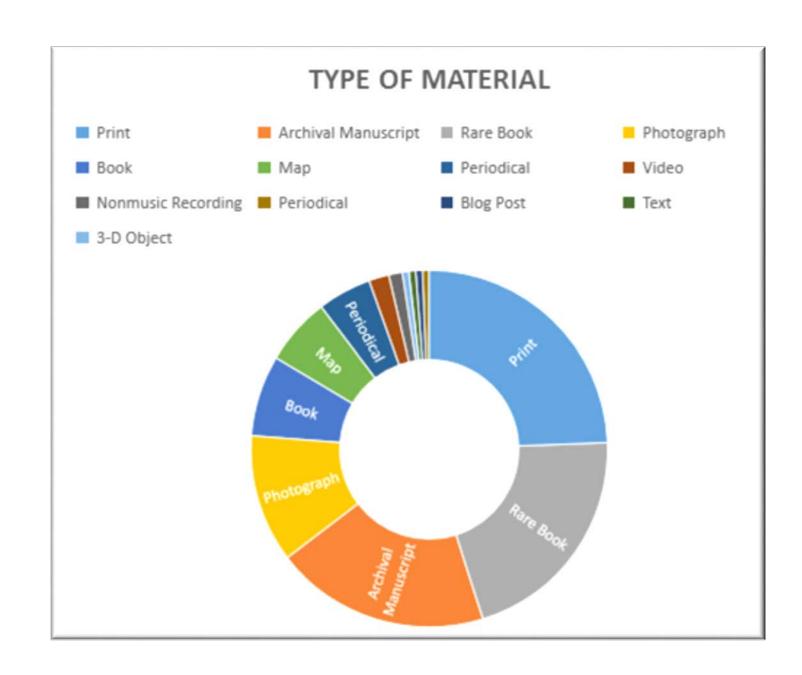
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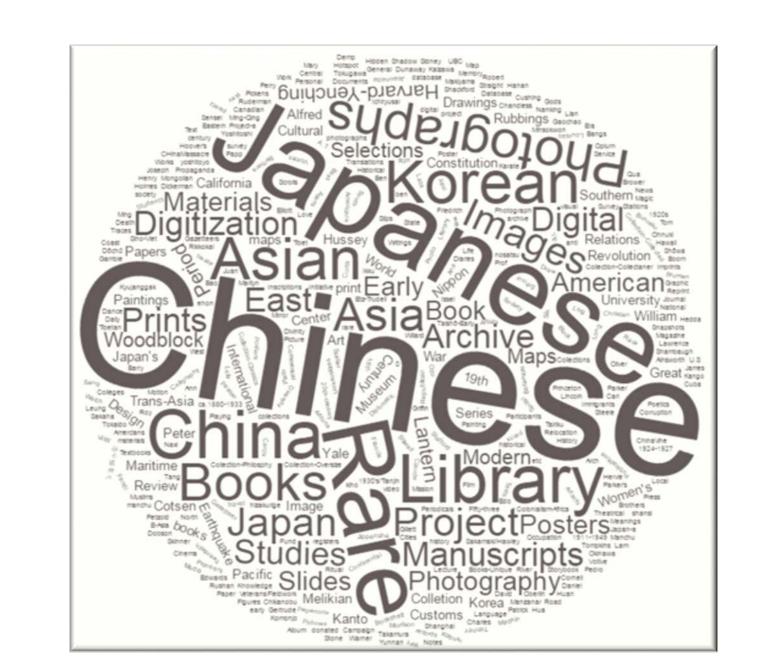
Digital collections that are

- East Asia-Focused
- Held by Academic Libraries in North America
- Open Access

FINDINGS

164 collections were discovered





Upper right: a data cloud showing the frequency of words used in collection titles.

Left: a map showing the number of collections digitized by universities.



UC Berkeley

Washington

Chicago

Cornell Florida

Hawaii

Lafayette

Michigan Oberlin Oregon

Princeton

Washington Washington

Hawaii

EXAMPLES



Many libraries adopt Contentdm, a

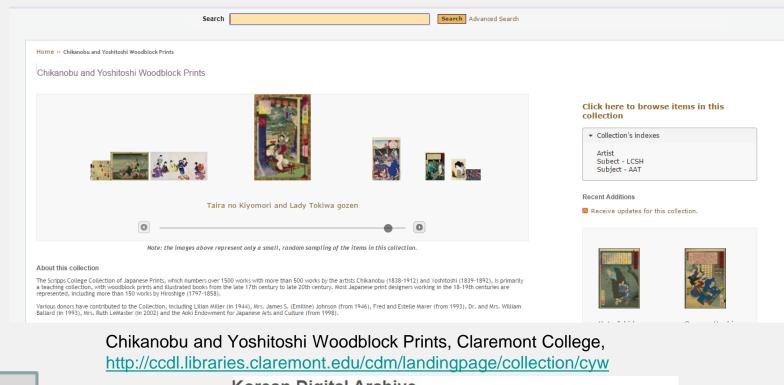
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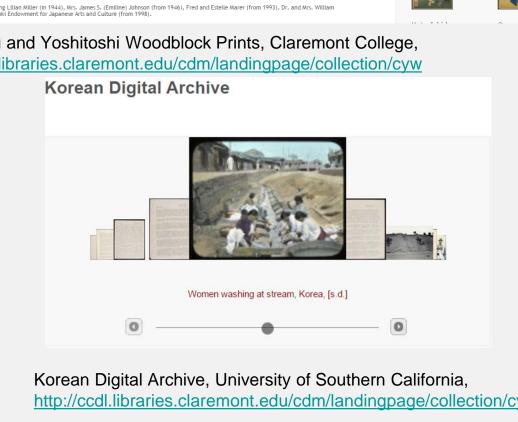
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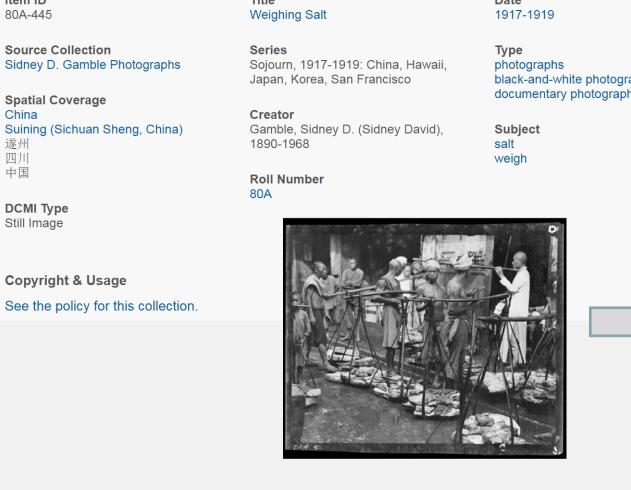
Indicators of good Interface design: Layout and Organization

- Wording and Consistency
- Generalizations and Specifics Search/Browse Functions
- Image Quality





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



Sidney D. Gamble Photographs, Duke University,

Some collections include **Usage** Statistics. Based on their data, users can create their own report.



Japanese Canadian Photograph Collection, University of British Columbia, https://open.library.ubc.ca/collections/jphotos

COLLECTION LIST

	Area	Collection Title	University	Area	Collection Title
		A.T. "Arch" Steele Photographs	ASU		Chinese Pape
		Hidden Meanings of Love and Death in Chinese Painting;			Saksaha: A Jo
		Selections from the Marilyn and Roy Papp Collection	ASU		Pioneers of C
		Images from the Jeannette Shambaugh Elliott Collection of			Ming Gazettee
		Calligraphy	ASU		ChinaVine
		Snapshots of Yunnan China by Lola Dunaway 1988-1989	ASU		Modern China
		Chinese Paper Gods	Columbia		Block Prints o
		Ling Long Women's Magazine	Columbia		Chinese Mate
		Tibetan Mirror	Columbia		East Asian Di
		Chinese Law Registers	Columbia		Shadow Figur
		Sino-Viet Ritual Texts	Dartmouth		The China Bo
		Papers of Charles Daniel Tenney	Dartmouth		Francis E. Sta
		Sidney D. Gamble Photographs	Duke		UBC Asian Lil
		Friedrich Carl Peetz Photographs	Duke		
		the Memory Project	Duke		Yip Sang Coll
		The Chinese Rubbings Collection	Harvard	China	Chinese Stone
		Ming-Qing Women's Writings	Harvard		Ann Tompkins
		Hedda Morrison Photographs of China	Harvard	O	Poster Collect
		Naxi Manuscripts	Harvard		Tom Leung C
		Edwards Bangs Drew Chinese Maritime Customs Service	11		Chinese Cultu
		Photographs The Draw of the Pinkers of College Control of Chicagon	Harvard		International N
		The Rev. Claude L. Pickens, Jr. Collection on Muslims in China	Harvard		Robert Henry
	China	South Central China and Tibet: Hotspot of Diversity	Harvard		China in the 1
		Bao Juan Collection Chinaga Maritima Customa	Harvard Harvard		Holmes Welch
		Chinese Maritime Customs Chinese Para Packa Unique Manuscrita etc.	Harvard		William Hervie
		Chinese Rare Books-Unique, Manuscrits, etc. Chinese Rare Books Collection-Classics & History	Harvard		West River In:
		Chinese Rare Books Collection-Collectanea	Harvard		China Christia
		Chinese Rare Books Collection-Collected Works	Harvard		Chinese Rare
		Chinese Rare Books Collection-Oversize	Harvard		Yale Silk Road
		Chinese Rare Books Collection-Philosophy	Harvard		Divinity Librar
		Chinese Rare Local Gazetteers	Harvard		Nanking Mass
		Chinese Republican Period (1911-1949) Collection	Harvard		Peter Parker's
		Gaochao Ben Digitization Project	Harvard		Peter Parker I
		Lecture Notes	Harvard		Japanese Prir
		Manchu Rare Books	Harvard		Traces of Jap
		Mongolian Rare books	Harvard		The Great Ka
		Personal Collection of Prof. Patrick Hanan	Harvard		Perry in Japar
		Qi Brothers Collection	Harvard		Ichiryusai Yos
		Qi Rushan Collection	Harvard		Sensei dempo
		XXth Century, Shanghai, 1941-1945	Hawaii	a l	American Occ
		Shackford Collection of Photographs of China	Hawaii	Japan	Chikanobu an
		Lian Huan Hua - Picture Storybook	Hawaii	_	Barbara Curtis
			Johns		Japanese Wo
		Chinese Social Media and the anti Corruption Campaign (2012-)	Hopkins		Books from E
					Japanese Wo
			Washington		the Early Mod
			Georgetown		THE LATTY WILL

Area	Collection Little	University
	Chinese Papercuts	Michigan
	Saksaha: A Journal of Manchu Studies	Michigan
	Pioneers of Chinese Dance	Michigan
	Ming Gazetteer Images	Minnesota
	ChinaVine	Oregon
	Modern China Studies	Pittsburgh
	Block Prints of the Chinese Revolution	Princeton
	Chinese Materials in the Cotsen Collection	Princeton
	East Asian Digital Library of Princeton University	Princeton
	Shadow Figures Database	Princeton
	The China Boom Project-a video archive	Rutgers
	Francis E. Stafford photographs, 1909-1933	Stanford
	UBC Asian Library Rare Book Collection	UBC
	Yip Sang Collection	UBC
	Chinese Stone Rubbings	UC Berkeley
China	Ann Tompkins (Tang Fandi) and Lincoln Cushing Chinese	
- 당	Poster Collection	UC Berkeley
	Tom Leung Collection	UCLA
	Chinese Cultural Revolution Posters	UCSD
	International Mission Photography Archive	USC
	Robert Henry Chandless Photographs of China, 1898-1908	Washington
	China in the 1930's/Tianjin Collection	Wisconsin
	Holmes Welch Collection	Wisconsin
	William Hervie Dobson Collection	Wisconsin
	West River Inscriptions	WUSTL
	China Christian Colleges and Universities Image database	Yale
	Chinese Rare Books at Yale	Yale
	Yale Silk Road	Yale
	Divinity Library Photographs	Yale
	Nanking Massacre project	Yale
	Peter Parker's Lam Qua Paintings Collection	Yale
	Peter Parker Papers	Yale
	Japanese Prints from the Arizona State University Art Museum	ASU
	Traces of Japanese Life: Selections from the Melikian Collection	ASU
	The Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923	Brown
	Perry in Japan-a visual history	Brown
	Ichiryusai Yoshitoyo, Mashin teate kiho no ben, Makiyama	
_ ا	Sensei dempo 1800s	Chicago
Japan	American Occupation of Japan, Voices of the Key Participants	Claremont
ا م	Chikanobu and Yoshitoshi Woodblock prints	Claremont
	Barbara Curtis Adachi Bunraku Collection	Columbia
	Japanese Woodblock print Materials: Theatrical Prints and	
	Books from Early Modern Japan	Cornell
	Japanese Woodblock print Materials: Knowledge of the World in	
	the Early Modern Period	Cornell
	Press Translations, Japan, 1945-46	Dartmouth

а	Collection Title	University		Area	Collection Title
	Jippensha, Ikku. Dōchū hizakurige. 道中膝栗毛. Selections.	Dartmouth			Asami Library of Korean Manuscripts and Imprints
	Early Photography of Japan	Harvard		, g	North Korean Propaganda posters
	Petzold Scrolls Collection	Harvard		Korea	Korean Periodicals
	Japanese Art and Design Digitization Project	Harvard		Ž	Korean Digital Archive
	Kaizawa Kabuki Manuscripts	Hawaii			Korean Literary Collection
	Hawaii Karate Museum Collection	Hawaii] 		Asian Cities - Late 19th - and Early 20th-Century
	Sakamaki/Hawley Collection	Hawaii			Maps
	Oliver Statler Collection	Hawaii			Twentieth Century Posters
	The Great Kanto Earthquake	Hawaii			Cornell East Asian Series
	Images of Okinawa after World War II	Hawaii			Asian Studies collections
	Japanese Commercial Graphic Design 1920s	Hawaii			
	Magic Lantern Slides Collection from Japan	Hawaii			Botanical and Cultural Images of Eastern Asia 1907- 1927
	David Plath Japanese Fieldwork Collection	Iowa			Etz-Trudell Lantern Slides of Asia
	Alfred Hussey Collection: Japan's Constitution Photo Album	Michigan			Images of Colonialism-Africa and Asia
	Alfred Hussey Collection: Japan's Constitution Slides	Michigan			Asia at Work
	Brower Fund Collection: Playing Cards	Michigan	1		Opium War in Asia
	Center for Japanese Studies Publications	Michigan			East Asia Image Collection
	Center for Japanese Studies: Motion Pictures Reprint Series	Michigan			Trans-Asia Photography Review
	Japanese Film Materials	Michigan	1	æ	Trans-Asia Photography Review Images
	Ozu and the Poetics of Cinema	Michigan	1	Asia	Shansi: Oberlin and Asia
	Japanese Amercians in Manzanar, 1942-1945	Minnesota		ast ⁄	E-Asia Digital Library
	Mary A. Ainsworth Collection of Japanese Artists' books	Oberlin	1	Вä	East Asian Library Digital Bookshelf
	The Gertrude Bass Warner Collection of Japanese Votive Slips				Japanese and Chinese Prints and Drawings donated
	(nosatsu) 1850 to 1930	Oregon			by Gillett G. Griffin
	Fifty-three Stations of the Tokaido	Princeton	1		Diaries of General Joseph W. Stilwell, 1900–46
	Japanese Prints and Drawings in the Cotsen Collection	Princeton			Barry Lawrence Ruderman Collection
	Japanese ehon	Princeton	1		Hoover's Posters Collection
	Japanese Rare Materials Related to Travel	Stanford			
	Japanese Canadian Photograph Collection	UBC			The Survey of Race Relations, 1924-1927: a survey on Asian Americans on the Pacific Coast
	Japanese Maps of the Tokugawa Era	UBC			East Asian Maps in the Bruman Collection
	Tairiku Nippon (Continental Daily News)	UBC			Pedro Loureiro Collection
	Japanese Historical Maps				Pacific Rim Archive
		UC Berkeley			
	Takamura (Kango) Paintings	UCLA			Asian maps
	Japanese Issei Students	USC			G. William Skinner Map Collection
	Edo Period Manuscripts	USC	┨		International Collections
	Posters of Taishō-Early Shōwa Japan	USC			Chinese Immigrants in Cuba: Documents from the
	Japanese Text Initiative	Virginia			James and Ana Melikian Collection
_		Pittsburg Wisconsin		American	Japanese Language School Textbooks Collection
	Ainu Komonjo (18th & 19th century records) - Ohnuki Collection				Japanese American Veterans Collection
	Willard Dickerman Straight and Early U.S Korea Diplomatic				Lantern Slides of the Nippon Rikkokai
	Relations	Cornell			Chinese historical society of Southern California
	Kyujanggak - Harvard-Yenching Library Korean Rare Book			Asian	Collection, ca.1880-1933
	Digitization Project	Harvard		Ä	Korean American Digital Archive
	Minsokwon - Harvard-Yenching Library Korean Rare Book	l low-sad			Japanese American Relocation digital Archive, 1941-1945
	Digitization Project	Harvard			
	National Library of Korea - Harvard-Yenching Library Korean Pare Rock Digitization Project	Harvard	L		China Society of Southern California Collection
	Rare Book Digitization Project	ilaivaiu			

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?