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

FINDINGS
- 164 collections were discovered

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

COLLECTION LIST

EXAMPLES
- Indicators of good Interface design:
  - Layout and Organization
  - Word 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, creator, date, description, format, identifier, language, publisher, relation, rights, source, subject, title, and type.

- Some collections include 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?