WHAT IS DIGITAL LIBRARIANSHIP?
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Introduction
Many academic libraries maintain significant digital collections of resources, which consist of digitized and/or born digital materials and are considered a part of the academic library’s holdings. Despite the increasing prevalence of digital collections, the tasks of librarians working with these collections remain elusive. Digital librarianship, particularly in the context of an academic institution, encompasses a vast array of roles and responsibilities. Ultimately, the question of what digital librarians do remains unclear for both the general public and MSIS students. This uncertainty creates a disconnect between the libraries themselves and the communities that they serve.

Project
Goals
★ Create an interview series exploring the daily tasks and challenges faced by professionals working with digital collections at TDL-affiliated institutions
★ Highlight members of the BIPOC community and other marginalized communities

Deliverables
★ Seven edited interviews with digital library professionals published in TDL’s repository
★ Transcripts, captions, and metadata published to TDL DSpace repository

Takeaways
★ Digital library work is incredibly varied!
★ Digital library work is constantly changing
★ People are excited about the possibilities of digital libraries

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