Missouri Library Association  
2017 Conference  
October 5, 2017

Felicity Dykas  
University of Missouri  
dykasf@missouri.edu

Tammie Busch  
Missouri State Library  
Tammie.Busch@sos.mo.gov

Introduction:

• While much of our work is focused on digitization projects, Digital Services at MU Libraries has become agile in meeting the immediate needs of our users. The three digital projects presented here highlight the variety of ways opportunities arise to create access to and preserve resources for researchers and the general public. Each has given Digital Services an opportunity to bridge a gap with digital resources.

Projects:

• Paisa Akhbar: http://dl.mospacenumber.umsystem.edu/mu/islandora/object/mu:335777
• Books of Hours: http://dl.mospacenumber.umsystem.edu/mu/islandora/object/mu:417928
• University of Missouri Songs: https://hdl.handle.net/10355/61076

Lessons Learned:

• There really is not a bad candidate for digitization. As seen with the Paisa Akhbar, even resources with some missing text can be valuable to a researcher. The Book of Hours project allowed us to contribute a digital resource researchers indicated was needed. The University of Missouri Songs project reminded us just how quickly some resources can be taken from print to digital with a small amount of effort while yielding a large impact on the digital resource world.
• It pays to build in time for spur-of-the-moment and special requests. In doing so, we’ve built positive relationships with our stakeholders and colleagues, built a reputation for being responsive to user needs, and are providing access to unique materials.

Poster: https://hdl.handle.net/10355/61713