Digital Archives: Where is the community in History?
IKEA Job Interview

http://www.canarypete.be/
3 archive presentations
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Case Study 3

The September 11 Digital Archive uses electronic media to collect, preserve, and present the history of September 11, 2001 and its aftermath. The Archive contains more than 150,000 digital items, a tally that includes more than 40,000 emails and other electronic communications, more than 40,000 first-hand stories, and more than 15,000 digital images. In September 2003, the Library of Congress accepted the Archive into its collections, an event that both ensured the Archive’s long-term preservation and marked the library’s first major digital acquisition.

**Browse:** Explore the collection for stories, images, emails, documents, sounds, and videos of September 11

**Research:** Search, sort, and examine the entire collection

**Contribute:** Tell your story, add your email, and upload images, documents, and other digital files to the Archive

This is a beta version of a new design for the September 11 Digital Archive.

[Click here](http://911digitalarchive.org/) to view the previous version of the website.
Analysis Aspect motives
Functions of Records

primary documentation
record keeper intention

secondary further purpose
source of cultural-historical research
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preservation
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interactivity
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barriers
“...doing history involves telling a story, making an argument, identifying a theme or concern, coming to a conclusion. It’s not enough to endlessly celebrate the open-endedness of process, the multiplicity of sources, and the unlimited questions and answers these can support.”

(Cohen et al., 2008, fifth comment by Frisch, para 3)
visitors to a site do not come merely to receive information but to navigate the resources and to produce their own stories
Thank you!

Sources


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