The New York Art Resources Consortium (NYARC) consists of the research libraries of the Brooklyn Museum, the Frick Collection, and The Museum of Modern Art. NYARC was formed in 2006 to promote enhanced resources to research communities via collaboration.

As part of a two-year web archiving implementation program, the consortium launched the NYARC Discovery interface in 2016. The core objective of NYARC Discovery was to unite NYARC’s web archive collections with additional scholarly resources—such as books, periodicals, photoarchive images, journals, e-books, and auction catalogs—into a single search interface.

NYARC reviewed several discovery layer interface proofs-of-concept, with the requirement of full integration of NYARC’s 10 Archive-It collections into the search result set. NYARC’s Discovery Working Group and institutional staff reviewed the proof-of-concepts and selected the Primo product from Ex Libris for implementation. Users now discover full-text search results from NYARC’s Archive-It collections with the same ease as identifying a monograph title in NYARC’s collections.

Devlopment work undertaken by NYARC and Ex Libris resulted in the integration of NYARC’s Archive-It collections in the NYARC Discovery Primo interface through use of the available OpenSearch API. Results are currently limited to NYARC’s 10 collections, but additional Archive-It partner collections may be easily integrated. The default search setting in the interface is to include the web archive full-text search results, although users may click a box to remove the web archive results.

NYARC integrated the Memento API with the NYARC Discovery interface in March 2017. When users search via keyword, they now have the option to “view all captures” in addition to NYARC’s capture of a website in Archive-It. When the user clicks on the “view all captures” link they are directed to the Memento Time Travel interface and can view all available captures of the archived resource from 25 web archives and version control systems.

OpenSearch API integration details on GitHub: https://github.com/technelily/archiveit-in-primo

NYARC Discovery offers a hybrid approach in promoting access to our Archive-It collections, in that users may access our archived web resources in two ways:

1) Via MARC records for the live and archived seed URL (also made available via WorldCat)

2) Via the full-text search results achieved with the OpenSearch API integration

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

• Usability testing of NYARC Discovery interface (2017-2018)
• Promote use of web archive collections with institutional staff, researchers, and for data analysis with special projects
• Investigate researcher use of NYARC WARCs in digital art history scholarship

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