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The Million Book Project Today

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Dr. Gloriana St. Clair, Dean of University Libraries at Carnegie Mellon University, will discuss the Million Book Digital Library Project, an international library project that strives to create a free-to-read, searchable collection of one million books, available to everyone over the Internet. Dr. St. Clair’s presentation will focus on the development and growth of the project, and highlight opportunities and challenges in collaboration, content, and sustainability.

The Million Book Project has received funding from the National Science Foundation to support scanning and indexing. Project partners include government and academic institutions in India and China, academic libraries in the United States, and OCLC.

Dr. St. Clair has received many honors throughout her professional career. She edited academic librarianship’s flagship journal, College & Research Libraries, from 1990 to 1996, and was the managing editor of the Journal of Academic Librarianship. When Elsevier bought that journal, St. Clair and many board members founded a new journal called portal: Libraries and the Academy, which is published electronically. Dr. St. Clair has led or participated in various leadership activities in the field of library science and was the chair of the American Library Association’s Library Research Roundtable and the chair of the Association for College & Research Libraries Excellence Award.

Background information:

The Million Book Project:
http://www.library.cmu.edu/Libraries/LibProj.html#CollProj

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