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CASE STUDY

Providing a Digital Archive Solution for Historic State University

FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY SELECTS CUSTOMISABLE SOUTRON TO HOUSE THEIR DIGITAL COLLECTION ARCHIVE

Frostburg State University (FSU) is a public university in Frostburg, Maryland. The university is the only four-year institution of the University System of Maryland west of the Baltimore-Washington passageway in the state's Appalachian highland.

From its inaugural class of 57 students in 1902, Frostburg State University has grown to a present-day enrolment of more than 5,600 students, continuing its pursuit of excellence, providing a quality education that leads to real-world success.

CHALLENGE

With no way to display their collection of digitised photos, the library at FSU embarked on a digital collection project to source a software solution that would provide a way for the public to view the collection.

Liza Zakharova, Special Collections Librarian / Archivist, undertook the task of evaluating digital collection archive systems.

Over the course of a year, she looked at ContentDM, Preservica, and other solutions including Soutron.

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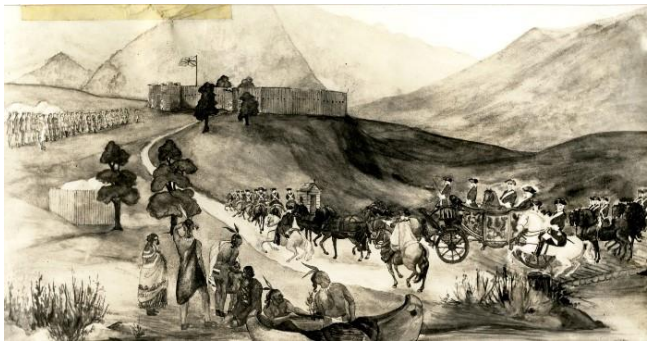
> Special Collections Librarian / Archivist

SOLUTION

Soutron stood out thanks to its customisation capabilities.

"I liked that I could create a customised digital collections portal," states Liza. "Other products that I looked at didn't offer the full customisation that Soutron does."

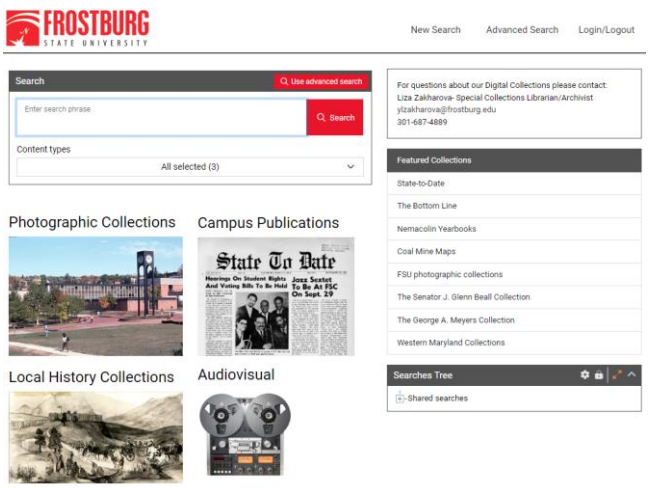


With the Soutron integrated search portal, Frostburg has complete control over how their digital collection is displayed and accessed, enabling the university to improve user experience when searching their digital collections, thus enhancing library services.

RESULTS

After initial implementation, future plans are to build up the digital collection, including adding thousands of digitised photos, AV materials, campus publications, in addition to local historical artifacts the library owns.

The initial collection features an impressive collection of digitised underground coal mine maps from the local Appalachian highlands that can be searched and publicly accessed.



The Soutron powered, Frostburg University digital collection Search Portal can be accessed here: www.soutron.com/frostburg

To find out more about Frostburg State University, visit their website for details: www.frostburg.edu

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