Intrigues and perseverance in digitization

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Introduction

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- Outcome
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- Brief history of digitisation in the University of Jos
- Where we are
- Where is our future?
- Conlusion

Objective

- To present:
- the state of digitisation in the University of Jos Library from a historical perspective, and
- the future

Outcome

- At the end of this presentation, participants are expected to:
  - Understand the process of digitisation
  - Take definite steps towards digitising content in their areas of interest
  - Harvest digitised content from other institutions inorder to build up content for the University of Jos Library

Brief history of digitisation

History *(cont'd)*

- Adventure into computerisation by late University Librarian – Mr. B. U. Nwafor in the mid-80s

- Acquisition of The Information Navigator for Libraries (TINLIB) in the early 1990s to process books acquired through the facility of the World Bank for Nigerian universities

- Experimentation with CDIS/ISIS

- Design and creation of University and Library web page in the late 1990s

History *(cont'd)*

- Digitisation of catalogue of Documents and Special Collections in early 2000

- Arrival of egranary Digital Library, c2000

- Acquisition of Bibliofile, later Bibliofile Integrated Technical Services (ITS) for Windows in 2001

- Installation of solar – inverter back up system for the library in 2001
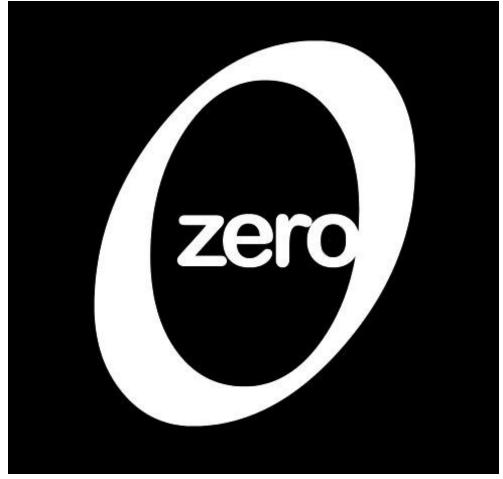
History *(cont'd)*

- Intervention of Carnegie Corporation of New York, 2003

  - Retrospective conversion of catalogue

  - Library Management System (virtua)

  - Training of library staff on digitisation, 2004 – 2010

- Creation of Nigeria's 1st Institutional Repository, 2009

Where we are

- Ground zero?

Currency

- New Library Management software: Koha
- Re-population of library website
- Development of interactive social media:
  - Blog
  - List serve

Challenges

- Library – ICT relationships
  - The politics of server location
  - The politics of server and website administration
  - The politics of library staff with Computer Science qualifications working in the library
    - Including their appraisal

Our future?

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Our future?

- Fully digitised!
- Do we need a time-line

Conclusion

- We have put our hands on the plough

Thank you!