

LIBRA

**An Unmediated, Self-Deposit,
Institutional Repository at the
University of Virginia**

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OPEN ACCESS AT UVA

In February 2010, the University of Virginia Faculty Senate passed an Open Access resolution.

THE RESOLUTION

All faculty encouraged to “reserve a nonexclusive, irrevocable, non-commercial, global license to exercise any and all rights under copyright relating to each of her or his scholarly articles in any medium, and to authorize others to do the same.”

PARALLEL PROBLEM

NSF requirements for preservation and access of data used in or resulting from researchers' grant-funded projects.

PARALLEL PROBLEM

**Discovery, access, and
preservation of our students'
electronic theses and
dissertations.**

COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

Given institutional commitment to these University-wide problems, resources were allocated from both the University Library and Information Technology & Communication.

COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

UVa was already committed to the Hydra Project, and to assist in the development of an end-to-end, flexible, extensible, workflow-driven Fedora application kit.

COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

**The solution to our problems
clearly required such an
application toolkit...**

COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

...good thing the Hydra Project
had something in
development:

HYDRANGEA

HYDRANGEA

- **IS NOT** a turnkey institutional repository solution.
- **IS** a framework for depositing, managing, searching, browsing, and delivering digital content such as:
 - Articles and other published texts
 - Electronic Theses & Dissertations
 - Scientific Datasets

OPERATING PRINCIPLES

**Our institutional solution should
be:**

UNMEDIATED

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Our institutional solution should provide:

**SUSTAINABLE
ACCESSIBILITY to
MATERIALS**

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Our institutional solution should enable:

**COLLECTION OF
DEPOSITOR-DESIGNATED
METADATA**

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Our institutional solution should manage:

**DEPOSITOR-DESIGNATED
PERMISSIONS**

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Our institutional solution should enable:

**ACCESS & DISCOVERY
of UVa SCHOLARSHIP**

COLLABORATION IS KEY

We worked with multiple internal stakeholders to gather requirements and user stories.

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We work with our Hydra Partners to move the common code base forward while also developing an application from our own branch.

THE RESULT: LIBRA

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Agony, Ecstasy, and the Mulekeeper's Wife: a Reading of Heptameron 2

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The second story of Marguerite de Navarre's Heptaméron, the tale of a mulekeeper's wife who is raped and murdered by her husband's servant, incorporates many elements of Marguerite's mystical poetry. Precise details of the woman's 'agony' and death echo the mystic's gradual sublimation of the body as she progresses toward ecstatic union with Christ. Passages in Les Prisons describe the death of Louise de Savoie, Marguerite's mother, as a mystical ecstasy. In Le Miroir de Jhesus Christ crucifié, Marguerite depicts her own approach to ecstatic union with similar language. Those two works, composed around the same time as the Heptaméron, invite us to see the humble mulekeeper's wife in a sort of mystical sorority with those two royal women. In her portrait of the dying woman, Marguerite offers a mediated self-portrait. She thereby obeys the lesson that Oisille, the narrator, gives at the end of story two: "that is why we must humble ourselves, because God's grace is not given to men for their nobility and wealth.... He often elects the lowly in order to confound those women whom the world regards as highborn and honorable."

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ONGOING COLLABORATION

As we develop and release additional functionality in Libra, we continue to work with Hydra Partners to improve the common code.

EVENTUAL RESULT

Everyone wins!