Surveying and Editing the Metadata of Our Marathon

Anna Ryerson
History of the Our Marathon Collection

Stuffed animal from the Boston Marathon memorial at Copley Square

West Roxbury Academy poster collage left at Copley Square Memorial
Initial Survey Process

• Consulted Boston Public Library’s Digital Commonwealth document for MODS Records

• Broke survey up by type of material (sound recording, moving image, text and still images)

• Surveyed one in fifteen records, looking for presence and DC compliance of basic MODS elements and attributes
Names and Subjects in this Collection

Associated Names

<mods:name type="corporate">
  <authority>lcnaf</authority>
  <authorityURI>http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/</authorityURI>
  <valueURI>http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/n86214997</valueURI>
</mods:name>

<mods:namePart>North Carolina, Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources</mods:namePart>

<mods:role>
  <mods:roleTerm authority="marcrelator"
    authorityURI=http://id.loc.gov/vocabulary/relators"
    valueURI="http://id.loc.gov/vocabulary/relators/cre">Creator</mods:roleTerm>
</mods:role>

</mods:name>

<mods:name type="corporate">
  <mods:namePart>Brier Group</mods:namePart>
  <mods:role>
    <mods:roleTerm authority="marcrelator"
      authorityURI="http://id.loc.gov/vocabulary/relators"
      valueURI="http://id.loc.gov/vocabulary/relators/cre">Creator</mods:roleTerm>
  </mods:role>
</mods:name>

Topical Subjects

<mods:subject>
  <mods:topic>Nework</mods:topic>
</mods:subject>

<mods:subject>
  <mods:topic>Nework International Airport</mods:topic>
</mods:subject>

<mods:subject>
  <mods:topic>New Jersey</mods:topic>
</mods:subject>
Other Key Changes Made to Records

- Elements reordered with scripting
- Extra spaces and periods removed
- Timestamps added to the extent fields of videos and sound recordings
- Language elements added to many records
- Language of rights statements updated across the board
- Content statements added to some records
Links:

- Collection materials pictured in this presentation: http://hdl.handle.net/2047/D20262223, http://hdl.handle.net/2047/D20262301
- Our Marathon page in DRS: https://repository.library.northeastern.edu/collections/neu:cj82qm93x
- Our Marathon website: https://marathon.library.northeastern.edu/