HathiTrust and Baylor University

In November 2010, the Baylor University Libraries joined the Library of Congress and a group of more than 50 leading research libraries in partnership with HathiTrust (http://www.hathitrust.org), a collaborative digital archive initiative that will enhance online access to research resources for the Baylor community.

HathiTrust was established in 2008 with the mission to "contribute to the common good by collecting, organizing, preserving, communicating and sharing the record of human knowledge." The original HathiTrust libraries were partners with Google for the digitization of books in their collections. In part, HathiTrust was created so these libraries could work collaboratively to manage, provide access to, and preserve their digital assets in ways that Google could not. The primary goals of HathiTrust are to (http://www.hathitrust.org/mission_goals):
- Build a reliable and increasingly comprehensive digital archive of library materials converted from print that is co-owned and managed by a number of academic institutions.
- Improve, dramatically, access to these materials in ways that, first and foremost, meet the needs of the co-owning institutions – i.e. research institutions.
- Help preserve these records by creating reliable and accessible electronic representations.
- Stimulate efforts to coordinate shared storage strategies among libraries, thus reducing long-term capital and operating costs of libraries associated with the storage and care of print collections.
- Create and sustain this "public good" in a way that mitigates the problem of free-riders.
- Create a technical framework that is both responsive to members through the centralized creation of functionality and sufficiently open to the creation of tools and services not created by the central organization.

Because much of the content from HathiTrust is also available in Google Books (http://books.google.com), it's helpful to be aware of some of the advantages of HathiTrust over Google Books:
- HathiTrust has a more sophisticated search interface, which (similar to BearCat Plus) uses facets in the search results to allow users to find relevant material more quickly.
- Searches can be set to search only the public-domain content ("Full View" search).
- More content will be fully accessible because HathiTrust has received IMLS grants which they are using to identify and open access to those orphan works published in the United States between 1923 and 1963 that are now in the public domain. They have submitted another grant proposal to IMLS to focus on access to "orphaned" international materials in HathiTrust.
- Users can create collections of materials in HathiTrust that can be separately searched. Users from HathiTrust member institutions can save the collections they create. Saved collections can be made publicly available or kept "private".
- Some partner institutions also provide content of locally digitized materials and/or content that may have been part of other digitization initiatives – content that is not included in Google Books.
- When searching for content within a text still under copyright, HathiTrust will display a list of all of the occurrences of those words or phrases in that text. Google Books, because it displays "snippets" is limited (because of copyright issues) in the number that it can display.

Since Baylor is now a full partner in HathiTrust, enhanced access is available for Baylor students, faculty, and staff through their Bear ID and password, using Shibboleth, an Internet2 technology for inter-institutional identification. Although this level of access isn't required to search HathiTrust or view the full text of public domain materials, additional functionality is available to users from partner libraries:
- The complete PDF of items no longer protected by copyright can be downloaded (non-partners can only download a single page at a time); and
- Collections of items in HathiTrust can be created and saved (non-partners can create collections, but they cannot save them).

To login to HathiTrust, do the following:
1. Go to http://www.hathitrust.org.
2. Click on the "**My Collections**" link.
3. Click on the "**Log in**" link.
4. Select "**Baylor University**" from the pull-down list of HathiTrust institutions (if it isn't already selected) and click on the "**Login**" button.
5. Wait to be transferred to a Baylor University authentication display and then provide your Bear ID and password.
6. Click on the "**Home**" link to return to the HathiTrust search screen.

For questions regarding the HathiTrust, contact libraryquestions@baylor.edu.