



Working with the Public in the Digital Era

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“Our commitment to openness means more than simply informing the American people about how decisions are made. It means recognizing that Government does not have all the answers, and that public officials need to draw on what citizens know.”

President Barack Obama

January 21, 2009

Remarks by the President in Welcoming Senior Staff and Cabinet Secretaries to the White House

U.S. Open Government National Action Plan

- 5 of the 10 actions items
are drawn from the
National Archives'
Open Government Plan





Office of Innovation

Open Government

The Innovation Hub

- Collaboration Space at AI
- Numerous projects with staff and public across the agency
- Wikipedian Community Projects

Digital Engagement

- Social Media
- Web & intranet
- Catalog Description Program

Project Management

- Provides project management assistance to all of our major projects

Standards & Authorities

- Agency Business Architecture
- Metadata Standards & Authorities

Digitization

- Governance
- Labs
- Partnerships

Innovate to Make Access Happen

- Open Government Flagship Initiative
- Includes our digitization, description, and online access efforts
- Expand access to and engagement with our holdings
- Lead the archival profession



Social Media

- Social Media
 - Launched in 2009 with one blog
 - Now 165 projects on 15 social media platforms
 - More than 140 millions views in FY2014



Citizen Archivist Initiatives

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All of our records will be online.
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White House Central Files
(Eisenhower Administration), 1953 - 1961

Series:
Alphabetical Files, 1953 - 1961

File Unit:
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Item:
Letter from David Ferriero
to President Eisenhower ,
3/10/1960


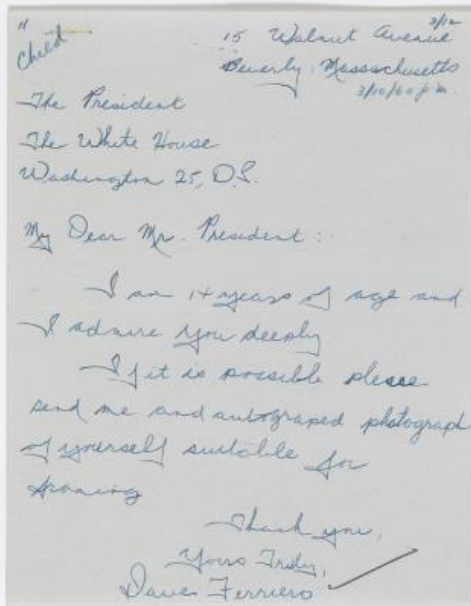
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Letter from David Ferriero to President Eisenhower



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Widow's Pension File of Harriet Tubman Davis

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Pension Applications of
Widows and Other
Dependents of the Army
and Navy Who Served
Mainly in the Civil War and
the War With Spain, 1861 -
1934

File Unit:

Widow's Pension File of
Harriet Tubman Davis

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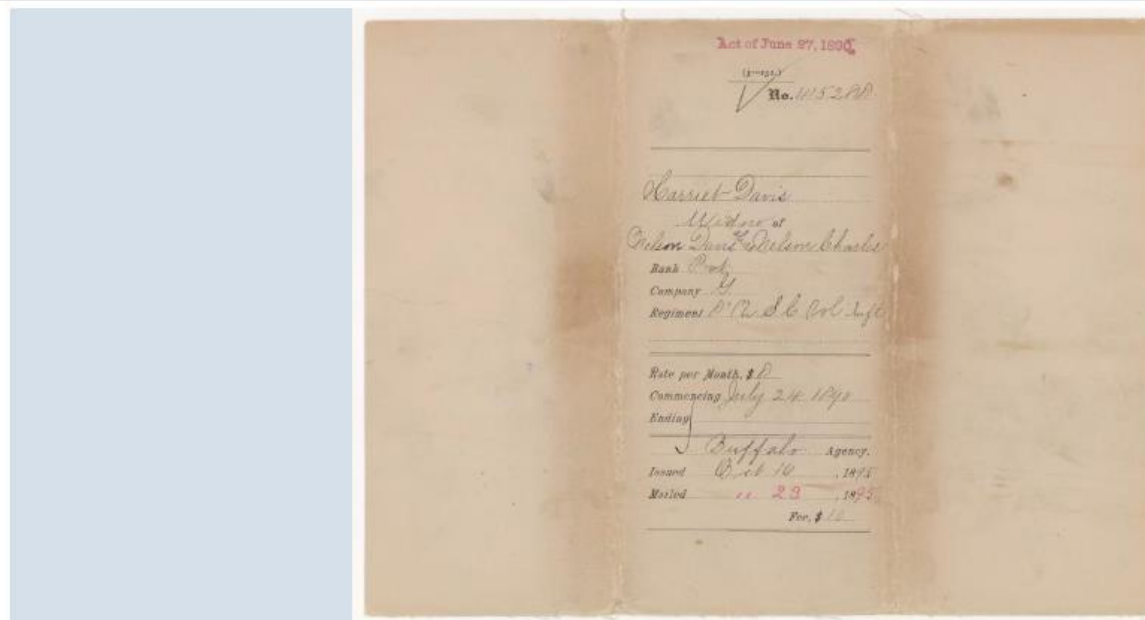
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Quick links: This page is a basic FAQ about NARA's online catalog API. If you would like to dive right in and play around, try the sandbox.

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Using the National Archives Catalog API

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Internal Collaboration Network

- Internal Collaboration Network (ICN)
 - Sharing of NARA institutional knowledge and best practices

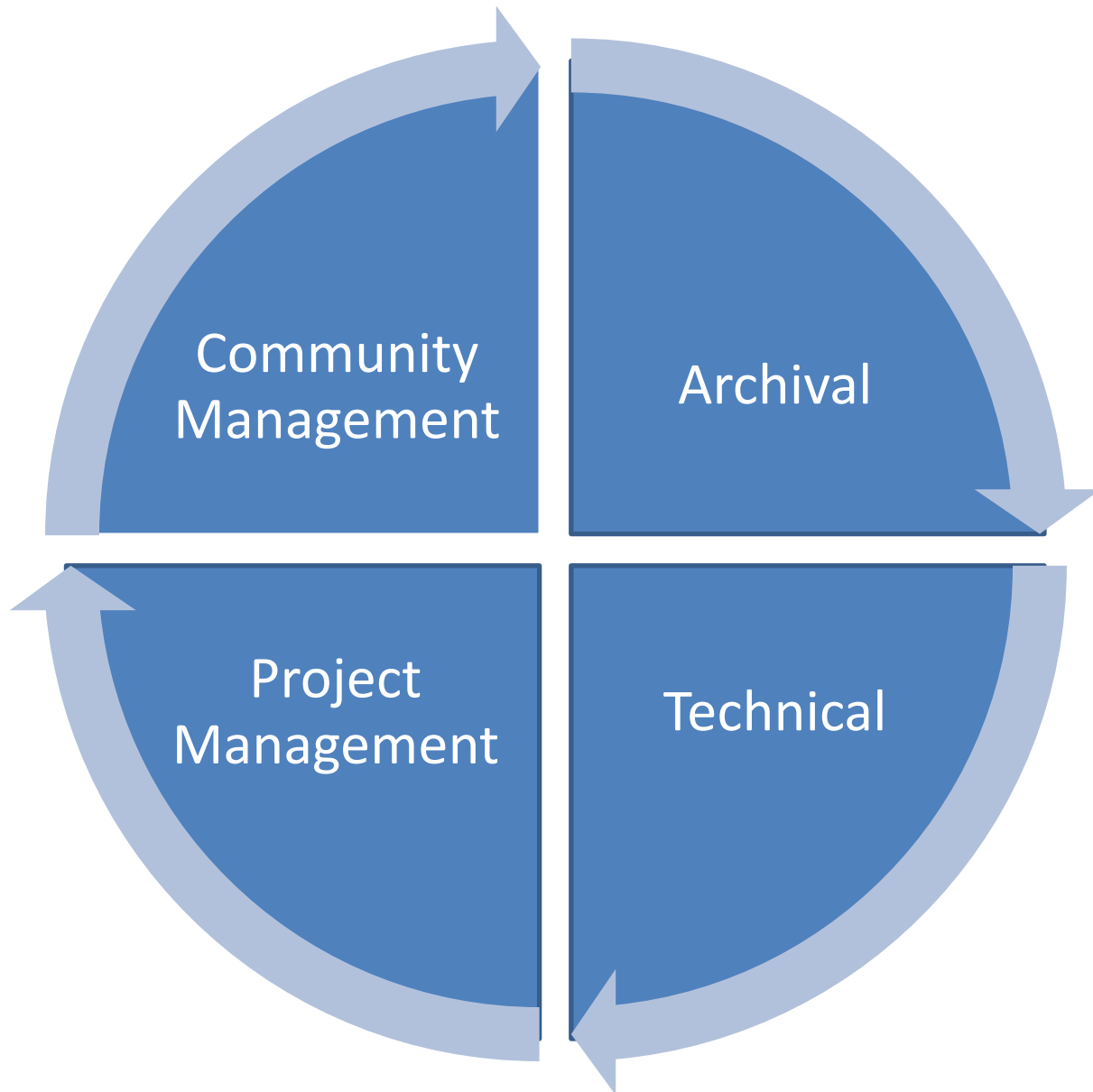
The screenshot displays the user interface of the Internal Collaboration Network (ICN). At the top, the header includes the 'Jive logo' and 'NATIONAL ARCHIVES' on the left, and a user profile for 'Pamela Wright' on the right. The main navigation bar features the text 'COLLABORATE • INNOVATE • LEARN' and a set of tabs: 'Home', 'Content', 'People', 'Places', and 'Create'. A search bar is located on the right side of the header.

Below the header, the interface is divided into a left sidebar and a main content area. The sidebar contains a menu with options: 'Overview', 'Activity', 'Connections Stream', 'Email Watches', 'Innovation', 'Senior Execs', and 'Characters'. The main content area displays a list of activity items, each with a user profile picture, a description of the activity, and a timestamp. The items are as follows:

| Activity | Timestamp |
|--|-------------|
| Jessica Blessman replied to Your job, in the ten hundred most used words | 1 hour ago |
| Paul Wester shared Swarnali, Pam, and Leslie - Latest example of staff not understanding what we are doing and generally having a | 4 hours ago |
| Tamee Fechhelm replied to Call to action: Recollections from NARA Independence | 4 hours ago |
| Kelly Osborn shared Hi, Check out 'Isn't it time to stop writing checks that NARA cannot cash?' in Internal Collaboration Network. | 4 hours ago |
| Krista Donnelly marked Stuart Culy's answer correct Thumb Drives - Yes or No? | 1 day ago |

From Gate Keepers to Gardeners





@ThisisArchives Twitter Project



This is Archives @ThisisArchives · Jun 8

Sampling of formats we receive in the Lab... there's quite a variety! Do u recognize any? #avpreservation pic.twitter.com/jynVK7itZR

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Bill Buckley @buckleyw · Jun 8

@USNatArchives @thisisarchives Microfilm/Microfiche in the square gray container back-center, vinyl record (45?) to the right of it.



This is Archives @ThisisArchives · Jun 9

@buckleyw @dictabelt and



Sean R @Devoidoid · 5h

@USNatArchives @thisisarchives @AVPreserve Do I spy an EIAJ-1 videotape reel? I have a box of those...



This is Archives @ThisisArchives · 4h

@Devoidoid @USNatArchives @AVPreserve Yes, occasionally we work with those. Half-inch video can be very tricky! #obsoleteformats



Helen Kim @hlnkim · Jun 8

@USNatArchives @ThisisArchives I think I see a 3/4 u-matic tape or two!



Oregon History @oregon_history · Jun 8

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WJ Holt @TeacherManBill · Jun 8

@USNatArchives @ThisisArchives All of them!



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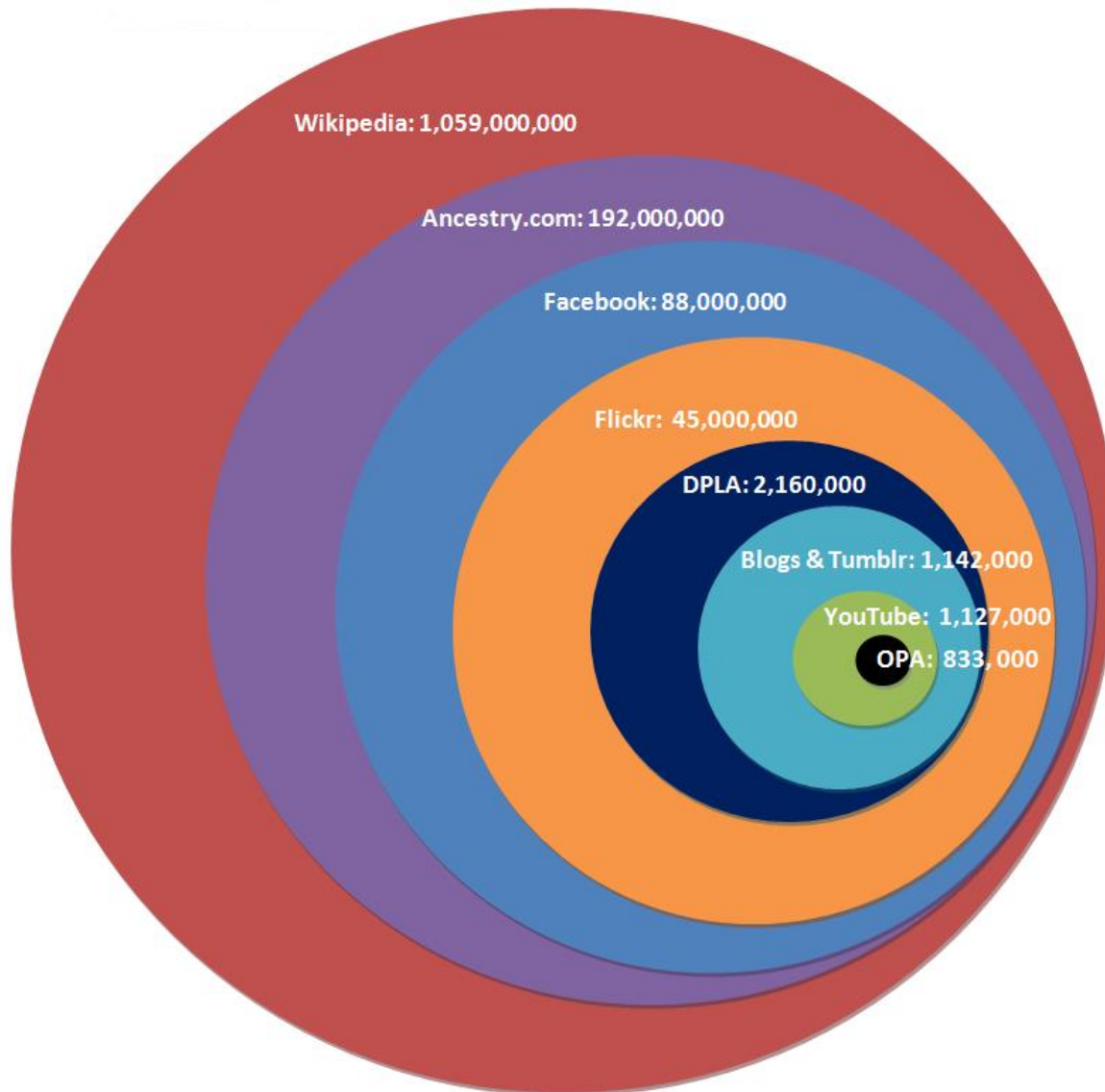
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Our Big, Hairy, Audacious Goal

- Digitize everything!
 - Currently 1.22% of our holdings are digitized
 - Increasing demand for online access
 - New opportunity for partnerships and collaboration



FY2014 Views



Innovation Hub



Citizen Scanning



Thank You!

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