Recent Updates and A Few Peeks Ahead

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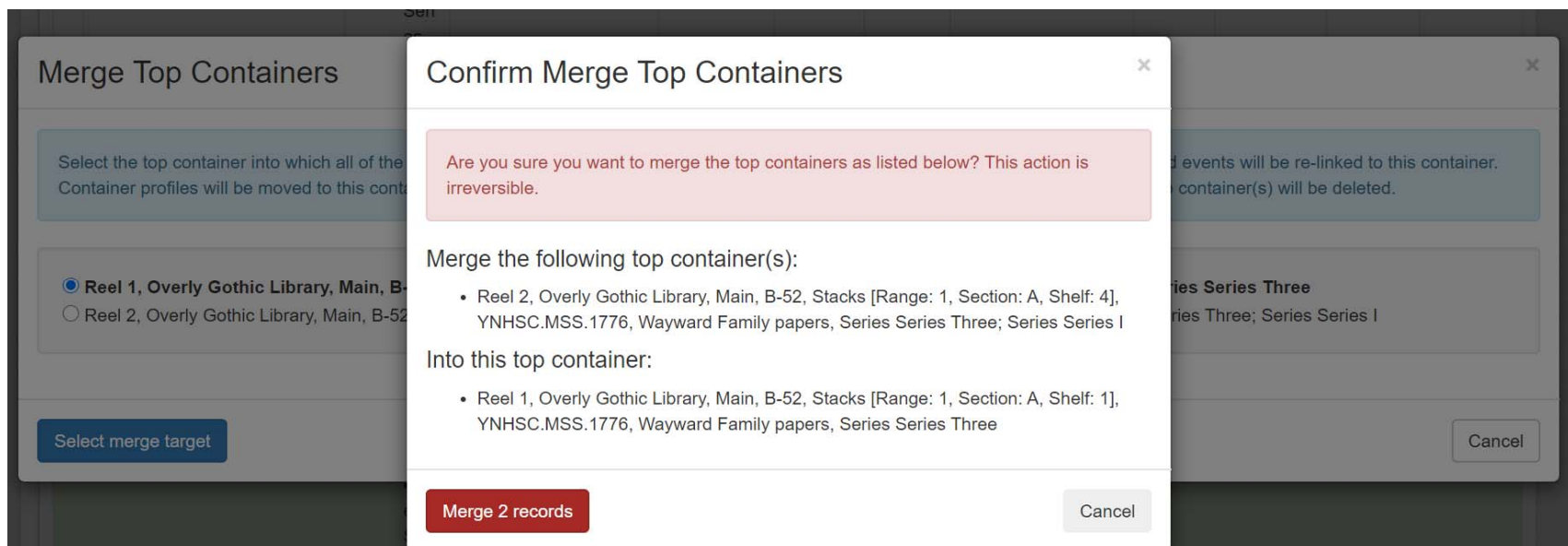## for 6th Annual Member Forum, August 2020

Say hello to 2.8.0

- First release shepherded by our current development team of Lora Woodford and Mark Cooper

- Features code from 18 different community developers, contractors, and ArchivesSpace team members
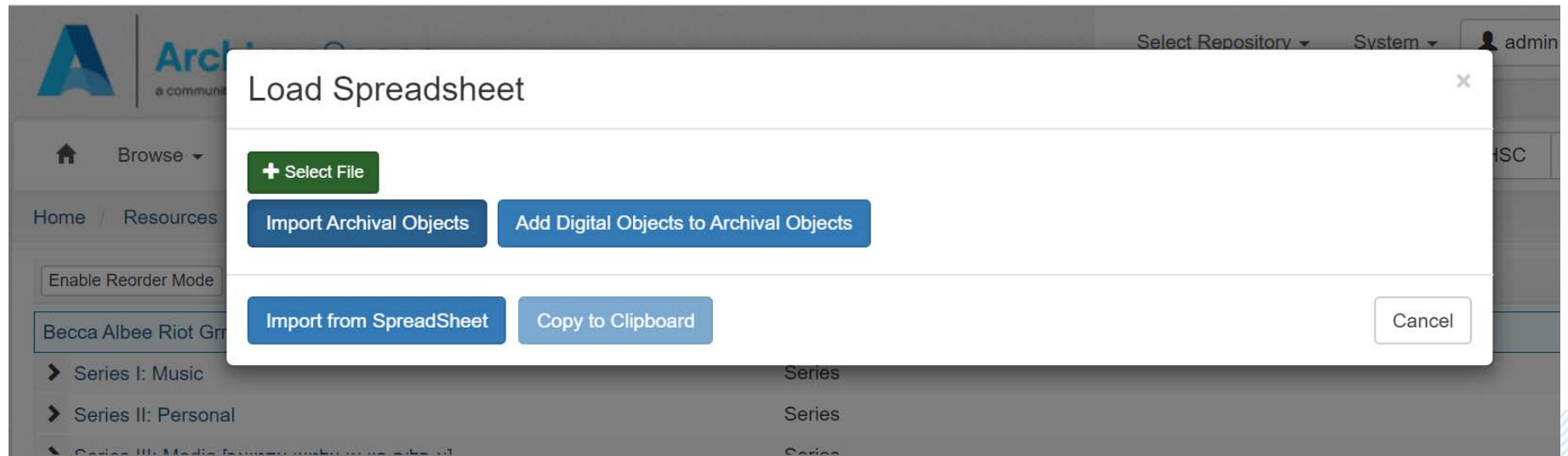
New in 2.8.0:
Merging top containers

- Thanks to Lora Woodford, our Junior Developer, who not only writes code but has also taken on an increased role in supervising contractor projects and assigning pull requests to our Core Committers for review.

New in 2.8.0:
Importing spreadsheets into resources as core functionality

- Thanks to Bobbi Fox, who worked with us as a contractor. (Even if you didn't know her name many of you have been thanking her for years since she's the original developer of the Harvard spreadsheet importer plugin.)

New in 2.8.0: AND in the public user interface

- Search operator in public interface is now AND
  - Changed based on feedback from many – but you can change back to OR in your ArchivesSpace if you prefer
- Thanks to Mark Cooper of LYRASIS DTS, who worked closely with us before Laney's departure and has been working with us nearly full-time since March.

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New in 2.8.0:
More background jobs information

New in 2.8.0:
More browse and search preferences

- More to choose in staff interface display preferences, including dates, extents, and sorts, plus preferences for search.

- Thanks to Sarah Morrissey, who started with us as a co-op student, stayed on as a part-time junior developer, and has now moved on to a full-time software engineer position since graduating from Georgia Tech in the spring.

Resource Browse Columns

Column 1	> Accept Default: Title
Column 2	> Accept Default: Identifier
Column 3	> Accept Default: Level
Column 4	> Accept Default: Dates
Column 5	> Accept Default: Extent
Column 6	> Accept Default: Restrictions
Column 7	> Accept Default: EAD ID
Default Sort Column	> Accept Default: Title
Default Sort Direction	> Accept Default: Ascending

Search Columns

Column 1	> Accept Default: Record Type
Column 2	> Accept Default: Title
Column 3	> Accept Default: Found in
Column 4	> Accept Default: Identifier
Column 5	> Accept Default: Dates
Column 6	Found in
Column 7	> Accept Default: [no value]
Default Sort Column	> Accept Default: Relevance
Default Sort Direction	> Accept Default: Descending

New in 2.8.0:
A new login screen

- Improves login experience on mobile devices and provides better accessibility in general.
- Thanks to Brian Zelip, who worked with us as a contractor on several items requiring javascript skills.

Community developer spotlight: Andrew Morrison

Community Contributions

Our great thanks go out to these members of the community for their code contributions:

Narrowing PUI search by multiple values in the same facet, adding a language facet, and date filter fixes; make displaying search-in-collection form configurable option in other contexts on the PUI; change logic for when dao/daogrp/daolink get "internal" audience attributes; modify the view published button in the staff interface toolbar; fix linking issues in subject and agent records; add "nofollow" rel attribute to links in facets/filters in PUI; pass resource record to PUI PDF footer template; enable Luke request handler - thanks to Andrew Morrison

- Rare that a community developer essentially gets their own paragraph in the release notes -- but it's also rare that a community developer submits more than a half dozen excellent pull requests for one release.
- Andrew (University of Oxford) is a new member of our Technical Advisory Council as well.

Community developer spotlight: Harvard University Team

- Harvard archivists and developers distributed a specification for enhancements to the containers and locations areas that they distributed to the community for comment and improved based on feedback.

- 2.8.0 has the first set of improvements and we expect the rest to be in our next release.

- Thanks to Katie Amaral, Dee Dee Crema, Dave Mayo, Douglas Simon, Michael Vandermillen, and project manager Robin Wendler for working to make sure code their users wanted would also work for the core code of ArchivesSpace.

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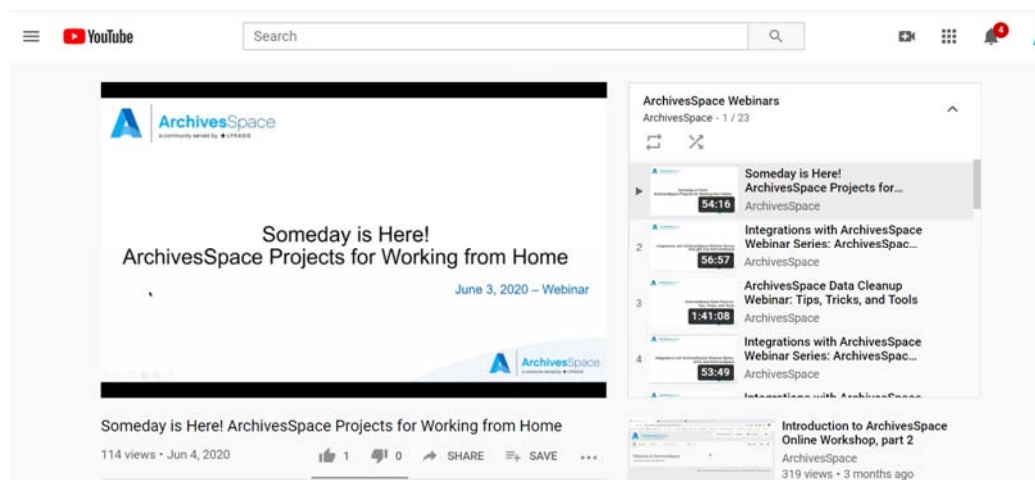a community served by ✦LYRASIS

Speaking of which...

- Next release projected for the fall - probably ArchivesSpace 3.0

- Centerpiece will be the long-awaited expanded agents module and its significantly improved support for EAC-CPF and MARC authority records

- Expect to also have some enhancements to the spreadsheet importer, some infrastructure improvements, the remaining pieces of the work from Harvard. Other improvements to be determined.

Community engagement: now more than ever

- More essential than ever in this time when so many were disconnected from their usual sources of help and connection.
- Thousands of people have reached out this year, by attending programs, visiting our new Help Center, participating in discussions on our listservs, or asking individual questions.
- Thanks to Jessica Crouch, our Community Engagement Coordinator, for her incredible work.
- Brittany Newberry, our new User Advisory Council Chair, and Jessica are convening a new UAC group devoted to user engagement that you'll be hearing from as the year goes on.
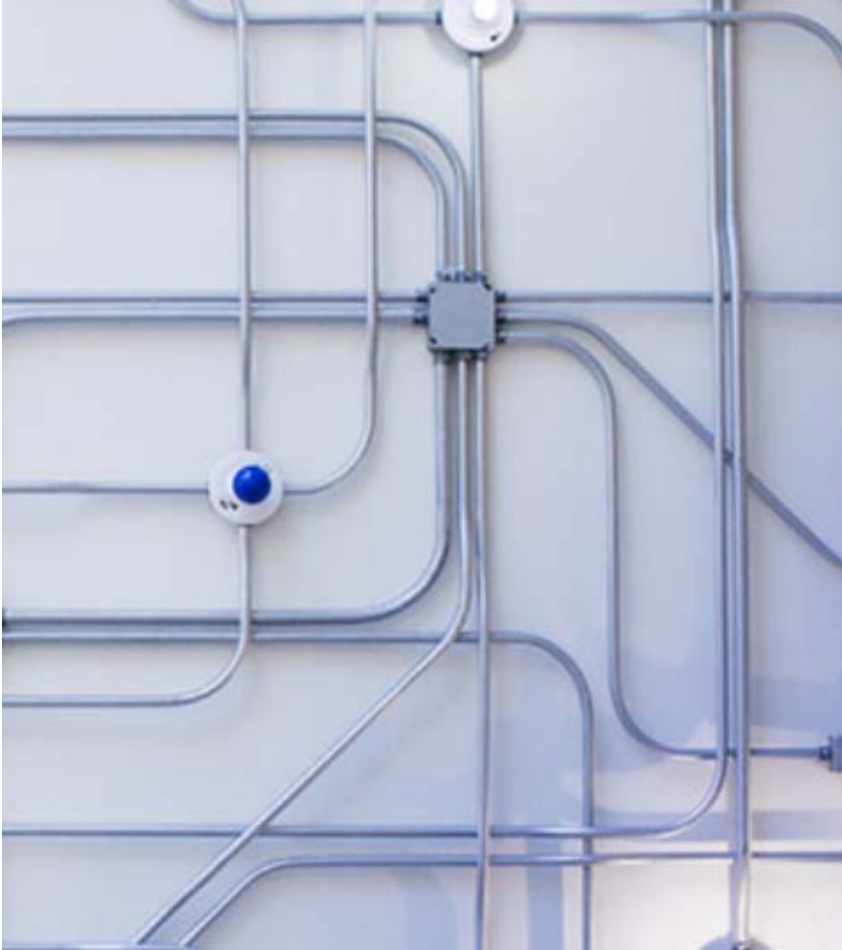
Some of the initiatives and activities coming this year

- Antiracism and inclusion work
  - Continuation of our discussions from and before June 24 open call
  - Launch of feedback form tomorrow
  - Provide feedback and get involved however feels right to you
  - We're making small steps; we want to make bigger ones too

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- Building a National Finding Aid Network project
  - Led by California Digital Library
  - Two-year project funded by IMLS
  - ArchivesSpace serving as a technical advisor
  - Will involve the regional aggregators in which many of your institutions participate
  - Making it easier to aggregate archival description from ArchivesSpace, or at least contribute it to an aggregator, will likely be one of the positive outcomes

Some of the initiatives and activities coming this year

- CollectionSpace integration ideas
  - May be of particular interest to those among you responsible for both archives and artifacts collections
  - Survey: https://t.co/ExXjSYAsJp
  - Webinar coming in the fall

Thank you

Thanks for doing what you can, whenever and wherever you can.

Thanks for the work you do to balance ArchivesSpace and our community with everything else you're holding up right now.

And thanks for recognizing that the ArchivesSpace team is doing that too.