

# The OpenSESMO Project: Making Non-Traditional Library Collections Discoverable in Search Engines with Social Media Metadata and Linked Data

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"The library is not the starting point."  
"The campus is not the work location."  
"The proxy server is not the answer."

*Meeting Researchers Where They Start: Streamlining Access to Scholarly Resources.* Ithaka S+R and Roger C. Schoenfeld, 2015.

<http://www.sr.ithaka.org/publications/meeting-researchers-where-they-start-streamlining-access-to-scholarly-resources/>

# Meeting Users in the Search with ALL library information resources

# The Open SESMO Project (Search Engine & Social Media Optimization)

- Search Engine Optimization
- Social Media Optimization
- Linked Data

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**Liaison(s):**

Greg Notess

**Linked Data Topics:**

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**Related Databases:**

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**Total interactions:** 12330

**Rank:** 18 out of 248 (based on 12330 out of 1323353 total interactions with all of our databases)

# The Experiment

- Same collection
- Apply optimizations in stages
- Compare analytics over time
- Goal: increased traffic and more nuanced, semantic understanding of content by search engines

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# Results

# Initial snapshot

August 16, 2015 to September 12, 2015

versus

September 13, 2015 to October 10, 2015

13,881 total impressions to 54,172 total impressions

“Clickthrough Rates” and “Search Position” show growth

# User Growth

August 22, 2014 to November 4, 2016

Total users (audience - overview)

2014 - 11,833

2015 - 13,128

2016 - 24,657

# Organic Search Growth

August 22, 2014 to November 4, 2016

Search/Referrals for item pages (acquisition -  
source/medium)

2014 - 94

2015 - 3,659

2016 - 3,580

# Item Pages - Pageviews

August 22, 2014 to November 4, 2016

2014 - 2,924

2015 - 7,807

2016 - 13,191

# Item Pages - Exit Rates

August 22, 2014 to November 4, 2016

Pages per/session decrease  
and  
45% to 50% exit rate



Wait, what... how?

# A Revised Website Architecture

- Collection Page [home page]
  - [www.lib.montana.edu/resources/](http://www.lib.montana.edu/resources/)
- About Pages [about page, topics page]
  - [www.lib.montana.edu/resources/about.php](http://www.lib.montana.edu/resources/about.php)
  - [www.lib.montana.edu/resources/topics.php](http://www.lib.montana.edu/resources/topics.php)
- Item Pages [individual record page]
  - [www.lib.montana.edu/resources/about/31](http://www.lib.montana.edu/resources/about/31)
- Sitemap and rel=canonical work
  - [www.lib.montana.edu/resources/sitemap.xml](http://www.lib.montana.edu/resources/sitemap.xml)

# Structured Data + Linked Data

- Schema.org Types
  - CollectionPage, AboutPage, ItemPage, Product
- OpenGraph and Twitter Cards
- Linked Data Vocabulary
  - DBpedia and External Enumerations markup

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Search for databases



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### Available Topics

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# Social Media Optimization

Before....



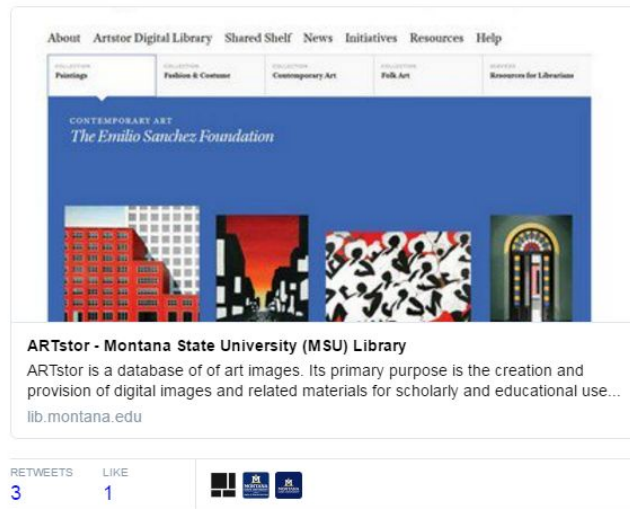
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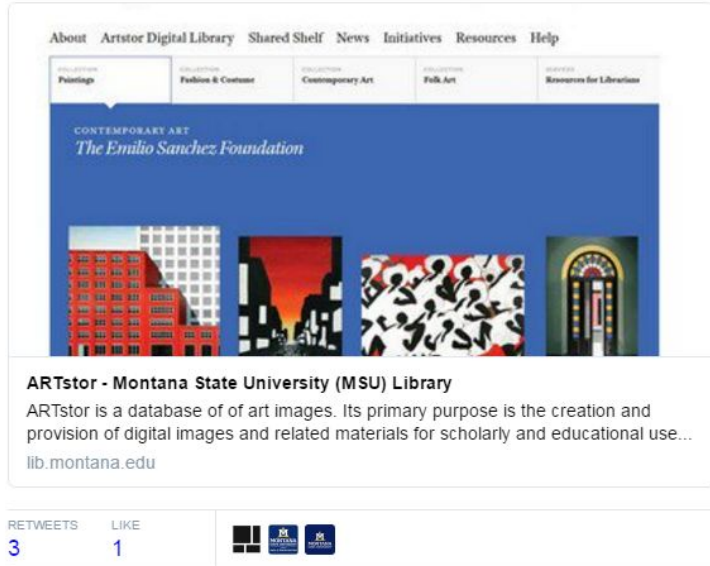




# Twitter Analytics



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Impressions	1,715
Total engagements	11
Link clicks	4
Retweets	3
Detail expands	2
Likes	1
Profile clicks	1

New opportunity to connect with  
community - in the search

# Thanks!

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