NOTES

What would you do differently to justify your budget, your collection, and your organization?

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Create compelling user stories to "sell" the project -
- especially if you can match to a change in the metrics

CHAT HISTORY

Rosemary Pleva Flynn: Based on what you just learned, what would you do differently to justify your budget, your collection, and your organization?

Deborah Kempe: start earlier and communicate more widely

Roberta Winjum: Get whatever information I can to find out what my audience is looking for in a budget justification

Greg Miller: We're moving into a refurbished, more accessible facility, so I'd emphasize that

Alyssa: anticipate long term sustainability costs (in digital projects, digital preservation)

Shawna Gandy: Ask more questions, earlier

Christine, UVic Libraries: Work more closely with internal Research office

University of Chicago: Create compelling user stories to "sell" the project.

Allison Young: Figure out an average amount of time per item for our cataloging process.

Jessica Holada 2: Internally, propose project to decision makers early so budget ask(s) are not a surprise. Like Deborah said. Need to have admin buy-in that project is worth priority.

Robin Grunwald: more contingency planning

Christine, UVic Libraries: At UVic Libraries we have developed an internal

Naomi Steinberger: be sure to include all in kind expenses

Robin Grunwald: costs of unexpected circumstances e.g. second round of hiring process

Deborah Houk (McKendree): Keep better reports on spending and more details on projects.

Naomi Steinberger: budget realistically so that you at the end of the project you are neither short of money or have remaining funds

Rosemary Pleva Flynn: Anything that you would remove from what you are currently doing based on what you have heard so far?

Jennifer Keyser: spend until last minute

Alyssa: can spend almost up to the last minute

Iowa State University: close to last minute

Ricki Moskowitz: my budget is tiny but flexible

Ricki Moskowitz: yes

Jennifer Keyser: no

Joy Banks: In my experience, the ability to spend is dependant on the account from which I'm spending. Regular budget usually has a cut off date, but special funds are more available.

Alyssa: no

Dee Gallo: I plan out but I can always ask for something if need be -- I need to demonstrate need and explain why I didn't budget for it
Melissa Anderson - Field Museum Library: we can adjust as long as it's not a restricted funding sources
Jessica Holada 2: If operating, yes. If grants or one-time monie funds, no.