Notes and Chat History, Signs of Trouble

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What are some problems you have encountered when working on projects?

- staff turnover and staff issues (illnesses, vacations, etc.)

- Not everyone has the same work ethic..

- Time constraints

- Time commitments are greater than anticipated

- IT issues

- Lack of communication, broken communication

- Records more fragile than anticipated

- Changing goals in other institutional departments and unexpected projects

- Unrealistic expectations (administrative, departmental, individual)

- Changing policies - social media

- Unexpected budget expenses

- Initial estimates way off - budget and timing

- Shipping and supply issues

- Staff and volunteers lack necessary skills (e.g., reading cursive)

Chat History
Ellen Ryan: What are some problems you have encountered when working on projects?
  Naomi Steinberger: staff turnover
  Michelle Schabowski: Not everyone has the same work ethic...
  Christine Walde: time constraints
  Allison Young: IT issues; technology did not work out as marketed, and it's drastically slowing down the work.
Naomi Steinberger: need to close the library building for a construction policy
Jessica Shaykett: time commitment is greater than anticipated
Naomi Steinberger: construction project
Jessica Holada: Team members having different expectations and different understandings.
Sachiko Iwabuchi: The books from New Zealand didn't come in time to Japan when the grant proposal stated to acquired a large number of titles from Australia and New Zealand.
Sachiko Iwabuchi: (When I was working in Japan)
American Baptist Historical Society/Priscilla Eppinger: Records are more fragile than anticipated and require careful handling and extra preservation.
Ricki Moskowitz: other departments changing goals, their roles, etc. without discussion
Purdue Archives: Administration having unrealistic expectations
Wofford College: Key individuals leave the institution prior to project completion
Katharine Rapkin: issues with outside vendors
Naomi Steinberger: change in institutional policy regarding use of social media to publicize the project
Christine Walde: unforeseeable budget expenses
University of Chicago: Estimates of titles needing original cataloging (based on random sampling) proved to be way off.
Purdue Archives: Broken communication streams
Ricki Moskowitz: sometimes there are matters out of anyone's control. for example, illness
Allison Young: Not all (volunteer) staff can read cursive on old records
Sachiko Iwabuchi: It was a postal issue. I didn't know how long it would take to acquire books from New Zealand.
Purdue Archives: Change of organization's priorities due new, more pressing projects.
Sachiko Iwabuchi: I only used domestic vendors, but domestic vendors (vendors in Japan) had no relationship the publishers over there.