



# **PennTags**Tagging in an Academic Library

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# introducing penntags

- Built in summer 2005
- Social Bookmarking tool for the Penn community
  - Save
  - Describe
  - Organize
  - Share
  - Find (last on purpose)
- Provides stable urls for resources & lists





#### **User-Centered Approach**

- Students/librarians can create their own collection of important resources
- Use their own terms
- Create their own systems for understanding the content they encounter
- Share what they've found, and what they find interesting about it







### **Getting things into Penntags**

- Users / librarians collect online resources in PennTags.
  - Assign tags
  - Write long annotations/ or attach images
  - Find the resources again using tags
  - Share the links, annotations, and tags with the world
  - Demo...





### What resources can we tag?

- Public Web Sites (as with del.icio.us)
- Penn Library resources,
  - Records in our OPAC
  - Videos in our Video Catalog
  - Links from our link resolver (SFX) to online journal articles
  - Stable links to proxied E-Resources
  - Images from our Image collection
- More to come
  - DOI's...





- Save this link for later...
  - As a substitute for delicious in an academic context
- Managing & Sharing Lists
  - Annotated Bibliographies by students
  - Research Guide creation by librarian
  - Shadow Catalog by enthusiasts
- Creating Flexible Library projects
  - For everything we do in the library
  - PennPages





- Collecting and describing content is done by users
- Content creators should make their content mash-up-able
- Let the content live in many contexts publicly





**PennPage** 

- Make our own content more composable and decomposable
- Take advantage of RSS feeds
- Get librarians out of the HTML business





#### questions

- 1. Is it open source?
- 2. what about...
  - privacy
  - copyright
  - bad/illegal/pornographic work in the catalog
  - too many annotations in a record, ie sloppy catalog
- 3. Can we try it?
- 4. Have you seen resistance by librarians?
- 5. What's up with the birds?
- 6. What would you do differently?





### penntags & the opac

- books in the OPAC can be tagged
- tags and annotations are displayed in the opac
- integrity of the marc record remains
- tags & subject headings searched separately





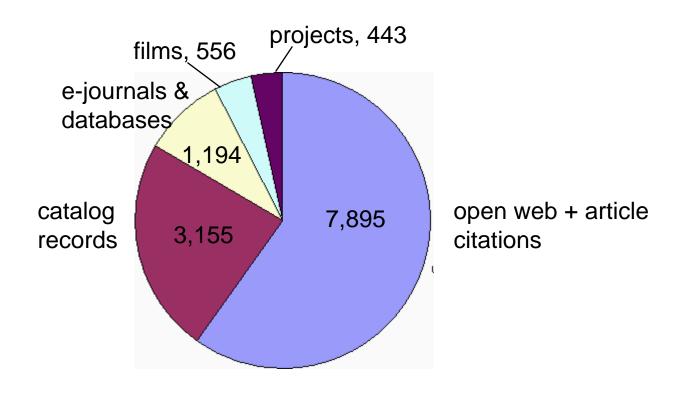
#### what's next for penntags? (in no order)

- **Spreading PennTags** 
  - Marketing PennTags within the University
     (Collaboration with other universities)
- Improving functionality in the system
  - Measuring Influence
  - DOI support for import
  - Image functions
- Output Options
  - **Output** integration to other library resources
  - Export to delicious, endnote, rtf, refworks, bibtext, etc?
  - **Published api**
  - **RDF**
- Learning from tags/annotations/uses (big)
- Partnering with others to share penntags beyond Penn community
- **PennPage**





# how it is used (by the numbers)







# how it is used (by the numbers)

- 13,258 posts
- 11,086 posts with tags
- 9,773 unique tags used 37,395 times
- 9,605 posts with annotations
- 882 unique owners
- 200 posts / week







### books are for use (books)

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- DOI's (coming soon)
  - remembering
  - publishing about







# books are for use (use)

#### **Traditionally**

- private uses
  - reading
  - referring to in conversation, ie quoting
  - categorizing
  - remembering
- public uses
  - publishing about

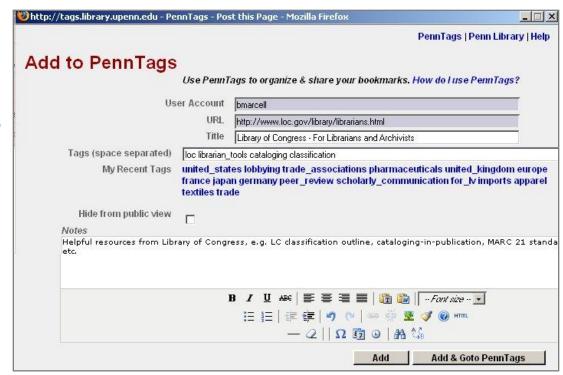
#### Now and in the future

- private uses
  - reading
- public uses
  - referring to in other media/remixing
  - categorizing
  - remembering
  - publishing about





- Two methods
  - Bookmarklet
  - Embedded posting
    - E-Resource Locator
    - OPAC
    - Open URL resolver





### screenshots













A plot-level reading of Menryn LeRoy's 1932 film I Am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang, which depicts Robert E. Burns's autobiographical, dual existence as a faisely convicted prisoner and dubiously lonized entrepreneur, does not inspire faith in the integrity of the Southern chain gang penal system. In its promotional campaign, Warner Brothers – Chain Gang's production studio – publicated H. L. Mendian's condemnation of the chain gang: "simply a vicious, medieval custom...and is so archaic and barbarous to be a national disgrace" (Lichtenstein 16). Thus, Burns and Warner Brothers launched a national, progressive movement against Southern forced labor which resonated powerfully with a 1932 audience because it inked the chain gang's brutality to bleak realities of Great Depression America.

Yet, viewing the film as Hollywood's response to social and economic crises of this period invites skepticism regarding the industry's motivations for advancing such radical arguments. In other words, why would it have been in the studio's interest to align a potentially desperate viewer's sympathies with the film's subversive message? I will argue that Chain Gang functioned in a complex network of New Deal agitprop which facilitated Roosevelt's intense business relationship with Hollywood, most notably with Warner Brothers. If Depression desperation rendered tenuous the dominant industries' power, it would have protected Hollywood's concerns to focus a frustrated viewer's struggles specifically against the chain gangs which the film paints as "so archaic and berbarous as to be a national disgrace."

tagged 30s Depression film prison by hennefem ...on 28-NOV-05

#### Dialectic of enlightenment [by] Max Horkheimer and Theodor W. Obj. Adorno. Translated by John Cumming.

Horkheimer and Adorno argue that divilization represses barbanky by attempting to embody its negation. However, savage brutality does not disappear. They explain this as a process of "progress...reverting to regression. That [industries] are obtusely liquidating metaphysics does not matter in itself, but that these are themselves becoming metaphysics, an ideological outlan, within the social whole, behind which real doom is gathering, does matter. That is the basic premise of our fragments" (brickheimer and Adorno xviii). This attempt to elucidate the dynamics of contradictory forces in modern industrial societies, – that is, culture represses ritual which resurfaces in barbanky – seems particularly relevant to LeRoy's dichotomized expression of modern industry and penal savagery in Chain Gang.

Thus, the film can be read as at once enacting and promoting alternative readings of modernity's reliationship to tradition. Lichtenstein's depiction of chain gangs as trapped between old and new systems (although, he argues, closer to the latter, while occupying a space in the public imagination – thanks largely to Burns's and LeRoy's efforts – which links then primarily with the former) reflects Horkheimer and Adorno's modernity paradigm. Night, then, the film's repression of cultural-historical complexity signify its participation in generating the very conditions which facilitated and prolonged the existence of unjust systems like the chain gang?

Horkheimer and Adorno's analysis of "the culture industry" also confirms arguments that any text produced by Hollywood participates in stifling potential political resistance to capitalism. They assert that "under the dictate of effectiveness, technique is becoming psychotechnique, a procedure for manipulating human beings ... everything is directed at overpowering a customer conceived as distracted or resistant" (133). In effect, Chain Gang's purportedly subversive message can be interpreted as co-opting mounting politically-resistant energies in 1992 American culture.

I will also attempt to analyze Horkheimer and Adorno's scathing criticisms of Hollywood and American capitalism delogically with arguments promoted by the very systems the Dialectic of Enlightenment decrees. If anything, Chain Gang's example has instructed me to appreciate the

#### within this project

- 2 + 30s
- 1 + Depression
- 1 + Frankfurt\_school
- 3 + Holywood 1 + New Deal
- + Hest\_De
- 1 + South
- 1 + autobiography
- 1 + chain\_gangs
- 1 + chaingangs
- 3 + film
- 1 + film\_escapism
- 1 + film reviews
- 1 + history
- 1 \* politics
- 1 + prison
- 1 + prisons
- 1 + racism
- 2 + theory
- all project records

#### view all

- projects
- OWNers
- tags

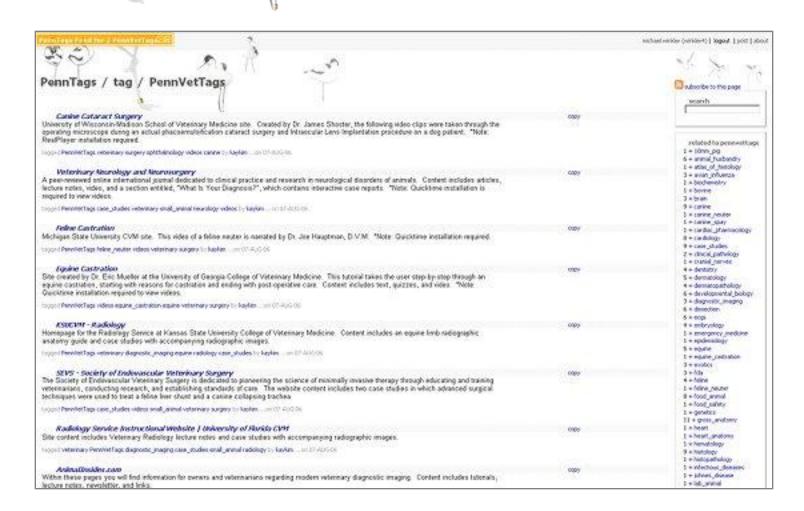




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### screenshots



Find Articles

▶ BorrowDirect\*

Ask Us/Get Help



Franklin: Penn Library Catalog

Proxy | Add to PennTags | Franklin Logout

Other Catalogs

This resource has been posted in PennTags

#### Posted by adesai2 on 04-06-2006

- annotation: H. I. Kupper examines the adjustment of the American serviceman back to his role as a civilian upon his return home, and what might accompany this change. Of particular interest and relevance to The Best Years of Our Lives is his discussion of the phenomenon of ordinary men who achieved high rank in the service, but who are unable to retain this elevated status in their civilian lives. He refers to these men as the "Cinderellas" of the service, "young men who have been officers... who must now return to menaial and very boring tasks." For these men, "the return to civilian life is like the clange o fmidnight that marks the end of an enchanted ball." Sadly, this harsh and abrupt return to reality is what many veterans faced upon their return home, learning that the skills they acquired in the army which raised them to great heights in the service were rendered meaningless in civilian life. This experience is epitomized by the story of Fred Derry (Dana Andrews) in The Best Years of Our Lives. Fred, a simple soda jerk in the service, rose to the rank of Captain during the war and was heavily decorated. Upon his return home, he does not wish to return to his old job, not after all that he experienced in the war. However, he soon finds that his adept skill at accurately dropping bombs and surviving enemy fire does not translate to a good job at home, and finally is forced to accept a job at the drugstore. His retention of his military clothes, in particular his bomber jacket, is representative of his difficulty adjusting to ordinary, civilian status. His inability to adjust to his new life at hom is linked to his inability to give up the prestige and honor the war lent
- tags: world\_war\_ll, history, veterans
- project: The Best Years of Our Lives







#### **How it Works**

(Technically)

- Simple technical architecture
  - Capture
    - Location, person, context as expressed with tags or annotations
    - javascript bookmarklet or direct entry
    - resolution services openURL, DOI or proprietary
    - provides simple cgi key / value pairs for input (API)
  - Store
    - develops the social relationships of posts to other posts, locations, owners, tags, or projects
    - provides simple URL structure that mimics directories (API)
  - Delivery
    - maximize output flexibility and reusability
    - xml output to documented format that can be transformed by xsl (API)