THESE BEAUTIFUL THINGS

K-STATE LIBRARIES COLLABORATES WITH MARIANNA KISTLER BEACH MUSEUM OF ART TO CREATE AN ONLINE COLLECTION APPLICATION
THE PROBLEM

• The Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art's web application for displaying holdings had fallen below expectations
• The application wasn't visually pleasing
• The application had suffered at least one long-term outage
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OPTIONS

• Set up an instance of an existing product (Omeka was mentioned)
• Create something new
BENEFITS OF COLLABORATION

• Establishment of a working relationship between the museum and the library
• Synergistic leveraging of strengths
• Creating new momentum for external partnerships
• Proof-of-concept for a non-grant based external funding model
BENEFITS OF NEW APP APPROACH

• Potential broad use case
• Potential for revenue stream
• Salary support from Beach museum for the project
• Enhanced visibility for the library
CHALLENGES

- Difficulties in hiring temporary developers
- Cultural differences in app development between the Museum and the Library
THE NEW DESIGN

• Uses a document database as opposed to a traditional relational database
• Is designed to be visually appealing
• Contains unique features, like the museum stroll
• We are currently building out a second prototype
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QUESTIONS?