Based on a True Story: Agile Inspired Collections Work at Penn State

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What we did...

• Processing was decentralized.
• Little project tracking.
• Limited quality control.
• One person, liner processing workflow.
Reorganization – An opportunity to reset
Agile Inspired – Stand Ups

• Drafted a “Stand Up” overview.
• Continued project support.
• Designed to support output consistency and professional development.
• Despite frequency, reduced overall face-to-face time.
• Allows check-ins with other stakeholders.
Agile Inspired – Iterative Collections Work

- Use of Trello for support.
- Defined tasks for collections projects.
- Can have multiple staff working on the same collection.
- Defined deliverables that can be delivered at different times.
Agile Inspired – Sprint Processing

What it looks like for us:
• Multiple/All hands on deck.
• Defined time period for work.
• Defined tasks for staff.

Why a “Sprint”
• Overcoming limited resources.
• Allows us to meet quick turn around times.
Where We Stand and What’s Next?

I believe we have greatly benefited from our “Agile inspired” approach.

Impediments we still need to work through:

- Workflow bottlenecks.
- What the right balance is for us/not become too reactive.
- Keeping stand-ups relevant to participants.
- Communication of workflows and implications to other stakeholders.
THANK YOU!