Good afternoon. We’re glad to see so many of you here and interested in our topic at this session. This session Digital Humanities, the Changing Book and the New Librarianship is generously sponsored by Aux Amateurs de Livres. There is one change to the program today. The moderator, Ann Whiteside, unfortunately could not be here to moderate or present, so there will be two papers given following some brief introductory remarks and it is our hope that afterward during the Q/A, you will share your experiences working with faculty and scholars to facilitate the creation of scholarship in digital form.

The papers in this session form a conversation around the idea of digital humanities and the role of libraries in this arena. Digital Humanities – big D, big H – has been around for about 15 years or so, but began through the efforts of faculty in isolated places looking at how to use technology to change scholarship in fields throughout the humanities. One of the striking things about digital humanities until recently is the lack of participation of librarians. Technologists were needed to make the digital work happen with scholars, but librarians have not always had a role. In the last decade, there has been increasing involvement of librarians in digital humanities efforts, and today’s papers will address this. We will also see in today’s session that the involvement in digital humanities by librarians adds new dimensions to our roles, and perhaps sets the stage for shifts in our roles across the profession.

In the first paper, Allison Benedetti and I will speak to the ways in which the roles of librarians are shifting, from the viewpoint of the SAHARA project and the lessons learned about collaborative work models, with some focus given to sustainability and integration of SAHARA goals into local institutional missions. David Sume will discuss how the development of digital facsimile books impacts building collections, emerging technologies, and the art book itself.

The speakers bios are included in this slide.

We will leave some time at the end of the presentations for questions.

Thank you.