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During the past six months, the *September 11 Digital Archive* team proceeded on schedule in its tasks to move the *Archive* to the more stable Omeka platform.

Digital Archivist, Jim Safley, continues to carefully map metadata crosswalks and to prepare the customizations required for migrating each item from every collection in the *Archive* into the new Omeka website. After conducting several test imports, Safley uncovered inconsistencies in the metadata and database structures of specific collections held within the *Archive*. These inconsistencies will require writing and testing additional custom import scripts in order to completely import all of the collections data into the new Omeka website. Safley consults regularly with Dan Cohen, RRCHNM Director, and SAT Principal Investigator, Tom Scheinfeldt, regarding these customizations. Safley is making the proper adjustments to ensure there is no loss of data at the time of the final import.

This spring, Safley coordinated with RRCHNM webmaster, Ammon Shepherd, to configure a new server dedicated to housing the *Archive*. The *Archive* currently shares server space with most of RRCHNM's active web projects. The new server will better balance website traffic and usage once re-launched.

In the next six months, we plan to build and implement customizations on the new Omeka installation to accommodate the variations in database structures and metadata from the *Archive*'s various collections.

Currently we are on schedule for completing all project goals for the grant within the next two years.