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[nsdlsupport] Using StrandMaps - Questions about Top Picks

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Watrous-Deversterre, Lori L. <llw2@njit.edu>   Sun, Dec 28, 2014 at 11:49 AM
To: nsdlsupport@nsdl.ucar.edu

Hi Julianne,
I notice the move to dls.ucar occurred as announced and that the Top Picks tab has been removed. Are there any plans to add it back in? In the meantime is there a way for me to access the old listings?
Thank you for your help and best wishes for the new year,
Lori

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L. Watrous-deVersterre

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jweather <jweather@ucar.edu>   Sun, Dec 28, 2014 at 2:31 PM
To: nsdlsupport@ucar.edu
Cc: nsdlsupport@nsdl.ucar.edu, llw2@njit.edu, Julianne Blomer <jblomer@ucar.edu>

Hi Lori,

Unfortunately, there are no plans to add the NSDL Top Picks tab back to the Science Literacy Maps. The underlying service that made them possible is being retired. However we hope to add other Top Pick resources to the Maps in the future if possible - stay tuned.

For a short time you can access the NSDL Top Picks from the maps interface here:
http://strandmaps.dls.ucar.edu/cms1-2/docs/jsapi/api_v1/example_clients/example1/index.html

The Top Picks will be available in that interface until the service is retired in early to mid January.

-john

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Watrous-Deversterre, Lori L. <llw2@njit.edu>   Sat, Jan 10, 2015 at 2:44 PM
To: jweather <jweather@ucar.edu>

Hi John,
I have been using the Science Literacy Maps for a study I've been working on. I have to say finding that they were moved came as a bit of a surprise. Could you give me any information on why this occurred and what are the plans for the strandmaps?
Thank you for your time.
Lori
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L. Watrous-deVersterre

John Weatherley <jweather@ucar.edu>   Sat, Jan 10, 2015 at 9:30 PM
To: "Watrous-Deversterre, Lori L." <llw2@njit.edu>
Cc: Julianne Blomer <jblomer@ucar.edu>

Hi Lori,

The NSDL program came to the end of it's NSF funding at the end of 2014, including the funds that supported the Science Literacy Maps. We worked over a period of many months to find a host that could sustain and grow the library into the future, which is why we chose ISKME. Read more in the announcement here.

ISKME's OER Commons platform was able to accommodate the library collections and science resources, and offer a number of new features that were not previously available, but they were not able to host the Science Literacy Maps given time and budget constraints.

Fortunately, UCAR has graciously agreed to continue to host the Science Literacy Maps as part of it's education programs. Because of the transition we needed to change the the web address for the Maps, however all previous links and bookmarks will continue to work by redirecting users automatically to the new Science Literacy Maps site.

We would like to add Top Picks resources back into the Maps if funds can be found to support the work necessary to make the technical connections with the new OER Commons platform, or other content sources, but there are no plans to do so at this time. I'm hopeful we can do so at some point.

Will you be able to continue your study with the Science Literacy Maps at the new location?

-john

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John Weatherley <jweather@ucar.edu>   Sat, Jan 10, 2015 at 9:55 PM
To: Tammy Sumner <sumner@colorado.edu>

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