

# STADT GESCHICHTE BASEL

Accessible Public History: CollectionBuilder's Minimalist Approach to Open-Source Collections and Exhibits

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# The Problem with Public History

Even if you want to share your digital story and your data, as a researcher you typically don't have

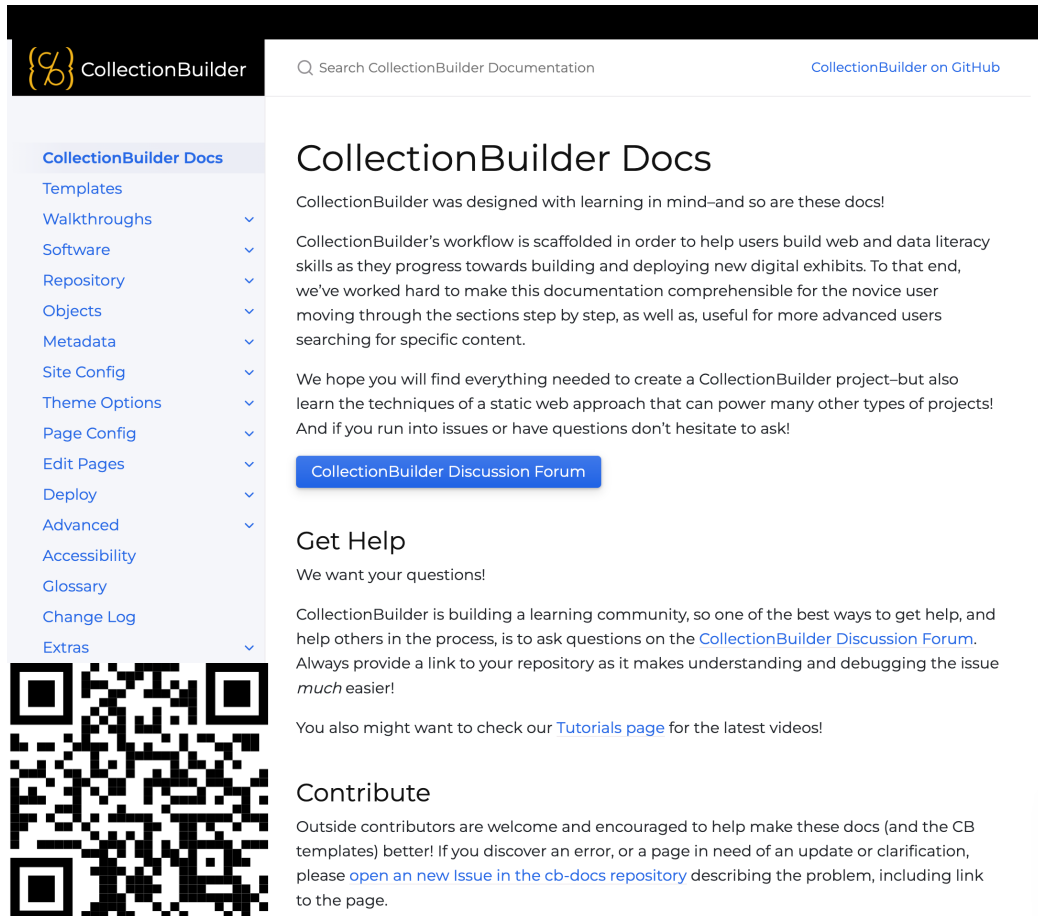
- The **money** to use a paid service
- The **infrastructure** for a self-hosted open source solution like Omeka
- The **time** or technical skills to code it yourself

# The Solution

With CollectionBuilder, you can host digital collections, exhibits, and stories

- **By yourself** (with very little technical skill)
- **Sustainable** (open source, long time archivable)
- **Free of charge**

# Extensive documentation and a very supportive open source community



The screenshot shows the CollectionBuilder documentation website. The header includes the CollectionBuilder logo and a search bar. A left sidebar lists navigation options like 'CollectionBuilder Docs', 'Templates', 'Walkthroughs', 'Software', 'Repository', 'Objects', 'Metadata', 'Site Config', 'Theme Options', 'Page Config', 'Edit Pages', 'Deploy', 'Advanced', 'Accessibility', 'Glossary', 'Change Log', and 'Extras'. The main content area is titled 'CollectionBuilder Docs' and contains introductory text, a 'CollectionBuilder Discussion Forum' button, a 'Get Help' section with a QR code, and a 'Contribute' section.

**CollectionBuilder Docs**

CollectionBuilder was designed with learning in mind—and so are these docs!

CollectionBuilder's workflow is scaffolded in order to help users build web and data literacy skills as they progress towards building and deploying new digital exhibits. To that end, we've worked hard to make this documentation comprehensible for the novice user moving through the sections step by step, as well as, useful for more advanced users searching for specific content.

We hope you will find everything needed to create a CollectionBuilder project—but also learn the techniques of a static web approach that can power many other types of projects! And if you run into issues or have questions don't hesitate to ask!

[CollectionBuilder Discussion Forum](#)

### Get Help

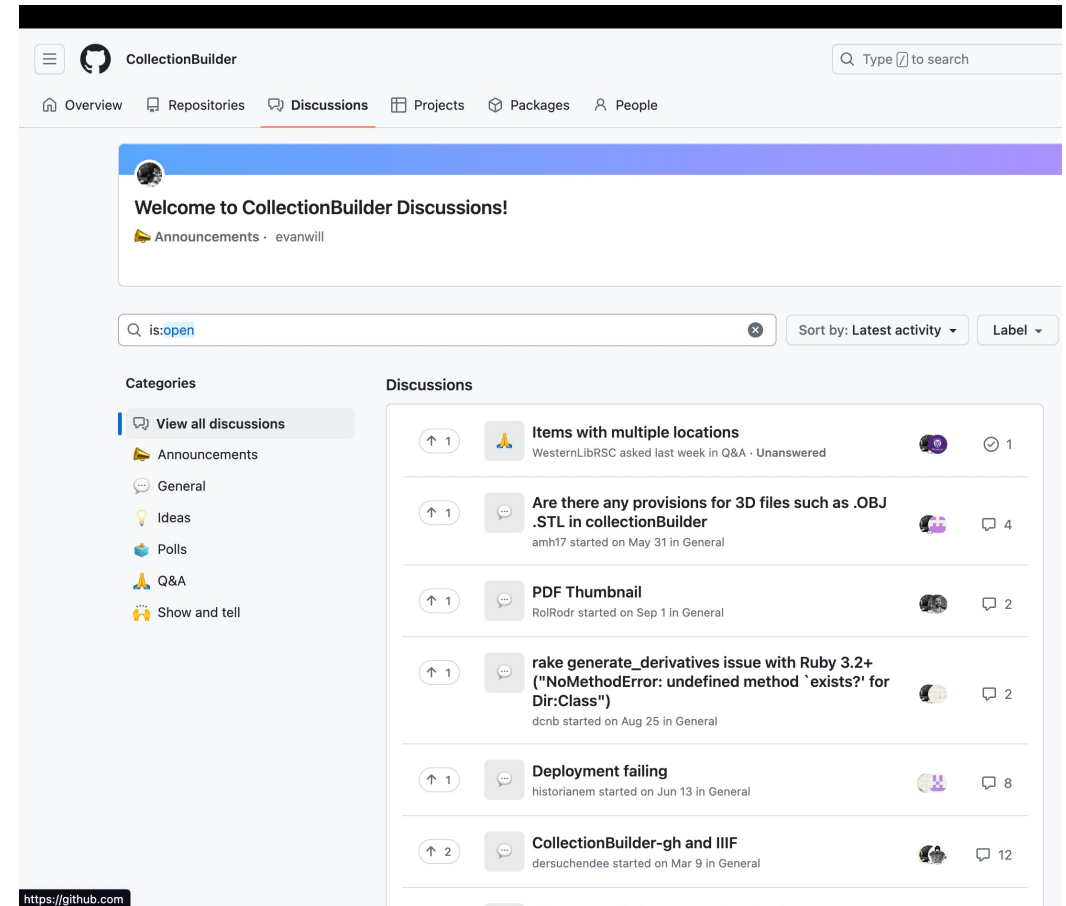
We want your questions!

CollectionBuilder is building a learning community, so one of the best ways to get help, and help others in the process, is to ask questions on the [CollectionBuilder Discussion Forum](#). Always provide a link to your repository as it makes understanding and debugging the issue *much* easier!

You also might want to check our [Tutorials page](#) for the latest videos!

### Contribute

Outside contributors are welcome and encouraged to help make these docs (and the CB templates) better! If you discover an error, or a page in need of an update or clarification, please [open an new Issue in the cb-docs repository](#) describing the problem, including link to the page.



The screenshot shows the GitHub Discussions page for CollectionBuilder. It features a navigation bar with 'Overview', 'Repositories', 'Discussions', 'Projects', 'Packages', and 'People'. A search bar is present. The main content area is titled 'Welcome to CollectionBuilder Discussions!' and includes a search bar with 'is:open', a 'Sort by: Latest activity' dropdown, and a 'Label' dropdown. A list of discussions is shown, including 'Items with multiple locations', 'Are there any provisions for 3D files such as .OBJ .STL in collectionBuilder', 'PDF Thumbnail', 'rake generate\_derivatives issue with Ruby 3.2+ ("NoMethodError: undefined method `exists?' for Dir:Class")', 'Deployment failing', and 'CollectionBuilder-gh and IIIF'.

**CollectionBuilder**

Search: Type  to search

Overview Repositories **Discussions** Projects Packages People

## Welcome to CollectionBuilder Discussions!

Announcements · evanwill

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### Categories

- View all discussions
- Announcements
- General
- Ideas
- Polls
- Q&A
- Show and tell

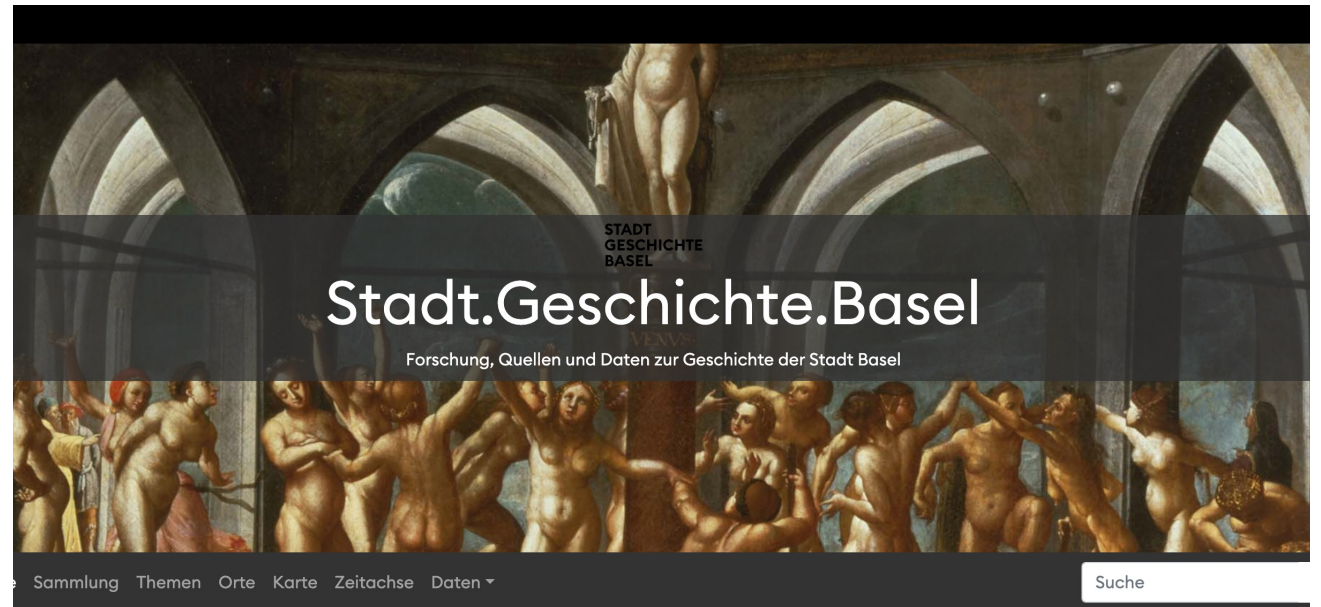
### Discussions

- Items with multiple locations**  
WesternLibRSC asked last week in Q&A · Unanswered
- Are there any provisions for 3D files such as .OBJ .STL in collectionBuilder**  
amh17 started on May 31 in General
- PDF Thumbnail**  
RoLRodr started on Sep 1 in General
- rake generate\_derivatives issue with Ruby 3.2+ ("NoMethodError: undefined method `exists?' for Dir:Class")**  
dcnb started on Aug 25 in General
- Deployment failing**  
historianem started on Jun 13 in General
- CollectionBuilder-gh and IIIF**  
dersuchendee started on Mar 9 in General

# STADT GESCHICHTE BASEL

Our own platform with research, sources and data on the history of the city of Basel is based on CollectionBuilder and will be released as an open data repository in March 2024.

Stay tuned and thanks for your attention!



## Beschreibung

Der Forschungsdatenplattform von Stadt.Geschichte.Basel finden Sie nachnutzbare Quellen und Daten zur Geschichte der Stadt Basel.

## Zeitspanne

von 1500 bis 1600

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