



Digital Public Library of America

South Carolina Service Hub

Overview of the Digital Public Library of America, and
How ASERL Members are Supporting It

ABOUT THE SOUTH CAROLINA DIGITAL LIBRARY

- Initiative started in 2006 – decentralized structure composed of three regions: upstate, midlands, coastal
- Funded primarily through LSTA and support from University of South Carolina, Clemson, and College of Charleston
- South Carolina Digital Library has contributed over 55,000 discrete objects to DPLA
- Developed exhibition “This Land is Your Land: Parks and Public Spaces”
- A CONTENTdm state...for now, at least

OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

- Approached new partners excited to be a part of the SCDL and DPLA:
 - Charleston Library Society
 - Coastal Carolina University
 - Spartanburg County Library
 - Georgetown County Library
- Publicity campaign to highlight South Carolina's involvement in the DPLA:
 - Local news stories in print and on TV
 - Discussion of relationship at conferences, including SC Library Association, SC Archival Association, American Library Association
- Revised statewide policy to indicate all SCDL material will be included in DPLA
- Interview with state NPR show: SCETV-Radio's *Your Day*

DIGITIZATION & METADATA

- Received funds to begin digitization of approximately 60k items—disbursed to Georgetown Co. Library, College of Charleston, USC, and Clemson
- Revised statewide guidelines to encourage compliance with DPLA profile
- Worked with DPLA to rectify and sanitize existing metadata before launch
- Heather Gilbert, DPLA metadata coordinator, writing a basic “OpenRefine for SCDL” manual to help catch worst metadata mistakes
- Fund metadata specialist to clean up Lowcountry Digital Library metadata

DIGITIZATION PROJECTS

Coastal Region

- Charleston City Directories from 1780-1860 from the Charleston Library Society
- Charles Fraser watercolor sketchbooks from the Gibbes Museum
- Georgetown County Library: working with area partners:
 - Georgetown Library Society
 - Winyah Indigo Society School Records
 - Bank of Georgetown
 - Murrells Inlet-Related Ministerial
 - Late Charleston Renaissance Letters

DIGITIZATION PROJECTS

Midlands Region

- South Caroliniana Library maps – improved metadata records
- WWII Journal of Fox Newscam cameraman
- Spanish American War photographs
- Columbia City maps and directories
- Spartanburg County Church surveys
- Government documents:
 - Hurricane Hugo Geological Survey Maps
 - USDA Marketing and Transportation Reports from 1920-1940
 - US Army Meteorological Reports from 1880s

DIGITIZATION PROJECTS

Upstate Region

- Horry County Historical Society's *Independent Republic Quarterly*
- Work with upstate area churches to develop a "History of Religion in SC" collection

TECHNOLOGY

- Programmer at Clemson recently started working on project part-time to assess repository infrastructure in the state
- SCDL migrated to new Drupal-based web site
- CONTENTdm multi-site harvester replaced with PKP Open Harvester Systems

Future Activities



OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

- Building a web site that centralizes our DPLA activities and features new additions to the SCDL, following the Kentucky model
- Continue publicity efforts, including a feature in *Charleston Magazine*
- Presence at SC Library Association conference this fall; work with Emily on a larger outreach effort at the Tri-State Archivists Meeting.
- Ramp up effort to engage Myrtle Beach and Columbia Knight Communities— suggestions welcome!

OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

Knight Community Events

- Two Knight Foundation Communities in South Carolina: Myrtle Beach and Columbia
- Family history and genealogy event being planned for Spring 2014 at Richland County Public Library in Columbia
 - Ancestry.com agreed to donate 15 licenses for free for the public to use that day at designated stations
 - Professional genealogists available to consult and offer family history tips
 - Author signings
 - Children's events, such as "make your family tree"
 - If successful, use this same model in Myrtle Beach

Future Activities



DIGITIZATION & METADATA

- Purchase new larger format scanner for coastal region: Bookeye 4V1 planetary scanner with Opus WorkFlow software

TECHNOLOGY

- Build out component for the PKP Harvester to allow exposition of metadata from a single source
- Develop preservation repository solution for partners that can be more locally managed
- Move farther away from CONTENTdm – both College of Charleston and Clemson moving to Fedora-based systems models
- Develop exhibition and GIS modules for the SCDL web site

BENEFITS OF BEING A SERVICE HUB

- Exposure of collections on the national stage
 - First service hub to be ingested, one of the first available for the DPLA launch
 - Content used at DPLA hackathon: use in new and innovative apps
 - Items from collection being used for story on NPR
- Improved infrastructure
- Ability to leverage knowledge from other Service Hubs, e.g. MWDL Geospatial Metadata Task Force

More Information



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