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 discreet objects to DPLA

- Developed exhibition “This Land is Your Land: Parks and Public Spaces”

- A CONTENTdm state…for now, at least
Current Activities

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
Current Activities

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
Current Activities

DIGITIZATION PROJECTS

Midlands Region

• South Caroliniana Library maps – improved metadata records
• WWII Journal of Fox Newsfilm 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
Current Activities

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
Current Activities

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
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!
Future Activities

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
DIGITIZATION & METADATA

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

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
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