Update on DPLA and MissouriHub
News from the digital collaboration frontline

Emily Jaycox,
Missouri Historical Society
Meet the cast
The Digital Public Library of America aggregates metadata for digitized resources and offers a portal for searching across collections.

dp.la
Discover 34,412,804 images, texts, videos, and sounds from across the United States

Search the collection

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DPLA’s model

Content hubs

Service hubs
Missouri Hub
Organized in 2013 to contribute content to DPLA
missourihub.org
Volunteer technical and administrative leadership

David Henry, Missouri Historical Society
Missouri Digital Heritage

Collaboration between Missouri State Library and Missouri State Archives to provide a portal to digitized collections in Missouri

www.sos.mo.gov/mdh
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<th><strong>State-wide content platform</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Hosts</strong> digitized primary sources</td>
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<td>Supports new digitization projects via LSTA grants</td>
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<td>ContentDM platform</td>
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<td>Has a website and search portal</td>
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MOBIUS and Mo Hub

• 9 (of 14) MissouriHub members are MOBIUS libraries.
• MOBIUS generously sponsored MissouriHub to join DPLA in 2018 as a full member.
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1896

MAY

Mrs. H. G. Jones
4.508 Alice in 1896

Red Pencil:

- Planned event:
  - From 5:20 to 6:35 PM
Startup events

• 2012: Initial informal meeting leading to launch of DPLA
• 2013: Initial meeting of informal group leading to formation of MissouriHub
  • Could we meet 2014 anniversaries?
  • No staff, no budget.
• 2014: Missouri data goes live in DPLA
• 2016-17: DPLA announces new ingest model, but has repeated setbacks
• 2017: Director change at DPLA
SEEKING SUSTAINABILITY

2017
DPLA announces Membership model

- More tech support
- Error reporting
- Regularly scheduled ingests
- Participation in governance
- Enhanced access to statistics
- DPLAFest for members only in alternate years
We operated exclusively on the "pot luck" model – no funds to pay a membership fee.

DPLA's initial performance was not impressive.

We needed access to the member services to be able to evaluate the model.
We're launching a membership model. I'm skeptical. We can help with the membership fee. Services will improve.
THANK YOU, MOBIUS!!!

MoHub: full DPLA member in Sept 2018
More recent developments

SEEKING SUSTAINABILITY

2018
Dec 2018: 40% of DPLA staff is laid off.
• We hadn't had an ingest yet.
• Most of the remaining staff were working on e-book initiative.
• Would there even be a DPLAFest?
Finally, an ingest!
Before and after

2017

• 169,360 online records from 11 partners

2019

• 227,799 online records from 14 partners
How is DPLA membership working out for MoHub?

- More tech support
- Error reporting
- Regularly scheduled ingests

- Participation in governance
- Enhanced access to statistics
- DPLAFest
Statistical dashboard has much more detail

- Slight variations in several contributing repository names has caused usage statistics for those repositories to be reported as zero.
What does this mean for users of dp.la?
Curriculum Sets and Exhibits: on hold
Rights Statements display on click-through!
More recent developments

SEEKING SUSTAINABILITY 2019
• MoHub Steering Committee chair launches conversations about a community of practice
• MoHub Technical Lead David Henry announces relocation to WI
• DPLAfest did occur!
Hubs day

- Mission
- Staffing; funding
  - Foundation grants
  - Kickstarter
- Structure: building out advisory group model for Ebooks and tech
DPLAFest program tracks

• Cultural heritage aggregation
• E-book initiative
• Tech innovations
Great ideas from

• PA Digital's metadata checker
• Zooniverse: Crowdsourcing transcription tool
• Great IMLS project at WI
Students, host institutions and mentors work together to manage, preserve and provide access to digital content.

- Practical experience in digital stewardship
- Increase capacity of small libraries to curate their digital collections.

recollectionwisconsin.org/digipres
Top takeaways from

- Numerous models for statewide digitization collaboration
- DPLA gets to sit at the table with some major industry innovators
- Digitization leaders are active in DPLA hubs and will share their knowledge – with us!
What's ahead

STILL SEEKING SUSTAINABILITY

2019-2020
MoHub's plans

- Explore contract ingest manager (and how to fund)
- Fiscal agent role
- Seek input on communication preferences
- Community of Practice events
Tech skill building project #1:
"Library Carpentry workshop"
Two days, December 2019
librarycarpentry.org
• Future tech skill building project (Summer 2020?)
• Based on WI hub IMLS project:
• Curating Community Digital Collections
• Might partner with museum studies or public history students
Questions, comments?
Stay in touch!
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