



## Institute of Museum and Library Services

### IMLS and Digitization: New Initiatives

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#### Discussion:

IMLS supports digitization of library and museum resources and research to improve the management, preservation and interoperability of digital libraries. Current activities include:

- New funding opportunities for digitization and technology development in museums

*Museums On-Line* addresses the technological needs and issues of museums. Support is given for model projects that address the challenges of digitization of museum collections and/or demonstrate the educational impact of connecting museums and their communities through technology.

ANNUAL DEADLINE—March 1 (National Leadership Grants for Museums)

- National invitational conference

A recent conference highlighting digital library projects funded by IMLS to date identified significant trends and future funding needs. Sessions focused on content development; building of networked infrastructures; involvement of users in digital libraries; and preservation, interoperability, and management issues.

ANNUAL DEADLINES—February 1 (National Leadership Grants for Libraries) and April 1 (National Leadership Grants for Library and Museum Collaborations)

- Planning for a survey of digitization activities in libraries and museums

IMLS promotes excellence in library and museum services as well as access to those services for a diverse public. Computer-based technologies are powerful tools that help to address these goals, but the status of technology adoption in museums and libraries differs, and a wide variety of activities is taking place in both communities. To improve understanding of technology capacity, digital activities, and high-priority needs, IMLS is undertaking national surveys to characterize computer capabilities and networked status in museums and digital activities in libraries.



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## Web-Wise:

A Conference on Libraries and Museums in the Digital World

Attended by 200 representatives of Museums, Libraries and Related Organizations

### Sessions:

#### **The Digital Landscape—Where the Good Stuff Lives**

Hawaiian and Pacific Historical Images (*University of Hawaii at Manoa*)

The Hoagy Carmichael Collection (*Indiana University*)

Digital Museum Exhibits: Navigating Knowledge and Telling Stories (*Walker Art Center*)

Linking Florida's Natural Heritage (*University of Florida*)

#### **Partnerships: Building Networked Infrastructures**

Colorado Digitization Project (*University of Denver*)

Find-It!—Washington State's Government Information Locator Service (*Washington State Library*)

Plant Image Database Project (*Missouri Botanical Garden*)

Management and Searching of Music Collections (*Johns Hopkins University*)

#### **Friendly Users: Involving Users in Digital Libraries**

Socially Grounded User Studies in Digital Library Development (*University of Illinois*)

National NetGain (*University of California at Riverside*)

Children Shaping the Future of Digital Libraries (*University of Maryland*)

The Advanced Technology Environmental Education Library (*Eastern Iowa Community College*)

#### **This Old Web: Developing Standards for Digital Library Management, Interoperability and Preservation**

Digital Library Management: Technologies and Training (*Samantha Hastings, University of North Texas*)

Opportunities and Challenges for Standards Development (*Priscilla Caplan, State University System of Florida*)

Standards and the Colorado Digitization Project (*Liz Bishoff, Colorado Digitization Project*)

Preserving Cornell's Digital Image Collections (*Ann Kenney, Cornell University*)

### Session Chairs and Commenters:

**Laura Campbell**, *Library of Congress*

**Deanna Marcum**, *Council on Library and Information Resources*

**Ray Ewick**, *Indiana State Library*

**Don Waters**, *Mellon Foundation*

**Clifford Lynch**, *Coalition for Networked Information*

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