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.
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)

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Ray Ewic, Indiana State Library
Don Waters, Mellon Foundation
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