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## Virginia Digital Library Program

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The Library of Virginia initiated the Digital Library Program (DLP) in 1995. The Program has generated digital images of more than 700,000 original document pages, 1,100 maps, 18,000 photographs, 1.6 million catalog card images, and has created 30 new bibliographic databases with more than 350,000 MARC records. During January 2000, users from 120 countries performed more than 82,000 database searches and viewed 1,050 map images, 76,000 pages of original documents, 50,000 photographs, and 1.1 million card images.

In 1998, the Library initiated the Virginia Digital Library Program (VDLP) to provide consulting, funding, and implementation services for local Virginia libraries to digitize and provide access to significant local collections. The first nineteen (19) local projects include local newspaper indexes, maps, indexes to cemetery interment records, indexes to diaries and journals, ancestor charts, and numerous local photograph collections.

#### Major Issues Affecting Implementation of Remote Digital Projects

- ☒ Copyright and Use Restrictions
- ☒ Condition and Format of Materials
- ☒ Ability to Remove Materials from Premises
- ☒ Local Partnerships
- ☒ Long-Distance Communication and Other Logistics
- ☒ Cataloging and Indexing Specifications; Database Conversion to MARC
- ☒ Scanning Specifications
- ☒ Local Systems and Local Needs
- ☒ Cohesive Management of Completed Projects (Includes Maintenance and Data Archiving)
- ☒ Coordinated Access to Distributed Projects
- ☒ End-User Services

This session will provide an update on the Library's progress and generate discussion regarding current and emerging issues, technologies and standards relating to large-scale indexing and digitization projects on a statewide basis.

## Examples from Local Collections

