



# Digital Public Library of America Rhode Island Hub

COMMUNITY MEETING

MAY 4, 2022

# Agenda

## Project Development

- Overview and Progress to Date
- Mission
- Organization and Structure
- Timeline

## Current Work

- Digital Collections Survey 2022
- Establishment of Committees and Working Groups

## Community Input

- Table discussions: provide input on organization, committees, working groups

## Next Steps

# DPLA

## Overview

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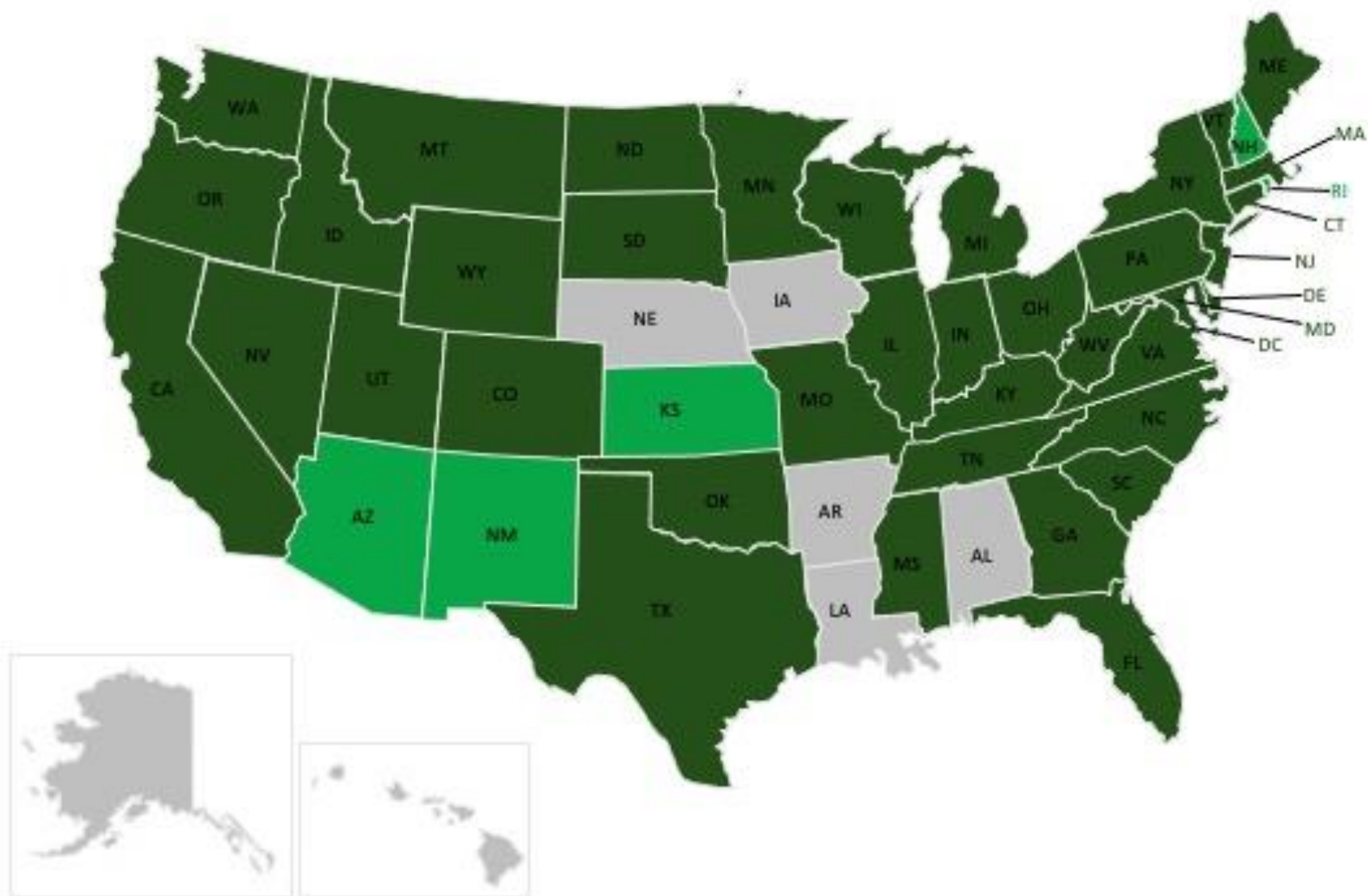
# Digital Public Library of America

- DPLA amplifies the value of libraries and equips them with tools to make information more accessible
- Provides access to over 45 million images, text, videos and sounds from across the US
- Service Hub
  - Represents a community of institutions
  - Provides aggregated metadata from partners to DPLA through a single data feed
  - Metadata resolves to digital objects



## DPLA Partners

- Existing Partnerships
- Partnerships in Development





# Project Development

# Project Development

## History

*Nora Dimmock  
Brown University Library*

## Welcome Back!

- Kicked off the discussion of a RI Hub on July 11, 2018 with DPLA
- Met at Salve Regina August 17, 2018
- Had an online meeting November 11, 2018
- Created a Steering Committee in Fall 2018 by email
- Did a successful survey in fall 2018, with follow-up in spring 2019
- Convened our first Steering Committee Meeting at PPL on February 26, 2019 to disseminate survey results
- Brown, Providence Public, and OLIS continued conversations in Fall 2019 into Winter 2020

## Partner agreement:

- ① Texas - no clause for withdrawing content or institution
  - needs a better definition of metadata
  - promotion, commercial use rights statement needs to be defined better
  - Reference to state statutes - RI?
  - UNT have right to copy/modify metadata even for commercial purposes.
- ② Wisconsin
  - structure lacked def. of hub? what responsibility is (gave partnership mission well)
  - short doc that references other docs
  - could be better if broken up into hub/partner work
  - sustainability
- ③ Clear authority
  - statement of service - good.
  - Presentation? do we want?
  - like mission/vision statement
  - good articulation of responsibilities/rights
  - need a name! RI Digital
  - want
  - too technical, high level
  - fees?
  - 2 signatures
  - RI AMCO?

Scope of Services  
preservation commitment! - they have  
see free! a name! Digital

Notes: Mission/Vision statement address  
Identifying responsibilities - <sup>strategy?</sup> what's our focus?  
Right and copyright statement  
format class

don't like: too comprehensive  
- we are not offering a digital Hub in digital  
- technically very sophisticated (complex)

Questions:  
Do we need a lead?  
Fees?  
Bibliography?  
- 2 signatures - to allow scope of negotiation

# Initial Takeaways

- Identify collections, especially those ready for ingestion
- Need for administrative leadership
- Need to develop
  - Vision / Mission
  - Governance
  - Working groups
  - Memorandum of Understanding for participants
  - Name!

## Project Development

### History

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# Initial Survey (Dec 2018)

- 64 responses
  - 70% of respondents had digital collections
  - 44% host digital collections
  - 23 public, 8 academic, 3 special libraries
  - 10 historical/preservation societies, 9 museums/historic sites
  - 96% of collections included photographs, manuscripts, artifacts
  - 38% included online exhibits
  - Wide range of hosting platforms and staffing situations

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# Project Development

## Mission

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## Vision

[DPLA-RI] informs the state's future by documenting its past.

## Mission

[DPLA-RI] brings the collections and expertise of libraries, historical societies, and museums together online to foster learning, encourage exploration, and promote understanding of the state's rich and complex history.

# Project Development

## Organization & Structure

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### Administrative Lead

- Office of Library & Information Services

### Steering Committee

- Representative of membership  
(e.g., libraries, museums, historical societies)
- 6-9 members

### Committees / Working Groups

- Metadata
- Systems
- Collection Development
- Training & Outreach

### Member Organizations

# Project Development

## Timeline

*Beatrice Pulliam*  
*Providence Public Library*

## Process

- Identify collections ready for an inaugural DPLA-RI collection launch (Summer 2022)
- Committee onboarding and finalize membership agreements
- Complete DPLA Service Hub application (Su/Fall 2022)
  - OLIS to act as Fiscal Agent for initiative and pay membership fees
- Implementation
  - Training, setup and initial ingest
- Launch “DPLA-RI” repository (June 9, 2023)



Current Work

# Current Work

## Digital Collections Survey 2022

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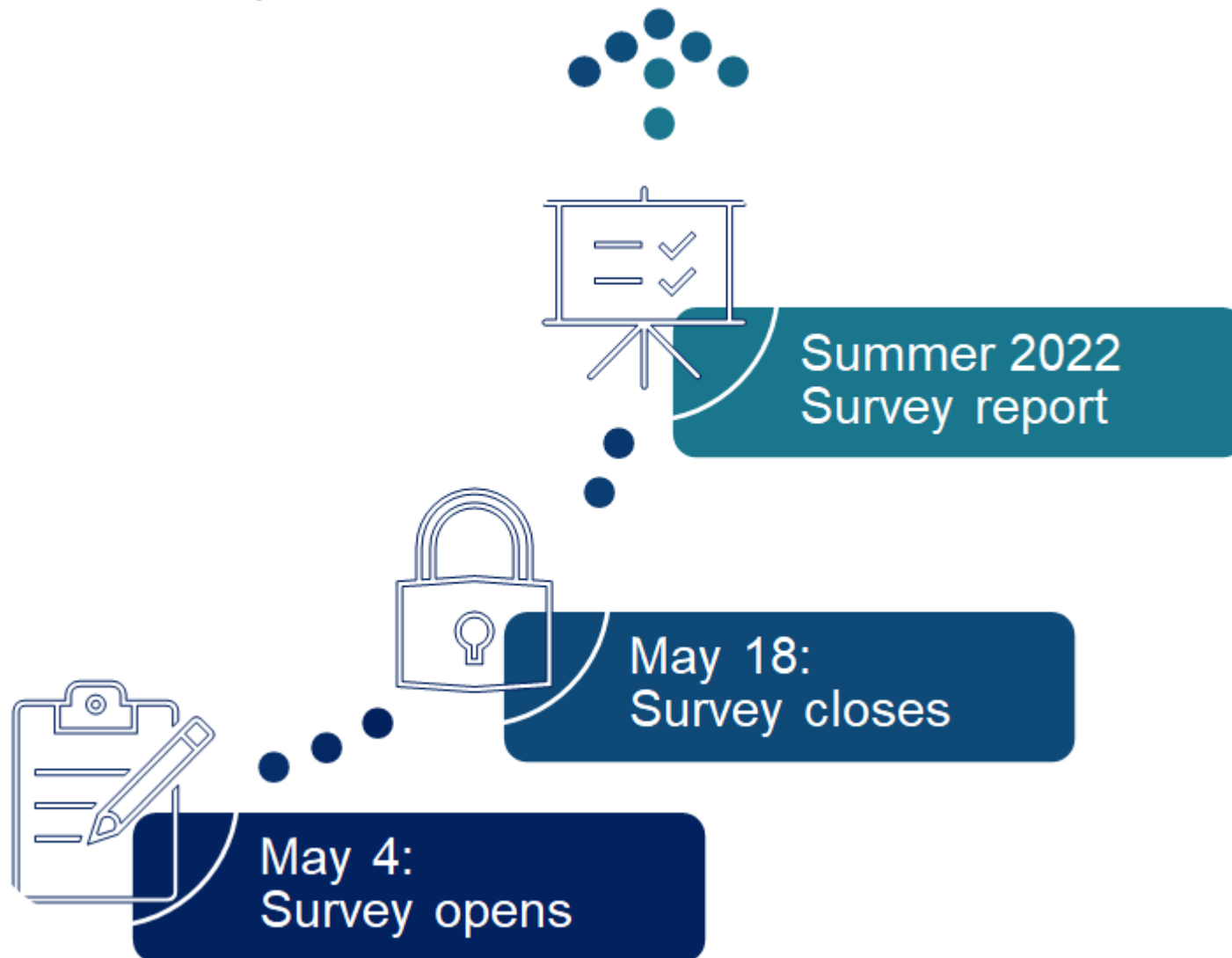
## Why a new survey?

- Staffing changes
- New digitization projects
- Upcoming projects

## Survey objectives

- Learn about current and future collections
- Understand staffing capabilities around different institutions
- Gain a better idea of resources across the State

# Survey Timeline



## Current Work

### Digital Collections Survey 2022

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# Current Work

## Committees & Working Groups

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## Committees

- Steering Committee
- Metadata Committee
- Systems Committee
- Training & Outreach Committee
- Collection Development Committee



# Steering Committee

Responsible for providing strategic direction, facilitating operations, and managing the hub's general functions.

## Current Work

### Committees

*Mairelys Lemus-Rojas*  
*Brown University Library*

*Pablo Morales Henry*  
*Office of Library & Information*  
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# Metadata Committee

Responsible for creating and maintaining the necessary documentation to provide current and potential contributors to the hub with the information required to prepare their collections for inclusion in DPLA.

## Current Work

### Committees

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# Systems Committee

Responsible for evaluating and recommending applications and infrastructure for the hub's aggregator. The systems committee works with the metadata committee to ensure data ingestion and with the hosting institution to guarantee that DPLA can harvest the hub's data.

## Current Work

### Committees

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# Training & Outreach Committee

Responsible for developing materials and facilitating training sessions throughout the State of Rhode Island. The committee is also responsible for the outreach and coordination of educational opportunities to help participants prepare their collections for DPLA.

## Current Work

### Committees

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# Collection Development Committee

Responsible for creating policies for materials accepted into the hub and identifying collections across the state to ingest into the aggregator.

## Current Work

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# Breakout Groups

Committees &  
Working Groups

*The Assembled*

**Group 1:** Steering Committee (stay in Main Room)

**Group 2:** Metadata Committee

**Group 3:** Systems Committee

**Group 4:** Training & Outreach Committee

**Group 5:** Collection Development Committee

# Next Steps

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## Upcoming

- Communication
  - Listserv & website
- Survey distribution
- Identification of initial collections
- Committees & working groups
- Development of MOU
- Development of DPLA application
- Name selection

# Questions?

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