DPLA Aggregation Service

TDL's DPLA Aggregation Service enables your institution to make your digital cultural heritage collections discoverable in the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA). DPLA provides a one-stop search experience for millions of items from across the country, available through its https://dp.la portal and its open API.

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Sharing information about your unique digital collections with DPLA helps you reach **new users** who might never have discovered them otherwise. DPLA exposes your materials to a **diverse** global audience, including researchers, students, educators, genealogists, and more.	In DPLA, your materials are **discoverable** alongside items from other institutions around the country. Combining your materials with this national collection creates **new connections** between items and **contextualizes** your community's story within the national narrative.	Participating in the DPLA network helps increase **local knowledge** at your institution and across TDL about digital collections issues. Additionally, sharing your materials with DPLA can make your digital collections program more appealing to **funders and grant agencies**.

YOUR REPOSITORY

Your collections remain housed in your institution's digital repository system while being shared and accessed in DPLA. TDL and DPLA only aggregate metadata & thumbnails of digital materials, not the materials themselves. Users are always directed back to your local repository to view and access full items.

HOW IT WORKS

The Digital Public Library of America aggregates descriptions of items held by institutions across the United States. When your institution participates in TDL's DPLA Aggregation Service, TDL will work with you to harvest your collections' metadata, optimize it for discovery in the DPLA portal, and send it to DPLA on a quarterly basis. Hosting your repository through TDL is not required to participate in the DPLA Aggregation Service.

TXHUB

The TDL DPLA Aggregation service is part of TxHub, a joint effort between the Texas Digital Library consortium and the Portal to Texas History of the University of North Texas. TxHub is the DPLA Service Hub of Texas, providing metadata for thousands of cultural heritage items to the Digital Public Library of America.

For more information, visit **tdl.org/txhub-dpla-aggregation** or contact **info@tdl.org**. For information about service fees and becoming a member of TDL, visit **tdl.org/membership**.