“Digital Learning and the LOUISiana Digital Library”

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Digital Learning and the LOUISiana Digital Library

• LOUIS and the LDL
• Digitization
• Featured collections for K-12 students, teachers, and school media specialists
• Isidore Newman School Archives
What is LOUIS?

- The Louisiana Library Network consortium
- Established in 1992 by the Board of Regents
- Combines the resources of LA’s public and private academic libraries with centralized support staff located at LSU
- Automation, union catalog, electronic resources, training, consulting, listservs, LOUISiana Digital Library
- 47 member institutions
- $4.7 million in contracts and membership fees

LOUISiana Digital Library Advisory Committee

- November 2006
- Original LDL Committee charge
  - To represent all the institutions who are members of the LDL and their collective interests to LOUIS
  - To make recommendations to LOUIS about functionality and the look of the LDL interface
  - To encourage institutions who are not currently members of the LDL to participate
  - To promote partnerships between the institutions and encourage state-wide digitization initiatives
  - To set standards for participation, including functionality and metadata creation that will ensure LDL functionality and usability
  - To enhance public awareness of the LDL through marketing and publicity efforts
- Members
  - HNOC, LSU, McNeese, LA State Museum, Southern Univ., Loyola, LSUHSC-NO, Tulane, UNO, LOUIS
LOUISiana Digital Library
www.louisianadigitallibrary.org

- CONTENTdm system
- Server hosted by OCLC in Dublin, OH
- 22 participating institutions
- 108 unique collections
- Over 144,000 digital items
  - Text, images, maps, manuscripts, multimedia content
- Indexed in Google, WorldCat, etc.
- Access: unrestricted vs. restricted
- Usage: 42,764 item views (December 2009)
Welcome to the LOUISiana Digital Library

The LOUISiana Digital Library (LDL) is an online library of over 144,000 digital materials about Louisiana's history, culture, places, and people. Its purpose is to make unique historical treasures from Louisiana's archives, libraries, museums, and other repositories in the state electronically accessible to Louisiana residents and students, researchers, and the general public in other states and countries. The LOUISiana Digital Library contains photographs, maps, manuscript materials, books, oral histories, and more that document Louisiana's history and culture. We hope that you find the items in the Digital Library as diverse and interesting as the people and places in Louisiana.

...more about LDL

How To Get Started

There are different ways items can be accessed in the Louisiana Digital Library. Collections may be Browsed or Searched. By choosing one of the criteria on the left menu bar, you may browse across all of the collections based on your selection. The browse options provide hyperlinked results to more specific collections and items based on the chosen criteria.

Collections may be searched by using either the Search box located in the upper-right of the page or the Advanced Search located on the menu bar at the top of the page. The Advanced Search allows for item level queries and provides results to individual items based on the search criteria. The Advanced Search feature also allows for collection specific searches.

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Digitization Process

• Material selection
• Digitize material vs. born-digital
  – In-house vs. outsourced
  – Archival standards
  – Lossless vs. lossy
• Catalog
  – Metadata – collection & item level
  – MARC records, original cataloging
• Upload
• Approve & index
• Archival storage
  – Methods (best & worst)
  – Archival formats
Featured Collections

- **History**
  - America at War
  - Louisiana Historical Photographs of the State Library
  - Louisiana Purchase and Louisiana Colonial History Collection

- **Arts**
  - Louisiana State Museum Jazz Collection
  - Ogden Museum of Southern Art

- **Science / Social Science**
  - John James Audubon in Louisiana
  - Survey Research Center
America at War

- Teaching American History in Louisiana (TAHIL) partnership
  - Includes the Louisiana State Archives, Louisiana State Museum, HNOC, and Tulane University Library Special Collections
- US military history from 1760’s – Vietnam
- Field journals, images of weapons and medical instruments, sheet music, photographs, articles, recordings, other documents
- Concentration on the War of 1812 and the Civil War

Admiral David Farragut
America at War Collection


Louisiana Historical Photographs of the State Library

• State Library of Louisiana
• Louisiana Gumbo: A Recipe for Empowerment
  – Institute of Museum and Library Services National Leadership Grant
  – Provide digital resources for K-12 students, teachers, general public
• Black and white photographs
  – Personalities, buildings and architecture, military facilities, hunting, fishing, etc.
• 1920’s - 1970’s

Louisiana Purchase and Louisiana Colonial History Collection

- TAHIL partnership
- Primary source collection
  - Rare historical maps, paintings, visual images, personal correspondence, government documents, newspaper articles, text documents
- French & Spanish colonial history, slavery, interactions with Native Americans
- Pierre Clement Laussat papers
- Favrot Family papers
- 1803 broadside by Thomas Jefferson

Louisiana State Museum Jazz Collection

- Louisiana State Museum
- LaGumbo: A Recipe for Empowerment project
- Primary source collection
  - Over 3,500 items
  - Traditional New Orleans jazz
  - Sound recordings (mp3)
  - Photographs
    - All of LSM’s photos of Louis Armstrong
    - Musical instruments
- New items added daily

Signed picture of Louis Armstrong
Louisiana State Museum Jazz Collection


Ogden Museum of Southern Art

- Home of the largest collection of Southern art in the world
- Louisiana Technology Innovation Fund
- Ogden Museum of Southern Art, UNO, LSU
- “The Preservation of Louisiana’s Treasures Program”
- 486 full-color images of Southern visual art
- Enrique Alferez, Thomas Sully, Tennessee Williams

John James Audubon in Louisiana

- LSU Libraries Special Collections
- 39 items
  - Water colored lithographs and engravings of birds
  - 4-month stay at Oakley Plantation in St. Francisville, LA in 1821
- Many later published in *Birds of America*
- Part of the E.A. McIlhenny Natural History Collection
- Rich metadata including taxonomy of birds and plants

Survey Research Center

• University of New Orleans, “UNO Poll”
• 1985
• “…promotes socially significant research with public policy implications as well as research of theoretical or academic interest.”
• “…information about public opinions, beliefs and values on a wide range of social, economic, and political issues.”
• 28 PDF items
  – Quality of life surveys
  – Growth and development surveys
  – Citizen evaluations of courts and political administrations
  – Hurricane evacuation behavior
  – Citizen recovery surveys

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Isidore Newman School Archives

- Isidore Newman School
  - Private
  - Co-educational
  - Pre-K through 12th grades
  - 958 students
Isidore Newman School Archives

• History
  – Founded in 1903
  – Isidore Newman Manual Training School
  – To educate children at the Jewish Orphans’ Home
  – Open to all children regardless of religion

http://photos-f.ak.fbcdn.net/photos-ak-snc1/v1922/43/59/24456614035/n24456614035_1119783_4358.jpg
• Manual Training  
  – Learn vocational skills  
  – Develop the brain  
  – Boys worked with wood and metal  
  – Girls learned sewing and cooking  

• School motto is  
  “Discimus Agere Agendo”  
  – “We Learn to Do by Doing”
Isidore Newman School Archives

- The Pioneer
  - Oldest continually published student magazine in Louisiana
  - Covers decorated with wood block prints the students carved themselves
- As the school became more college preparatory, name changed to “Isidore Newman School” in 1931
Isidore Newman School Archives

- Archives
  - Vintage photographs
    - Students and faculty
    - Isidore Newman and his family
  - Original copies of the *Pioneer*
  - Yearbooks, pamphlets, invitations, copies of the Manual Training curriculum, and promotional materials from the last 100 years

Chemistry Lab
Isidore Newman School Archives

Isidore Newman School Archives

• The digitization process
  – Preparing the images
    • Scanned photographs and *Pioneer* covers on the school’s flatbed scanner
    • Color correct and unsharp mask using Adobe Photoshop
    • Burn images to disks, both raw and corrected images
Isidore Newman School Archives

• Preparing metadata
  – Description to provide access when searching the collection
  – Describe physical properties
    • Size, material, age
  – Describe the content
    • What the item depicts
    • Title, Library of Congress Subject Headings
  – Describe the image
    • Type of file (TIF, scanned at 300 dpi)
  – Statement of responsibility

Isidore Newman School Archives

• Custom banners to add visual appeal
• Launched July 2009, 155 images
• Currently vintage photographs and *Pioneer* covers to 1925
• Future plans to add items relating to Isidore Newman

Isidore Newman School Archives

• Usage statistics
  – July 2009 – 600 hits
  – November alumni newsletter – 2,147 hits
  – Total July-December 2009: 3,223 hits
    • 20.8 hits per item

Isidore Newman School Archives

• Current use
  – Marketing tool
  – Promote awareness of the archives and their historical importance
  – Solicit donations of other archival materials
  – Preservation
  – Visual aid for teaching Louisiana history, inspiration for term papers on local history

Thank You!

Any questions/comments?