Funding Digital Preservation Research, Practice, and Education in the United States
Institute of Museum & Library Services

- Established in 1996
- Independent Federal Agency
- The Institute is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s **122,000 libraries** and **17,500 museums**.
Through **grant-making, convenings, research, and publications**, the Institute builds the capacity of museums and libraries to serve the public. We

- sustain cultural heritage and knowledge;
- enhance learning and spur innovation; and
- support professional development.
The **IMLS** is the largest of the federal cultural agencies.

- Fiscal Year 2008: $263,507,000
- Fiscal Year 2009 Request: $271,246,000
Grants to State Library Administrative Agencies

- Distributed in accordance with approved five-year plans
- Every year each state receives a grant based on its population
Discretionary Library Programs

- Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program
- National Leadership Grants for Libraries
- Native American Library Services
Discretionary Museum Programs

- National Leadership Grants for Museums
- Museums for America
- Conservation Project Support
- 21st Century Museum Professionals
- Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services
- Museum Grants for African American History and Culture
National Leadership Grants for Libraries and Museums

Categories of Funding

- Research
- Demonstration Projects
- Advancing Digital Resources
- Library and Museum Collaborations
- Collaborative Planning Grants
- February 1, 2009 deadline
Education for Digital Stewardship

21st Century Librarians Program

- Masters Programs
- Doctoral Programs
- Continuing Education
- Pre-professional Recruitment
- Research & Early Careers
- Building Institutional Capacity
- December 15, 2008 deadline
Connecting to Collections: A Call to Action

• The Heritage Health Index (HHI) report concluded that our nation’s collections are imperiled and in need of swift action in conservation and public awareness.

• Connecting to Collections will encourage response to the four key HHI recommendations:
  – Provision of safe conditions for the collections;
  – Development of emergency plans;
  – Assignment of responsibility for caring for collections to institutional staff;
  – Public understanding that caring for collections is an investment in the future.
Funding Priorities for 2009

National Leadership Grants

- Proposals to investigate ways to enhance the archiving, preservation, management, discovery and use of digital assets and resources or
- Investigate or conduct research, demonstrate and / or test new knowledge or make improvements on the conservation & preservation practices
- Projects to support the creation, use, preservation, and presentation of significant digital resources as well as the development of tools to manage digital assets
- Develop new approaches or tools for digital curation
21st Century Library Professional

- Develop or enhance courses or programs of study in the creation, management, preservation, presentation, and use of digital assets.
- Develop or enhance programs of study that address knowledge, skills, abilities, and issues of common interest to data repositories. (See http://chips.ci.fsu.edu/.)
- Develop projects or programs in data curation as training programs for graduate students in library and information science.
Education for Digital Stewardship

University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill (2008)

DigCCurr II: Extending an International Digital Curation Curriculum
http://www.ils.unc.edu/digccurr2009/

Previous 2006 IMLS Grant Activity
http://www.ils.unc.edu/digccurr2007/
University of Illinois
Urbana Champaign (2008)

Establishing an MLS Concentration in Data Curation

Partnerships with Science & Humanities Data Centers

http://www.lis.uiuc.edu/programs/ms/data_curation.html
Education for Digital Stewardship

New York University
Tisch Cinema Studies
Moving Image Archiving & Preservation Program
(2008)

*Professional Training for Moving Image Archiving and Preservation*

MIAP will provide intensive work experiences: 36 internships & 6 post-doc fellowships over 3 years
University of Michigan (2008)
Engaging Communities to Foster Internships for Preservation and Digital Curation

Partners: Center for Research Libraries, Florida Center for Automation, LOCKSS, NEDCC, OCLC, Smithsonian Archives, Safe Sound Archives, and ICPSR.
University of Texas-Austin (2008)

Video Games & the Cultural Record

Collection and preservation of Massively multiplayer online games
Florida Center for Library Automation
(2008)

Towards Interoperable Preservation Repositories (TIPR)

With Cornell University Library and New York University Libraries, they will develop a proof of concept for the exchange of information between digital preservation repositories

http://www.fcla.edu/digitalArchive/index.html
Purdue University
(2007)

Distributed Data Curation Center
Case studies of researcher
data/metadata workflow, curation
profiles across disciplines, system
requirements for managing data in
repositories

http://d2c2.lib.purdue.edu/
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2006)

*CAD Preservation Research:*

Using Frank Gehry architectural documents, MIT will create preservation strategies to stem the loss of this critical cultural material.
IMLS Data Curation Research

Johns Hopkins University
Sheridan Libraries
(2006)
National Virtual Observatory
Digital Data Curation Program

A collaboration of publishers, libraries, and the National Virtual Observatory (NVO) to give astronomers long-term, reliable access to useful data

http://www.openarchives.org/ore/meetings/hopkins/presentations/Tim_DiLauro_ORE.pdf
NLG Building Digital Resources


State-based networked repository based on the LOCKSS model for preserving digital content created by academic institutions, state agencies and cultural heritage organizations

http://www.lockss.org/lockss/Alabama_Digital_Preservation_Network
Digital Stewardship Education Workshops

- 2008 JCDL Conference – post workshop meeting
  http://www.ils.unc.edu/jcdl2008/

- IDEA working group meeting, December 4 2008
  http://www.dcc.ac.uk/events/idea-2008-edinburgh/

- International think tank meeting, 2009.
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