
Sunshine State Digital Network



Florida Public Library Directors Meeting
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(Re)Introductions



Image from Monroe County Public Library
"Jimmy Buffett and Betty Williams"

- What is SSDN?
 - Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) service hub for Florida.
 - We share partner metadata to be discovered in DPLA.
 - What is DPLA?
 - DPLA provides free online access to millions of books, photographs, maps, audiovisual materials and more from thousands of organizations across the United States.
 - SSDN currently partners with 32 content contributors (including 6 public libraries).
 - Working groups dedicated to outreach, training and standards.
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What does it mean to be a network?



Image from Boynton Beach City
Library
"Shark Man of Lake Worth
landing a hammerhead, 1970"

- We leverage expertise from all different types of organizations.
 - We work together and for each other.
 - YOU are part of our network!
 - Community discussions, workshops, working groups, engagement and future conversations.
 - Additionally we provide services and connect you to other organizations.
 - Metadata analysis, content questions and consultations.
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What's new?



Image from Miami-Dade Public
Library System

“Roaring Twenties themed
party for the 60th Anniversary
of Coral Gables Branch Library”

- LSTA grant to provide additional training related to community-building around digital collections and inclusive metadata practices.
 - Hybrid workshops will be held around Florida in the spring with working sessions to follow in the summer.
 - Recorded webinars from this fall are available for free on our website.
 - These workshops are designed with you and your communities in mind.
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How can you get your library involved?



Image from Hialeah Public Libraries
“The first patron access to
the internet in the library”

- Attend our events.
 - Watch our webinars.
 - Participate in our discussions.
 - Share your content with DPLA. (WE LOVE TO SHARE YOUR STUFF!)
 - Share your expertise; you know your patrons best.
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Explore partner collections at
ssdn.dp.la

