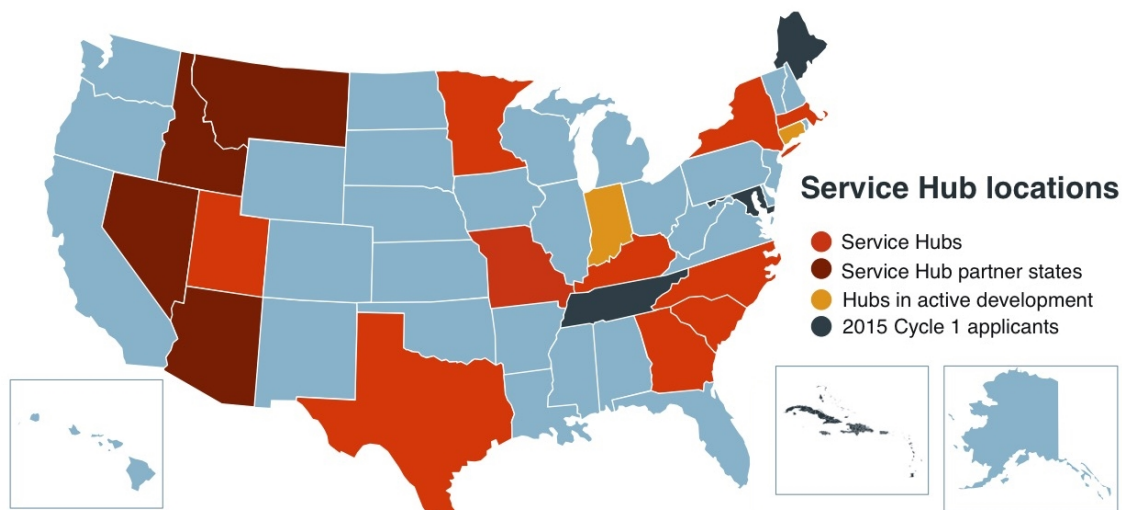


Wisconsin and the Digital Public Library of America

The Digital Public Library of America (<http://dp.la>) is a groundbreaking effort to establish a “public commons” by bringing together digital cultural heritage resources from collections across the country. This content comes from a national network of Content Hubs, large digital collections from institutions such as the Smithsonian, Harvard and the National Archives; and Service Hubs, which are state-based or regional collaboratives that aggregate metadata from multiple institutions. DPLA currently includes more than ten million digitized cultural heritage resources, and millions more are expected to be added in the next two years as DPLA works to complete the map of Hubs nationwide.

Establishing a DPLA Service Hub in Wisconsin will:

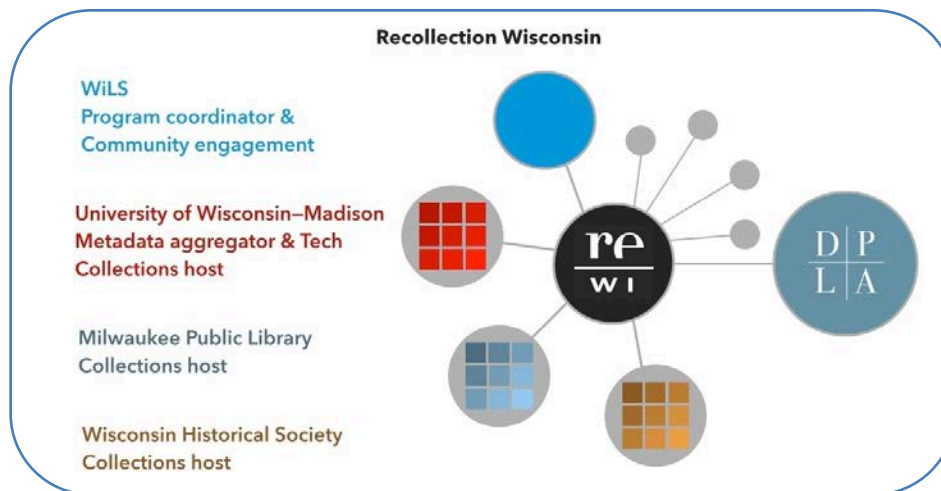
- **Provide, in the first round of participation, more than 400,000 metadata records to DPLA.**
These records represent unique local content held by more than 140 public libraries, academic libraries, archives, historical societies, museums and other cultural heritage institutions throughout Wisconsin.
- **Broaden the impact and reach of Wisconsin’s libraries and cultural heritage institutions.**
The Minnesota Digital Library reported a 55% increase in visits to their digital collections since joining DPLA; the Mountain West Digital Library saw an increase of more than 100%.
- **Enable more Wisconsin libraries and cultural heritage institutions to bring their collections online.**
Coordinated statewide professional development opportunities will nurture a community of practice and improve efficiencies by streamlining and standardizing processes for selecting unique local materials for digitization and for creating, sharing and preserving digital content.
- **Inspire innovative uses of Wisconsin’s digital collections.**
DPLA works to enhance metadata from contributing Hubs through geotagging and other technologies. This enhanced metadata is made publicly available through an open API, which is used by developers and researchers to create innovative environments for learning and discovery.
- **Ensure that Wisconsin is well represented on the national map of digital content as DPLA continues to grow.**
By partnering with the Digital Public Library of America, Wisconsin’s libraries and cultural heritage institutions will join a national network that is actively and collaboratively shaping the landscape of open access to our nation’s cultural heritage.



Launching a DPLA Service Hub in Wisconsin

A DPLA Service Hub in Wisconsin will build on the existing Recollection Wisconsin collaborative statewide digital initiative. Current support to launch a Hub consists of the following:

- In-kind commitments of technology support, content hosting and project management from the Milwaukee Public Library, University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, WiLS and the Wisconsin Historical Society.
- A grant from the Nicholas Family Foundation.
- An LSTA grant (in development).
- Metadata harvesting and content hosting fees contributed by Content Partners.



This funding will be used to help support the 1.25 FTE staff positions necessary to meet the minimum requirements of participation in DPLA. These positions, housed at WiLS, will be responsible for:

- Conducting outreach and building community engagement
- Providing consulting, training and related support to bring new Content Partners on board
- Coordinating metadata compliance
- Facilitating communication among partners
- Managing policy and procedures documentation
- Acting as liaison to DPLA staff