Digital Collections in Transition

Preparing METRO hosted collections for ESDN/DPLA

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METRO Digital Collection Hosting

- member benefit
- low/no cost
- for institutions without infrastructure to host their own content
- Original platform = CONTENTdm
- Migrating to new platform = Islandora
METRO Digital Collections

- approx 30 collections/21K objects in CONTENTdm
- from 15 institutions
- most static/complete - no content being added
- small # are active - institutions adding content ongoing basis
- no MAP or guidelines for creating metadata
METRO Digital Collections

Content:

scrapbooks, handbills, sheet music covers, trade cards, maps, photos, postcards, newsletters, manuscripts, archival collections, correspondence, and two books (!)
Migration to Islandora

- Started planning early 2013
- Contracted with discoverygarden inc. – experience migrating from CDM to Islandora
- Migration process began in mid-2013
- Collections copied to New York Heritage in the interim
Migration Issues - Metadata

- First migration attempts – unsuccessful
- metadata different for every collection
- mostly qualified DC
- not used consistently across collections
- lots of custom fields
Migration solutions

- migrate collections one by one
- scope collections ahead for issues with metadata
- cleanup in CONTENTdm
- custom map each collection individually to MODS
- mapping and cleanup with DPLA in mind
Progress so far

- Completed migration of 23 collections – June 2014
- All items have MODS metadata
- Clean consistent metadata
- (Pretty much) DPLA ready!
Still to do

- Public site – in process
- Racing to get ready by Jan 2015!
- Permissions ...
Near-term Goals

- Soft launch new site by early January
- At least half a dozen collections online
- All being harvested by ESDN
- Part of initial New York DPLA contribution
Next up

- Finish cleanup on remaining collections

- Secure permissions as we go

- All Islandora collections public on new site, harvested by ESDN - mid-2015

- Phase II/ESDN – more METRO member collections into DPLA

- Education and outreach – participation, rights
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