

# 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

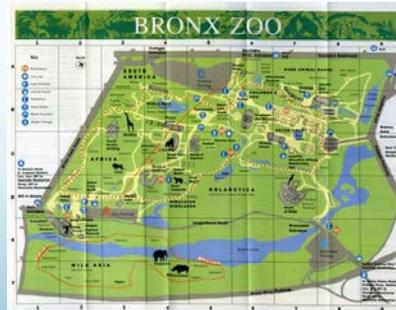
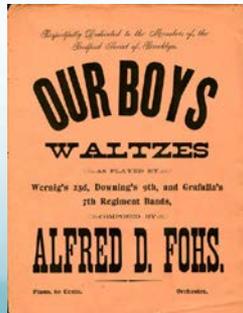


# METRO Digital Collections

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 ...



Home > Islandora Repository >

## Brooklyn Public Library, Fulton Street Trade Cards

View



Grid view List view

« first < previous 1 2 3



S. Bierach, Fine Stationer,  
Dealer in Sheet Music, Music  
Books, Musical  
Instruments, &c.



S. Downing, Dry Goods



S. Leopold Toys Baby  
Carriages.



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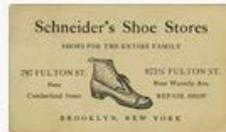
S.A. Byers, Fine Boots Shoes,  
Elegant Slippers for the  
Holidays.



Samuel A. Byers, Dealer in  
Fine Boots and Shoes



Saturday



Schneider's Shoe Stores,  
Shoes for the Entire Family



# 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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