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ABOUT US

THE TEXAS DIGITAL LIBRARY CONSORTIUM

OUR MEMBERS

Angelo State University
Baylor University
Houston Public Library
Sam Houston State University
Stephen F. Austin State University
Texas A&M University
Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi
Texas A&M International University
Texas A&M University at Galveston
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
Texas Woman’s University
Trinity University
University of Houston
University of Houston – Clear Lake
University of North Texas
UNT Health Science Center
University of Texas at Arlington
University of Texas at Austin
University of Texas at Dallas
UT Medical Branch at Galveston
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
University of Texas at San Antonio
UT Southwestern Medical Center
West Texas A&M University

OUR GOVERNING BOARD

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OUR SERVICES

Digital Preservation Services | tdl.org/digital-preservation
Digital Repositories | tdl.org/repositories
Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Management | tdl.org/etds
Open Access Journals | tdl.org/journals
Support for Open Educational Resources | tdl.org/oer-support
Research Data Management | tdl.org/texas-data-repository
TxHub DPLA Aggregation | tdl.org/txhub-dpla-aggregation

WHAT'S NEW

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NEW SERVICES

More Discoverable Collections

TDL's new **DPLA Aggregation Service** will enable Texas institutions to have their digital cultural heritage collections discoverable in the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA). Through **TxHub**, TDL aggregates metadata from collections in DSpace and other repositories in Texas to become discoverable through dp.la.

Open Educational Resources (OER)

TDL launched our first ever **OER Support Service** in Fall 2019. This service includes the OER Ambassadors program; Open Texas, an annual OER conference; an Open Education Network (formerly named the Open Textbook Network) membership; and a discount program with Pressbooks.

SERVICE UPGRADES & UPDATES

With the help of our members, our services saw major improvements in 2019-2020.

- Our **Open Academic Journals** took a major leap forward with OJS version 3, both in “look and feel” and functionality as well as big changes to the user interface.
- TDL upgraded our **ETD Management** service to Vireo 4, improving submission workflows, controlled vocabularies, metadata, and enhanced field controls.
- Our **Research Data Management** service, the Texas Data Repository, saw major improvements including capacity for larger datasets, a preservation protocol in Chronopolis, and project management in the steering committee.

NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

In summer 2020, TDL developed a **new Strategic Plan for the Texas Digital Library consortium** with four overarching strategies to guide our work over the next three years.

These strategies are:

1. Partner with members and like-minded external partners to broaden access to scholarly, cultural heritage, and educational materials.
2. Create value for members through shared resources.
3. Commit to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in order to ensure broad and equitable access to our tools, content, and communities.
4. Strengthen sustainability through membership growth and diversification of funding sources.

You can read the full Strategic Plan on our website at tdl.org/strategic-plan.

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NEW MEMBER BENEFITS

Consortial Discount for Web Archiving

TDL continues to build a community around web archiving in Texas by offering members a **10% discount on Archive-It**, a service that allows them to build collections of digital web content. Eight of TDL's member institutions joined the initial cohort and will receive training and technical support from Archive-It.

Improving Research Data Skills

TDL's Texas Data Repository Steering Committee laid the groundwork for a **pilot Data Carpentry membership** to increase TDL members' literacy in fundamental research data skills. Through train-the-trainer workshops, TDL members will learn from certified Carpentries instructors and be prepared to lead Data Carpentries workshops on the local level.

NEW MEMBER GROUPS

Over the past year, TDL launched several new member groups to address issues of importance to our communities.

- The **OER Ambassadors** were selected to develop a community of practice around open educational resources and become a source of expertise for the consortium.
- We created an **OJS User Group** for TDL member subscribers. This group is helping us develop a New Journal Toolkit and improved documentation for all TDL users.
- The **Digital Preservation Interest Group** has opened up participation in the group to all TDL members and non-members alike, not just service subscribers.
- We launched a **TDL Imaging Group**, led by TDL members and open to anyone working in digitization or digital imaging in GLAM organizations.
- The **Web Archiving Texas Interest Group** launched after a successful event at Baylor University in Fall 2019 and spurred the creation of an Archive-It consortium.
- And finally, TDL members helped us launch a **GIS Interest Group** in summer 2020 after a successful online birds-of-a-feather meeting at TCDL 2020.

NEW CONFERENCE

Following on the success of the 2018 Statewide OER Summit and the 2019 Statewide Open Education Texas Convening, TDL and the Digital Higher Education Consortium of Texas (DigiTex) teamed up in early 2020 to jointly organize the new **Open Texas conference**. Open Texas will convene librarians, faculty, administrators, and other open education practitioners and advocates in Texas annually beginning in 2020.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

BUILDING CAPACITY AND PARTNERSHIPS

IMLS PLANNING GRANT

TDL completed our year-long planning grant project, **Preserving Sensitive Data in Distributed Digital Storage Networks**, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The project kicked off in September 2019, combining research and data gathering needed to model a nationwide distributed digital preservation service for private and sensitive content. Along with our partners at the University of California - San Diego, **we've identified options for the establishment of a distributed digital preservation service in the United States for sensitive data** that will assist TDL in enhancing our own digital preservation offerings and also help pave the way for other services to do so.

DIGITAL EXHIBITS PILOT

Enhanced visibility of your cultural heritage collections is important for your institution's reputation and standing. One of the most requested services from our 2019 member survey was hosted **digital exhibit software**, so TDL chose to pilot Spotlight, an open source exhibit system created by Stanford that is growing in popularity. Beginning in summer 2020, we began testing Spotlight for digital exhibits in answer to our members' call for a hosted digital exhibit platform.

ISCHOOL CAPSTONES

We celebrate another successful spring collaboration with nextgen archivists and librarians who chose TDL for their semester-long capstone projects.

- An archives student spearheaded a **digital imaging inventory** by surveying digitization needs among TDL members and developing a directory of vendors and public-sector imaging partners.
- Another student developed a **skillshare directory** to find librarians, archivists, technologists, etc. who are willing to share their knowledge via a searchable database hosted on tdl.org.
- A third student worked with members of the Texas Data Repository Steering Committee to create a **plan for data curation** in the Texas Data Repository for local use at UT Austin.

COMMUNITY

MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF TEXAS DIGITAL LIBRARY

TEXAS CONFERENCE ON DIGITAL LIBRARIES

TDL cancelled TCDL 2020 due to public health concerns. In coordination with the TCDL Planning Committee and TDL Awards Committee, we decided to move a handful of program elements online, including birds-of-a-feather roundtable discussions, a digital preservation panel, and a fun and celebratory first-ever online TDL Awards ceremony in summer 2020. **TCDL 2021 will be held fully online** in May 2021 - a first in the over decade-long history of the conference.

HONORABLE MENTIONS 2019 & 2020

Kristi Park was elected Chair of the international DSpace Project Leadership Group, and continues to serve in this role. **Courtney Mumma** began serving her three-year term on the NDSA Coordinating Committee and chaired a successful 2020 DigiPres Conference. And our **2020 TDL Awards** honored the work of members at the University of Houston, University of North Texas, and Texas Tech University, alongside new friends from the ATX Barrio Archive, the San Antonio African American Community Archives and Museum, the University of the Incarnate Word, and the Texas Archive of the Moving Image.

COVID RESPONSE & ZOOM LIFE

The distributed community infrastructure that TDL has cultivated, and our existing relationships and trust with our members, allowed us to **create and strengthen human connections during the COVID-19 pandemic** when actual contact has been prohibited. Since March, we began holding agenda-free Zoom hangouts for our members, including their pets and children if they're working from home. Hangouts have spawned a **community Slack space** where members have work-related conversations as well as share Animal Crossing and gardening tips. We've also created and maintained a curated **COVID resources page** and hosted a number of rapid-response webinars on Re-Opening the Library, working from home as an archivist, and Supporting Online Teaching and Learning.

ANTI-RACISM ACTION

TDL issued a statement against racism, standing with those working to end systemic injustices. **We grieve the deaths of Black and Brown people lost to racist and often police-inflicted violence, as well as the disproportionate number of COVID-19 deaths within minoritized communities.** Our action plan will allow TDL to align our mission, vision, work, and outputs with our anti-racist values.

2020 NUMBERS

TDL STATS FROM 2019-2020

MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

3 affiliate members **25**
22 regular members

522 HOSTED DATAVERSES

1407 datasets

9 Texas Data Repository member institutions

9 MEMBERS
use 2 or more services

OER workshop attendees **27**

7 OER
Ambassadors

21 hosted **DSpace** repositories

hosted **Vimeo** instances **14**

74%
of members receive **regular updates** at TDL's monthly forum

DIGITAL PRESERVATION MEMBERS

3 new in 2020 **8**

63% would like to see more **digital preservation** trainings offered

40.6%
of TDL's income comes from **service fees**

new **TxHub**
DPLA Aggregation Service members **2**

30+ webinars hosted
900+ attendees

hosted **open** academic journals **72**

11 MEMBER GROUPS
100+ active members

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OUR MISSION

A collaborative consortium based in Texas and rooted in higher education, the Texas Digital Library builds capacity among its membership for ensuring equitable access to and preservation of digital content of value to research, instruction, cultural heritage, and institutional memory.

OUR VISION

The Texas Digital Library (TDL) will become a nationally recognized leader as a provider of essential, equitable, and sustainable infrastructure for libraries and cultural memory organizations, and its efforts will help to transform society through the radical broadening of access to valuable research, teaching, and cultural heritage materials.

As a center for expertise and excellence, it will be a sought-after partner by other consortia, institutions, and funders, and will serve as a model of community-based collaboration in service of Open Access, Open Data, Open Education, and digital preservation.

TDL's success will be bound to that of our member institutions and their workers. Through our collective efforts, we will prepare and empower a diverse and inclusive library workforce to meet the challenges of the moment by amplifying their unique contributions, enabling sustainable workloads, and fostering mutually supportive communities.

OUR TEAM

Kristi Park, Executive Director | Courtney Mumma, Deputy Director | Hesam Andalib, Helpdesk Tech | Lea DeForest, Communications Manager | Clark Kim, Senior DevOps Lead | Nick Lauland, Systems Administrator | Frank Smutniak, Senior Software Engineer | Alex Suarez, Administrative Associate | Nicholas Woodward, Senior Software Engineer

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