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## News - UGA Libraries

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## University of Georgia

### Georgia Collections Sought for Nationwide Digital Library

The Digital Library of Georgia is accepting applications now through Jan. 25 for original, unpublished historic materials significant to Georgia to be digitized and included in a nationwide digital library.

Georgia libraries, museums, historical societies, archives and other cultural heritage repositories are invited to submit applications for up to five collections each to be considered for digitization and subsequent inclusion in both the Digital Library of Georgia and the Digital Public Library of America (DLG). Applications can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/d8yt8k6>. Selection of materials to digitize will be made according to the availability of resources and the DLG collection development policy, which can be found at <http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/AboutDLG/CollectionDevelopment.html>.

DLG will partner with Lyasis for the conversion of selected content, and staff hired through the grant funds will create descriptive records.

The University of Georgia and GALILEO are helping build a nationwide digital library with support from the John S. and James L. Knight foundation and the Arcadia Foundation. The DPLA launched last summer by Harvard University is a groundbreaking project making

the nation's local archive digital, searchable and freely accessible. A grant from the Knight Foundation gave \$1 million to create pilot sites with libraries in Georgia, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oregon, South Carolina and Utah serving as regional hubs. Georgia's share of the foundation grant, together with funding from the Arcadia Foundation, was \$350,000.

Toby Graham, UGA's deputy university librarian and director of the Digital Library of Georgia reports "We are so pleased to contribute to this national effort and to make sure that the record of Georgia's history and culture is represented." According to Graham "this project will allow us to issue a call for nominations from libraries and archives and other institutions around the state to add content to the Digital Library of Georgia, which will serve as a pipeline into the Digital Public Library of America."

Based at the University of Georgia Libraries, the DLG has operated since 2000 as part of Georgia's GALILEO virtual library. DLG now includes more than a million digital files estimates director Graham.

Beverly Blake, a program director with the Knight Foundation, says, "Georgia's public archives – in libraries, colleges and universities – have a rich collection that we're eager to share with the world." For more information on the DPLA, see <http://dp.la/> or contact Sheila McAlister at [mcalists@uga.edu](mailto:mcalists@uga.edu) or Toby Graham via E-mail at [tgraham@uga.edu](mailto:tgraham@uga.edu).