Digitization Selection at the Louisiana Digital Library: A Survey

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Abstract: The Louisiana Digital Library (LDL) is a consortial online library featuring contributions from 25 member institutions across the state of Louisiana. Digital library practitioners from Louisiana State University and Loyola University New Orleans are recipients of a Collections as Data grant titled "...And 25 of our closest friends." The project team will host a series of meetings and a multi-day LDL Institute to collaboratively explore policies and practices related to selection for digitization, assessing use and reuse of digital collections, and the use of LDL holdings as computational data. The first step of the project involves a survey sent to member institutions apprising their current practices for digitization selection and assessment, especially the role of diversity and inclusion in the selection process. This presentation will present an analysis of the survey results along with plans for how the results will inform the next steps of the grant.

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