

2017 Awards, Metadata Cleanup Grants

The Washington State Library's Metadata Cleanup Grants (MCG) program provides funding and training to libraries seeking to prepare their digital collection metadata for harvest by a regional Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) service hub. The DPLA is a federated search portal that aggregates records from the digital collections of America's galleries, libraries, archives, and museums. WSL is awarding grants to support public, academic, and tribal libraries in remediating, re-cataloging, and/or enhancing digital collection records currently available to the public through library and digital repository system.

Total Requested: \$10,000

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Organization: Seattle Public Library

Award: \$5,000

Abstract: The Seattle Public Library (SPL) will revise and refine metadata for its Seattle Historical Photograph Collection, containing over 2100 images depicting notable events, places, and people in Seattle's history. Photographs document the Great Fire of 1899, the city's regrades, Potlatch festivals, historic buildings, homes, schools, early pioneers, and prominent Seattlites. Existing records for this collection will be brought in line with the Orbis Cascade Alliance's Dublin Core Best Practices recommendations and metadata readiness documentation. SPL will include standardized copyright statements as outlined by the Rightsstatements.org working group/project. The goal of the project is to ready this collection's records for harvest by a Digital Public Library of America service hub.

Organization: Whitman County Library

Award: \$5,000

Abstract: The Whitman County Library (WCL) will continue and complete ongoing work on remediating and enhancing metadata for the 4,000+ records housed in its Whitman County Heritage digital collection. This collection includes digitized special collections originating with more than 30 local museums and community organizations and over 100 privately owned (family) collections of historical significance. WCL will continue work to bring its collection metadata in line with the Orbis Cascade Alliance's Dublin Core Best Practices recommendations and other metadata readiness documentation. The Library will include copyright statements as recommended by Rightsstatements.org and the Digital Public Library of America. A secondary objective will be to enhance item-level metadata in regards to titles and/or descriptions. The goal of the project is to ready this collection's records for harvest by a Digital Public Library of America service hub.