**Providing Research Assistance for the University of Florida Digital Collections (UFDC) Brown Bag**

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In this presentation, we will cover the basics of UFDC: searching, advanced searching (including by collection and subcollection), viewing results, and saving images. We will also cover tips and tricks: collections that may be of particular interest to students and researchers, how to view statistics for the collections, using the email contact forms for help, and using the citation on items to find the permanent URL. The rest of the time will be spent discussing how to best use UFDC to help patrons and for our own needs.

Agenda

* Overview of what UFDC has and does (Laurie)
* Overview of how it works for reference/users, scenarios where this might come up and what’s useful to do (Missy)
* Discussion of questions, ideas, and playing with UFDC (Missy & Laurie, reference and UFDC experts)

Areas Covered

* Help pages for answering general questions: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/ufdchelp>
* Statistics page: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/stats>
* RSS feed for new items: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/rss/all_short_rss.xml>
* Interesting materials in UFDC that everyone can use:
  + PPT slides: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/ufdchelp/results/?t=slides>
  + Exhibits: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/exhibits>
  + (And, UFDC can easily build into these sorts of materials)