Exhibits and Digital Collections

**Overview**

Curators often build online exhibits to complement digital collections, as well as using online exhibits as a way of building new digital collections and as a way of building towards a larger digital collection.

The *Exhibits Policy* shows the synergies with digital collections (aggregations) more broadly:

Exhibits within the Libraries are to be managed by the Libraries and should have a Library faculty or staff member as primary curator. The curator(s) should work in consultation with the Exhibits Coordinator to plan, develop, install, and promote exhibits within the Libraries. Co-curating and collaboration within the Libraries’ various collections and with campus departments, the community, and other institutions is encouraged.

The *Exhibits Proposal* (<http://exhibits.uflib.ufl.edu/docs/ExhibitProposal.pdf>) offers a relevant and related framework for collecting and presenting essential information for new digital aggregations by structuring and capturing the theme, abstract, collection(s) featured, Curator(s), and other information.

**Digitizing Exhibit Items and the Process for Inclusion in Digital Collections**

In addition to alignment in terms of the conceptual framework, exhibits also result in new digitized and digitally curated materials. As explained in the *Exhibits Policy* (<http://exhibits.uflib.ufl.edu/docs/ExhibitsPolicy.pdf>):

Physical exhibitions created by the Libraries shall have complementary online component(s) as appropriate. All online material created for, or in conjunction with exhibitions shall be archived and publicly available in the University of Florida Digital Collections (<http://ufdc.ufl.edu>).

To support the *Exhibits Policy*, time and resources are allocated on an ongoing basis for digitizing materials for exhibits.

In addition to digitized materials, the Exhibits Coordinator organizes and archives relevant materials (e.g., object lists, etc.) in the appropriate Curator-controlled collection(s) as well as the *Exhibit Materials Digital Collection*: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/exhibitmaterials>

**Online Exhibits and Digital Collections**

Online exhibits are hosted on the Exhibits website and/or the appropriate thematic research digital collection.

All online exhibits are listed and linked on the Exhibits website, which also links to the exhibit materials: <http://exhibits.uflib.ufl.edu/online.html>