IIIF & the Digital Public Library of America

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DPLA as cultural heritage aggregator

- 11 million+ items aggregated from US libraries, archives, and museums
- 27+ “Hubs” (primary partners)
- 1,600+ contributing institutions
DPLA partner breakdown

- Public libraries, 24%
- University libraries, 22%
- Archives, 6%
- Community colleges, 3%
- Corporate libraries/archives, 2%
- County and municipal agencies, 2%
- Federal libraries, 1%
- Historic properties, 2%
- Historical societies, 10%
- International, 2%
- K-12 schools, 1%
- Museums, 11%
- Private collections, 1%
- Other, 2%
- Publishers, 1%
- State agencies, 2%
- State libraries, 1%
- University departments, 1%
- State/national parks, 1%
DPLA: more than an aggregation

- Over 21 million hits over 6 months; 57% traffic via portal; 43% through API
- Support development of open, community sustaining work
- Facilitate re-use of collections, software, and standards
- Amplify our own efforts, as well as those of communities that are like-minded
Motivations for DPLA network adoption of IIIF

- Promotion and support for open standards
- Improving usability
- Lowering bar for image delivery and reuse both within and outside DPLA
- Supporting annotation on and across cultural heritage resources
Evaluating user experience of delivering images

- Unclear pathways to access objects
- Too many clicks to get to content
- Various image viewers lead to interface inconsistency across providers
- Not only true for portal users, but API users as well!
Impacts on developers using the DPLA API

Expand 'object' to return more than just thumbnail? #1

pj4533 opened this issue on Apr 13, 2013 · 7 comments

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Any plans to return more than the thumbnail in an item’s object field? I’d really like direct links to larger images.

Based on the ingestion code, it looks like that URL is pretty custom per-provider.

For example the Georgia urls are done by this script:

https://github.com/dpla/ingestion/blob/master/lib/akamod/georgia_identify_object.py#L40

In order to get actual images, I could do the same sort of thing in my client code, but then I couldn’t just talk to the DPLA api, I have to have logic around each provider inside the DPLA.
DPLA Hubs with IIIF implementations

● Production: image & presentation APIs
  ○ Harvard University Library
  ○ Internet Archive (beta)

● Production: image API only
  ○ California Digital Library (Calisphere beta)
  ○ Digital Commonwealth/Boston Public Library

● Under development
  ○ ARTstor
  ○ David Rumsey Map Collection
Implementation issues for DPLA

- Representation of IIIF resources in EDM/DPLA Metadata Application Profile
- Metadata about IIIF images not available from harvest sources
- UX consistency for IIIF/non-IIIF images
- Impact of IIIF on Hubs’ use statistics; guidance on analytics
- Uncertainty about provision of IIIF services
Next steps for a DPLA pilot ...?

- Resolve modeling issues with EDM maintainers and IIIF editors
- Ensure IIIF resources are identifiable in metadata, either through harvesting or creating URIs from available identifier(s)
- Prototype, prototype, prototype!
Thanks!

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