



# In A Nutshell

## What is SCDL?

The South Carolina Digital Library (SCDL) is a centralized search portal for freely-accessible digital collections related to South Carolina. SCDL coordinates and encourages digitization efforts for a range of libraries, museums, archives and historical institutions across the state. You can view our collections on-line at <https://scmemory.org>

## Who is SCDL For?

SCDL is for you! We are for anyone and everyone interested in our shared histories. Whether you are a student, an educator, a scholarly researcher, an amateur genealogist, or a life-long learner, SCDL is for anyone interested in South Carolina's rich history and culture.

## How much does SCDL Cost?

Nothing! SCDL is completely free to use and there is no fee to become an SCDL partner!

## Can I download items from SCDL?

No. SCDL provides a search portal for digital collections in South Carolina. Any item listed in SCDL links directly back to the hosting institution's website. If you want to request a copy of any image you see in SCDL, you just need to contact the hosting institution. Due to the complexities of copyright and cultural heritage materials, each hosting institution administers their own image requests.

## Who decides what is digitized for SCDL?

Our statewide partners. SCDL has over 60 partner institutions from across the state. Who better to determine the digitization needs of an institution than the institution itself? We only ask that partner institutions respect our collection policy available here: <https://scmemory.org/contributors/collection-policy>

## Is SCDL part of the Digital Public Library of America?

Yes! SCDL was proud to be one of the first six service hubs selected to participate in the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA). That means that any content in SCDL is discoverable and freely-accessible through the DPLA at <https://dp.la/>

## How is SCDL organized/governed?

SCDL is organized, staffed and managed by Library faculty and staff in three main regions: Upstate, Midlands and Coastal areas. Staff time is volunteered by the University of South Carolina Libraries, Clemson University Libraries, the College of Charleston Libraries, and Furman University.

## Can my institution join SCDL?

SCDL welcomes new partners! We provide two different options for participation, hosted and self-hosted, depending on your institution's resources and needs.



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## Becoming an SCDL Partner - What Are My Options?

**SCDL Hosted:** An SCDL regional repository hosts digital content for your institution. This is appropriate if your institution does not have it's own repository. Your first step is to contact your regional coordinator. They can provide you with training, information and assistance to help you get started on your first project. You can find out who your SCDL regional coordinator is here: <https://scmemory.org/about/sponsors-partners/>

**Self-Hosted:** SCDL harvests your content from your repository. This is appropriate only if your institution has it's own digital repository. Your first step is to review our repository information available here: <https://scmemory.org/for-contributors/self-hosted-partner-repositories>

Make sure your repository is compliant with our metadata schema, has an OAI compliant feed, and makes your collections freely accessible to the public. If you are ready for SCDL participation or have any questions about what you need to do to get your repository ready, contact your SCDL regional coordinator. You can find out who your SCDL regional coordinator is here: <https://scmemory.org/about/sponsors-partners/>

