

The Florida Council of State University Libraries Digital Initiatives Subcommittee (DISC) recently completed a DISC Survey of Digital Library Inventory. The purpose of the DISC Survey is to identify, report, assess, and address current & future needs of digital library initiatives of CSUL DISC member institutions. DISC surveys were completed for Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (**FAMU**), Florida Atlantic University (**FAU**), Florida Center for Library Automation (**FCLA**), Florida State University (**FSU**), University of Central Florida (**UCF**), University of North Florida (**UNF**), University of Florida (**UF**), Florida Gulf Coast University (**FGCU**), University of West Florida (**UWF**), and Florida International University (**FIU**). The completed surveys are available online via the DISC swicki <http://swiki.fcla.edu:8000/DISC/>. A few highlights from the DISC Survey include:

- Most institutions reported use of at least an open-source, commercial, in-house, out-sourced, or a hybrid digital content management system for the management of digital assets (includes “digitized” and “born digital” assets) also referred to as digital collections.
- Most institutions reported that various departments within their libraries play a role in the coordination of digital projects with 5 out of 10 DISC institutions actually having organized task force/committees charged with the coordination of digital projects.
- The level of integration with FCLA digital library services, level of participation in Publication of Archival Library & Museum Materials (PALMM), and level of participation in Florida Digital Archive (FDA) varies from “no involvement” to “former involvement” to “current and/or upcoming involvement” across institutions.
- Institutions reported the need for improved/current technology, robust/scalable systems for institutional repositories (IRs)/digital collections management, more training, storage, developed knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA), state-wide leadership in the development of digital library policies and practices, collaboration and leveraging of resources/expertise across institutions, clearly defined agreed upon best practices/approaches for digitization, resolution of issues relating to centralized/decentralized digitization, and leadership at the state level for providing exposure to and understanding of emerging digital technologies and discussing possible adaptation throughout the State University System (SUS) to name a few.
- Most institutions are involved in some sort of digital initiatives from either planning to introduction, growth, maturity of digital library initiatives infrastructure with no institution reporting a decline in digital collections building.
- Institutions across the state are operating at various levels of capacity and productivity in digital library initiatives based mainly on institutional support, staffing, funding, technical expertise, commitment, and goals.
- All institutions are interested in the development lifecycle of digital assets from conception, production, dissemination, preservation, and deletion.
- There is a need for more training, collaboration, synchronization, resource-sharing, inter-institutional partnership, national/international digitization projects, grant funding involvement, and local/state/regional leadership/active involvement in the development and sustainability of digital library initiatives/projects/programs across DISC institutions.