



Bringing Mississippi to Researchers Around the World

Using the Mississippi Digital Library (MDL) for digital collections versus hosting them locally

	MDL	Local
Cost	Free	Yearly fee for a proprietary content management system (like CONTENTdm), or the salary for a developer to utilize open source solutions
Content	No restrictions are placed on content however the MDL does reserve the right to remove items/collections if necessary	The only restrictions are the ones you place on yourself
Copyright	Materials must be in public domain or permissions secured to be place online, the contributing institution assumes all responsibility for copyright issues	The ability to restrict items to on-campus-only access. This allows you to digitize and access copyright restricted materials
Files	Only accepts access files, master files remain the responsibility of the institution	Can accommodate master and access files
Server	Maintenance/update of server is done by the MDL	Must maintain/update server yourself or pay to be hosted
Backup	Access files are backed up locally daily, and to off-site storage weekly	You are responsible for you own backup
Collections	One main collection without the ability to segregate into multiple collections, separation into sub-collections is achieved through keyword searching	As many collections as needed
Metadata	Must conform to MDL standards	May be done as you see fit