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# Hidden in Plain Sight: The Future of Local Collections

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# HIDDEN in PLAIN SIGHT

## The Future of Local Collections

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# Overview

- Motivating Factors
- Digital Collections at FIU
- dPanther
- Local Documents



# Digital Collection Center @ FIU



- Background
- Digitization of Government Information
- Collections
  - Everglades Digital Library: Reclaiming the Everglades
  - Miami Metropolitan Archive
  - State of Florida: Internal Improvement Fund
  - Coral Gables Memory
  - South Florida Research Center
  - Sea Level Rise
  - Disaster Risk Management
  - South Florida Water Management District
  - Southeast Environmental Research Center
  - Florida Coastal Everglades Long Term Ecological Research Network
  - Special Collections



# dPanther

- What is dPanther?
- Key Components
- What Can dPanther Do?
- User Community



# Why use dPanther?

- Accessibility
- Born digital resources
- Aggregation

The screenshot shows the homepage of the FIU Libraries dPanther Digital Collections. At the top, the FIU Libraries logo is displayed, along with navigation links for Home, About, Contact, and Login. The main header features the dPanther Digital Collections logo, which includes a stylized panther silhouette. To the right of the logo, a paragraph describes the repository's mission: "The Florida International University dPanther digital repository hosts unique digital collections of cultural, historical, scholarly, educational, and community resources; including rare books, manuscripts, maps, photographs, and oral histories held by the university as well as partner institutions." A "Learn more" button is positioned below this text. Below the header is a search bar with the placeholder text "Press 'enter' from keyboard or type '\*' and click search button to retrieve all items." The main content area is titled "FEATURED COLLECTIONS" and displays a grid of twelve thumbnail images representing various digital resources, including historical photographs, a book cover titled "VICTOR", a document titled "Minutes of the Proceedings of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND STATE OF FLORIDA", musical notation, and other historical documents and photographs.





## Government Resources and Information Department

### Our Collections

- Federal Documents
- Florida State Documents
- South Florida Collection
- International Documents

### G.R.I.D Tools

- Federal & State
- South Florida
- International Documents
- Additional Resources
  - Major Databases
  - Citing Government Documents

### Services

- Instruction
- Research Consultations

### News

- New Resources
- Collection Highlights
- Other News and Highlights

### About Us

- Hours
- Contact us
- Staff

### South Florida Collection

The resources in this collection highlight the variety of issues relevant to Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Monroe counties, and their municipalities. Comprised of local government documents, and supplemented with non-governmental documents, this collection provides researchers, students, and the community with the resources needed for their information needs.

### Popular Topics



# Themes within Local Documents

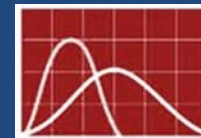
- Topic specific
- Local issues
- Academic programs

# Working with the community

- Government agencies
- Research Centers
- Non-government organizations
- Consultants

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Questions?

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