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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

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**dPanther Digital COLLECTIONS**

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.

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Collections  Press "enter" from keyboard or type "\*" and click search button to retrieve all items.

### FEATURED COLLECTIONS






## 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

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### 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

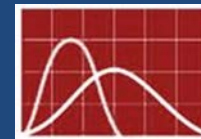
- Topic specific
- Local issues
- Academic programs

# Working with the community

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

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