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Institutional Treasures Preserved with DPN and DuraCloud Vault

Austin, TX, December 12, 2016 – In January of 2016 the [Digital Preservation Network](#) (DPN) began accepting collections to a vital corpus of digital scholarly resources through DuraCloud Vault. DPN and DuraSpace, developer of [DuraCloud Vault](#) with Chronopolis, are pleased to report that member deposits into DPN through DuraCloud Vault are well underway. Numerous notable collections are now permanently preserved and will last beyond the life spans of individuals, technological systems, and organizations.

The 60+ members of DPN have come together around a commitment to preserve vital scholarly, historic and cultural digital collections as the basis for a transformative understanding of how and why we are who we are as a nation far into the future. DPN is focused on developing tools and services to ensure that the cultural and research assets of today are available to scholars in the future.

The following overviews offer insights into the critically important digital content that institutions have chosen to preserve in DPN through DuraCloud Vault.

Tufts University Library: [Edward R. Murrow Papers](#)

The impact of current journalistic practices in reporting news accurately is being felt all over the world. The historic significance of permanently preserving a record of how and why early broadcast investigative journalism became a part of our national persona is reflected in the Tufts University Edward R. Murrow Papers. The corpus includes documents, correspondence, personal materials, work and activities-related files, and over 320 photographs, about 1700 books, memorabilia as well as audiovisual material.

“Over the decades, numerous publications have portrayed Murrow as one of the architects of U.S. broadcast news, but in the political climate of recent years, he is increasingly viewed as a defender of rights against McCarthy-type witch hunts.” –From [The Life and Work of Edward R. Murrow, An Archives Exhibit](#)

University of Kentucky Libraries Nunn Center: [Civil Rights Hall of Fame Oral History Project](#)

The University of Kentucky Library Civil Rights Hall of Fame Oral History Project web site states that the purpose of the Collection is, “To educate and inspire viewers on the power of the human spirit and how it is moving our nation towards greatness.”

These video recordings of first-hand accounts of individuals’ civil rights struggles and achievements are significantly powerful messages that bring history alive in a personal way. Their availability far into the future provides our nation with permanent evidence for how far we have come, how much was sacrificed, and how much farther we have to go in advancing civil rights for all.

IUPUI (Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis) Library: [Speedway Racing Collection](#)

Indianapolis and fast cars are intertwined by the highly unique and important history of motorsports sometimes called “Greatest Spectacle in Racing” since its brickyard beginnings in 1908 through modern day race of 2016. The Speedway collection consists of image resources that reflect the Speedway’s rich physical photographic collection along with other materials. The documented history of motorsports in Indiana is also the history of advances in auto design, testing and related engineering advances. The IUPUI Library sought to preserve, but equally important, to freely share this immensely important resource with the Indianapolis citizenry and beyond.

Because of its significance in the civic, cultural and economic life of the state, The Speedway Collection required a robust preservation option. DPN has provided deep and long lasting preservation for this unique and prized collection. We are pleased that the heritage of The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is now preserved via DPN.

About DPN

The [Digital Preservation Network](#) (DPN) is the only large-scale digital preservation service that is built to last beyond the life spans of individuals, technological systems, and organizations. DPN provides members of the academy and their successors with assurance that future access to their scholarly resources will be available in the event of disruptive change in administrative or physical institutional environments. By establishing a redundant and varied technical and legal infrastructure, the survival, ownership and management of preserved digital content in the future are assured for DPN members.

DPN’s heterogeneous network is currently comprised of the following five nodes: [HathiTrust](#), [Academic Preservation Trust](#), [Texas Preservation Node](#), [DuraCloud Vault](#), and [Stanford Digital Repository](#).

Membership in DPN is open to any organization interested in or in need of long-term digital preservation.

About DuraSpace

[DuraSpace](#) is an independent 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization providing leadership and innovation for open technologies that promote durable, persistent access to digital data. They collaborate with academic, scientific, cultural, and technology communities by supporting projects and creating services to help ensure that current and future generations have access to our collective digital heritage.