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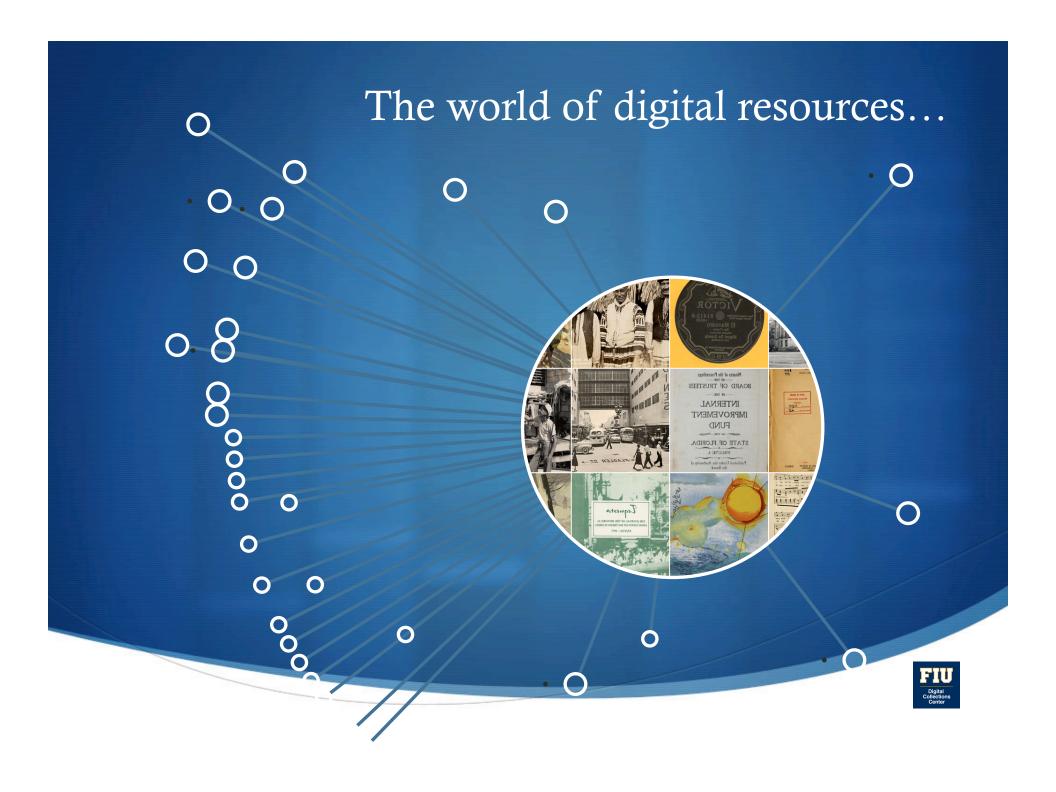Collections
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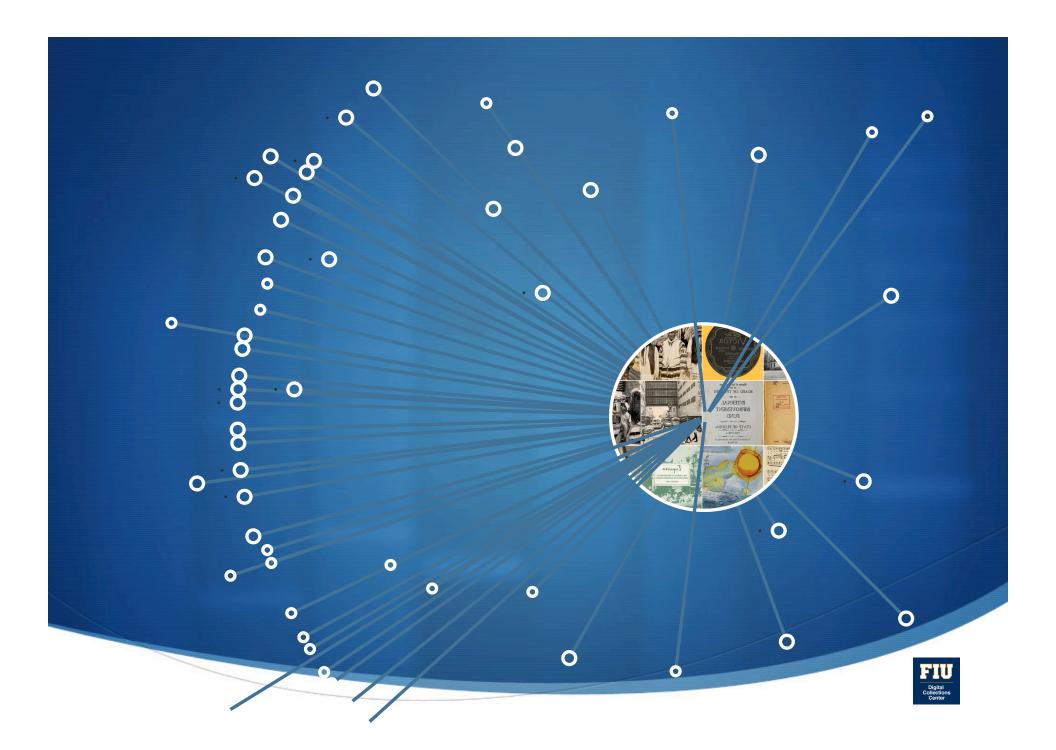# Why am I here?

FIU Digital Resources

dpanther.fiu.edu

digitalcommons.fiu.edu

The world of digital resources…

...can be overwhelming

Searching for Content

Can I just use Google?

Yes…and No

Basic Google Search

GIGO

Unattributed gif - http://giphy.com/gifs/the-simpsons-trash-garbage-5xaOcLCBzBw4QrtdDP2
Original source from The Simpsons television show.

Searching Digital Collections

❖ Metadata searching vs. full-text searching

❖ Try starting broad and then narrowing down
   ❖ Faceted browsing

❖ Discover through serendipity

❖ New ways of searching (spatial and temporal)

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Miami Metropolitan Archive

http://dpanther.fiu.edu/dPanther/collections/MCA

Source materials relating to Miami-Dade
County history, management, development,
and culture.

Everglades Digital Library

http://dpanther.fiu.edu/dPanther/collections/rte

Materials dating back to 1884, covering topics such as the establishment of the Everglades National Park, Native American land rights, agriculture, urban development, endangered species, invasive plants, and the role of women in the modern conservation movement.

Coral Gables Memory

http://dpanther.fiu.edu/dPanther/collections/cgm

A collection of visual and textual materials
representing archival and museum artifacts
documenting the history, culture, architecture
and people of Coral Gables Florida.

City of Miami Beach Digital Archives

http://dpanther.fiu.edu/dPanther/collections/mbda

Archive consisting of photographs, postcards, and other visual materials that make up the historical archive held by the City of Miami Beach.

Additional Local Collections

HistoryMiami (historymiami.org)

University of Miami Digital Collections
(http://merrick.library.miami.edu/)

Because you are going to do it anyway…

Smart Searching with Google

❖ Google Scholar (for articles)

❖ Advanced Search https://www.google.com/advanced_search

❖ Search Operators (Boolean and more)
https://support.google.com/websearch/answer/2466433?p=adv_operators&hl=en&rd=1

❖ Pro Tip: use "site:" to search within a domain
   ❖ (e.g. waterfall site:dpanther.fiu.edu/dpservice)

Keeping Track

What do I do with all this "stuff"?

Keeping Track

- ❖ What?
  - ❖ preferred citations
  - ❖ unique identifiers
  - ❖ digital object identifier (DOI)
  - ❖ persistent uniform resource locators (PURL)

- ❖ How?
  - ❖ print
  - ❖ email
  - ❖ citation manager

Keep in Mind

Stay on the right side of the law and behave ethically.

- ❖ Get permissions

- ❖ Cite your sources

- ❖ Institutional Review Board (IRB)

Inspiration!

http://www.environmentandsociety.org/exhibitions