ARCHIVES, BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, JOURNALS

GOAL:
To share and describe previously digitized items using JSTOR's Open Community Collections, and recommend future digitization projects.

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The Archives, Books, Pamphlets, and Journals summer project set out to make previously digitized items freely available to the public through JSTOR's Open Community Collections initiative.

Though already digitized, these items were not always publicly accessible, and through this project, Vanderbilt Libraries expanded the reach of the university's digital collections to the entire JSTOR user community.

Vanderbilt's Community Collections page can be found at www.jstor.org/site/vanderbilt/.
OUTCOMES

The team built pages on Open Community Collections to clearly and effectively showcase our digital collections. Nearly the entire catalog of freely accessible content in our collection scope from Islandora and the Vanderbilt University Institutional Repository was transferred, and many other files from network shares were uploaded. In total, over 1130 publications and manuscripts were uploaded or transferred in just 8 weeks. The team also learned to navigate JSTOR Forum and created the best strategy for uploading content.

NEXT STEPS

Future digitization efforts will use this project as a foundation to further showcase our wealth of collections. JSTOR will be used in conjunction with other venues to build a comprehensive long term digital collections strategy.

The team identified hundreds more scanned items that can be uploaded after assessing copyright. We also created a file outlining digitization priorities and projects to pursue in the coming years.