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# The Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) is open!

April 18, 2013

The Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) became publicly available at Noon today. This project has been in the works since October 2010, but the idea of a national digital library has been volleyed around by librarians, administrators, educators, researchers, and representatives of private industry since the 1990s. The mission of the Digital Public Library of America is to “[bring] together the riches of America’s libraries, archives, and museums, and [make] them freely available to the world.” All of the resources included in the DPLA’s knowledge base can be found using a single search box. There is also an Exhibitions section that offers access to digital collections such as “Activism in the U.S.” and “This Land is Your Land: Parks and Public Spaces.” An interactive map allows users to find and view images from different US locations. The DPLA also offers apps so that visitors can access the collections using their mobile devices. More information about the DPLA is available [here](#).

The URL for the Digital Public Library of American is <http://dp.la/>.

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