YOUR DIGITAL COLLECTIONS &
DIGITAL COMMONWEALTH

Join us at the Sturgis Library to learn more about how to manage your digital project, and how Digital Commonwealth can help.

When: Wednesday, May 19th, 2010 @ 10:00 am

Where: Sturgis Library, 3090 Main Street Route 6A, Barnstable Village

On the Agenda:

Vivien Goldman, Past President of Digital Commonwealth will give an overview of Digital Commonwealth and the services they provide to libraries, historical societies, archives, museums, colleges and universities, and other organizations across the state. She’ll answer questions about your digital project and how your organization can benefit from being part of Digital Commonwealth.

Anne Clark and Anne Reed of the Public Library of Brookline will discuss the process of managing the digitization project that resulted in making Brookline’s historic photographs accessible on the Digital Commonwealth portal. They will cover choosing items, researching copyright issues, selecting a company to scan the photographs; securing support from the Director and Board of Trustees, contracting with LYRASIS and the Digital Commonwealth for repository services; entering the metadata in OAI (Open Archives Initiative) compliant format, and -- finally -- seeing photos displayed on the Digital Commonwealth portal.

Lucy Loomis of Sturgis Library in Barnstable Village will discuss the Library’s 10-year-old digital archive of manuscripts, documents, and photographs, and the steps it takes to make older collections compatible with DigiComm standards.

Interested in joining us? Please RSVP to 508-362-6636 or sturgislib@comcas.net.

Directions to Sturgis Library can be found at http://www.sturgislibrary.org/general/directions

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Digital Commonwealth is a web portal and fee-based repository service for online cultural heritage materials held by Massachusetts libraries, museums, historical societies, and archives. The portal facilitates the searching and browsing of member institutions’ digital assets, allowing the discovery of all kinds of digital resources including manuscripts, images, historical documents, and sound recordings. The repository provides a storage service for institutions that are members of Digital Commonwealth but choose not to host their own digital assets. The metadata stored in the repository is indexed within the portal. Learn more at www.digitalcommonwealth.org.