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LSU Libraries announced it has launched the Mobile Digitization Lab, an initiative that shares digitization equipment and expertise with small, community-oriented libraries, archives and museums across Louisiana.

For the pilot project, completed this month, faculty and staff from LSU visited the Jeanerette Museum in Iberia Parish with scanners and cameras and spent one week digitizing the museum's historical material.

Content created during this initiative will be added to the [Louisiana Digital Library](#), an online resource that opens the digital cultural heritage of Louisiana to everyone around the world. Currently the LDL has 25 members across the state and contains images, newspapers, oral histories, books, and manuscripts from Louisiana archives, academic libraries, public libraries and museums.

The Mobile Digitization Lab represents a key step in efforts to protect and present Louisiana history. While the LDL provides a platform for the digital material, limited technology and staffing at many of the state's libraries, museums and archives presents a barrier to participation. The lab will expand access to historical materials held by these places.

Funds for the project came from LSU's Center for Computational Technology and office of research and economic development. [Read the full announcement from LSU.](#)

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