Indiana University's (IU) Digital Library Program received a $147,000 National Leadership Grant to digitize and present on the Web nearly 18,000 Kodachrome slides taken by amateur photographer Charles Weever Cushman (IU graduate in 1917) between 1938 and 1969. The photographs document a wide breadth of American life in skillfully composed and socially revealing images that add color to the World War II era, which was primarily documented in black and white. "Remember the movie Pleasantville when the black-and-white world became color? That's what it feels like to see these slides," said Kris Brancolini, director of the Digital Library Program. The slides were unknown until a university archivist discovered them in late 1999. They were found, neatly packed and labeled, still in the suitcases in which they were delivered in 1972. To view some of the images, go to http://www.dlib.indiana.edu/new/cushman/index.html.

The University of Michigan has received a grant to expand its digital library environment. "The Development of a Distributed Digital Library of Mathematical Monographs" project will create a distributed repository of significant historical monographs in mathematics. The repository will contain material from the collections in mathematics from the University of Michigan, Cornell University, and the State and University Library Göttingen. The work will focus on issues central to the advancement of digital libraries, including distributed repositories and integrations of digital resources, advanced access and retrieval.

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