The Indiana University Libraries, in collaboration with the University of Texas at Austin, New York Public Library, and digital consultant AVP, were awarded a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in 2018 to support initial development, implementation, and pilot testing of an Audiovisual Metadata Platform (AMP) that will enable more efficient generation of metadata to support discovery and use of digitized and born-digital audio and moving image collections.

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In the years leading up to this workshop, the project partners had embarked upon various initiatives investigating audiovisual description. In 2015, IU and AVP investigated models and developed a strategy for high-throughput description of audiovisual materials that are being digitized as part of IU’s Media Digitization and Preservation Initiative (MDPI).

Project Background Information

- Mellon Grant Proposal Narrative
- Audiovisual Metadata Platform (AMP) Planning Project: Progress Report and Next Steps. 2018. Dunn, Jon W.; Hardesty, Juliet L.; Clement, Tanya; Lacinak, Chris; Rudersdorf, Amy
- IU Press Release, November 1, 2018: IU Libraries receives $1.2 million grant to develop ability to search digitized audiovisual files.

Technical Information

- GitHub Repository
- Technical Documentation
- Metadata Generation Mechanisms
- More coming soon!

Related Projects

- Avalon Media System
- Media Digitization & Preservation Initiative
- WGBH American Archive of Public Broadcasting Mellon Grant

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