

# Building the iSchool Digital Archives Lab (iDAL)

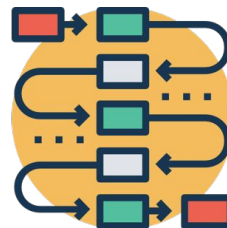
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## Purpose:

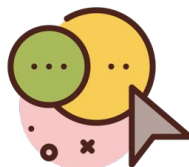
- To build an ever-growing digital repository of record collections, links, and files to support teaching and learning at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Information.
- To provide access to records in a variety of states, from raw sets of organizational records to exemplar archival collections that have been appraised, arranged, described, digitized, and made available to the public.
- To provide users with a wide variety of research materials, resources, and a place to sort and view these items to encourage discovery.



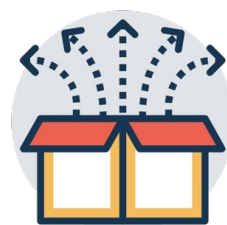
Unprocessed Records



Archival Records



Other Record Sets



Other Collections

## Intended Benefits/Requirements:

### Students:

- Interact with, use, & learn from a variety of digitally born and/or digitized record sets;
- Showcase exemplary archival collections for reference & general interest;
- Is free, easy to access, and easy to use.

### Instructors:

- Freely available digital record sets in one location;
- Exemplary digital record collections; and
- Potential in-class activities & student assignments.

iDAL provides links to open-source digital records tools that are widely used in archival contexts. We have been able to purchase an instance of AtoM for students to use in two courses.



**Future Plans:** with the support of the Instructional Technology Innovation Fund we will transform the repository into a virtual lab space where students can use integrated tools to practice managing, appraising, arranging, describing, preserving, and making available digital records.

## Special thanks to our Record Set Partners:



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Interested in a site tour, contributing organizational records, and/or using iDAL? Contact [karen.suurtamm@utoronto.ca](mailto:karen.suurtamm@utoronto.ca)