Preserving Your Personal Digital Photos

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This Presentation: How to Preserve Photographs Already in Digital Form
I HAVE TWO WORDS FOR YOU.
GET HELP.

From a librarian or archivist!
Bits and Atoms: Strong Associations...
Bits and Atoms: Big Differences!
A Traditional Way to Keep Memories: The Shoebox
Reliable, Long Lasting
Photos At Risk!
When Digital Files are Lost, This Turns Into...
...Something Like This

Video Time Length: 6192
error: file not found

Press any key to continue...
We Can Preserve Digital Memories!
Vigilance Starts *Before* Taking Pictures
Camera Settings: File Format
Camera Settings: Image Quality
Camera Settings: Metadata
After Taking Pictures
Preservation: The Big Picture
The Time & Effort is up to You
4 Tips For Personal Digital Archiving

1. Identify where you have digital files
2. Decide which files are most important
3. Organize the selected files
4. Make copies and store them in different places
Tip 1: Identify Where You Have Digital Photos
Good Practice: Think About Where Your Most Important Photographs Are
Tip 2: Decide Which Photos are Most Important
Selection Options

Pick a Few Files

Pick Batches of Files

Pick Everything
Good Practice: Weed Your Photographs
Tip 3: Organize What You Select
Put Photographs into a Folder System

- Digital Archive
- documents
- emails
- photographs
- Baltimore trip 2010
- Family christmas
- videos

- owl1.jpg
- owl5.jpg
- owl10.jpg
- pratt1.jpg
- pratt2.jpg
- pratt3.jpg
- pratt6.jpg
- stpaulcourt_3.jpg
- stpaulcourt_4.jpg
Good Practice: Describe Your Files

Beautiful Asian Woman Photographing
Funny picture of a beautiful Asian Woman photographing with her digital camera in the historic streets...

Artist Woman Singing Concert in Jazz Club
Picture of a female artist woman singing a live concert in a Jazz Club. The movement of her arms and is...

Lifesize Religious King Statue with Spear
This life-size King statue with a spear stands as a guard of the cathedral garden of the Cathedral Dome in...

Funny Mobile Phone Picture
Funny picture of the best mobile phone ever. The unlocked technology behind this big telephone is so good...

Beautiful Asian Woman in Dress
Cute picture of a beautiful Asian Woman in a fashionable designer dress. This perfect example of the...

Russian Couple Dancing in Streets of Prague
Awesome video about a Russian Couple Dancing in the Streets of Prague. This pair of man and woman is...
Good Practice: Have a Hard Copy File Inventory

**Archived Digital Files as of 4/28/2011**

- Digital Archive
- documents
  - tax records, 2009
  - tax records, 2010
- emails
  - 2009
  - 2010
- photographs
  - Baltimore trip, 2010
  - family christmas, 2009
- videos
  - family christmas, 2009
Tip 4: Make Copies, Store in Different Places

Copy 1

Copy 2
Good Practice: Use Different Storage Tech for Individual Copies
Good Practice: Store Copies with File Inventory
Good Practice: Check Annually; Make New Copies Every 5 Years
Good Practice: Add New Files to Your Archive
Tips Summary

**Tip**  Identify where you have digital photos

**Tip**  Decide which photos are most important

**Tip**  Organize the selected photos

**Tip**  Make copies and store them in different places
Library of Congress Resources

• Preserving Your Digital Memories, http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/personalarchiving


https://www.facebook.com/digitalpreservation

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