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Quick Facts

- Reveal Digital partners with libraries to bring rare-and untapped-content into the digital world. Its platform and framework allows libraries to collaborate to create and fund unique digital collections using a strict cost-recovery pricing model.
- Reveal Digital's first project, Independent Voices, has received the support of more than 70 libraries and is nearing \$1 million raised.



Mark Herring

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – [Winthrop University Library Dean Mark Herring](#) is part of a group formed to provide guidelines for an open-access initiative with [Reveal Digital](#).

The business partners with libraries to bring rare-and untapped-content into the digital world. Its platform and framework allows libraries to collaborate to create and fund unique digital collections using a strict cost-recovery pricing model. Upon reaching a project's cost-recovery threshold, access to the resulting digital collection is open to all under a creative commons license. Reveal Digital's first project, **Independent Voices**, has received the support of more than 70 libraries and is nearing \$1 million raised.

A **six-member executive committee** will provide strategic guidance to ensure Reveal Digital's activities and strategic decisions remain tightly aligned to the goals and needs of academic and research libraries and their communities. Herring and others will serve two-year terms beginning this summer.

Besides Herring, others appointed to the committee are:

- Martha Hruska, associate university librarian – Collection Services, University of California - San Diego
- Elizabeth Kirk, associate librarian for information resources, Dartmouth College
- Susan Macicak, collection development librarian, University of Texas – Austin
- Tom Teper, associate university librarian for collections & technical services and associate dean of libraries, University of Illinois
- Robert Wolven (one-year term), associate university librarian for bibliographic services and collection development, Columbia University

Cultural materials are being locked behind pay-walls by traditional publishers at an accelerating rate, according to **Jeff Moyer**, Reveal Digital's founder. "Reveal Digital strives to be a contributing citizen within the library community by providing a pathway to open-access for important collections held by libraries and other cultural institutions," Moyer said. "The guidance of the community leaders on our executive committee is critical to ensure Reveal Digital makes choices that will always intersect with the best interests of libraries and the scholarly communities they serve."

The kick-off meeting for the executive committee was held in San Francisco, California, during the **American Library Association Annual Conference & Exhibition** on June 28.

For more information, contact **Peggy Glahn**, program director, at peggy.glahn@revealdigital.com.

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