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# SWOSU Digital Commons Surpasses Major Milestone



This is a picture of the SWOSU Digital Commons usage map, showing 500,322 downloads in 213 countries. The digital commons recently celebrated its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of existence.

The Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Digital Commons at <https://dc.swosu.edu/> recently surpassed a major milestone just as the digital repository celebrates its fifth anniversary.

The SWOSU Digital Commons is the university's institutional repository that retains scholarly and creative works by SWOSU faculty and students and serves as a repository for several collections related to the university, faculty scholarship, and the diverse peoples and cultures of western Oklahoma.

The entire collection of 22,994 items has had a total of 500,322 downloads in 213 countries as of March 4, 2021. The collection opened March 7, 2016 and is open to anyone with Internet access.

"The popularity of the SWOSU Digital Commons is growing exponentially," said Phillip Fitzsimmons, the repository administrator. "Half of those downloads have occurred in the last year and reflect the interest of scholars and casual readers worldwide in this important SWOSU resource. These numbers also show the successful way that SWOSU is reaching people all over the world, during the COVID-19 pandemic."

Major collections in the repository include:

-- SWOSU journals and publications

- Faculty and student research, including entries in the SWOSU Research and Scholarly Fair.
- SWOSU official documents and other media from several departments and events, including the SWOSU Foundation, Student Success Center, Assessment, Commencement, Strategic Planning, Faculty Senate, Institutional Research, and Sponsored Programs.
- Special collections, including the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site, Oklahoma Research Day, and the Mythopoeic Society.

A recent addition, the Stafford Collection, will be added (<https://dc.swosu.edu/stafford/>) to highlight the achievements of General Thomas P. Stafford. It currently includes a video of the Apollo 10, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala and event programs of the Gala and General Stafford's 90 birthday celebrations. A remodeled area on the second floor of the Al Harris Library at the SWOSU Weatherford campus will house a collection of papers and other items donated by Stafford, retired NASA astronaut and Weatherford native.

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