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**Abstract**  
Chicago Collections (http://chicagocollections.org/) is a unique consortium of 30 libraries, archives, museums, historical societies, scientific institutions, and more, across the City of Chicago and its suburbs. Building on its signature project, the EXPLORE Chicago Collections digital portal (http://explore.chicagocollections.org/), the consortium has grown over the past 4 years to include cooperative reference services, joint exhibitions, public programs, professional development activities, and community engagement, including extensive connections with K-12 schools. This presentation will provide an introduction to the Chicago Collections model for collaboration across the libraries, archives, and museums sector, and will highlight the way in which a collaborative model that was “born digital” has grown to encompass a variety of face-to-face programs, and continues to provide new opportunities for collaboration and engagement across the city and across the life span.

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“Chicago Collections demonstrates that when institutions partner to shape and successfully complete a focused project of shared interest, the trust they build opens the door to large-scale collaboration.”

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