



MDID: A Database of Images for Campus-Wide Use

What is MDID?

MDID (Madison Digital Image Database) is open source software designed by James Madison University, originally intended for art departments to display images in high resolution, in lieu of traditional slide collections.

Where is MDID located at Muhlenberg College?

<http://mdid.muhlenberg.edu>

What images can be added to MDID?

Any images that can be fully licensed for unrestricted use by all members of the Muhlenberg community.

What images have already been loaded onto our MDID server?

Several thousand images of fine art and architecture selected jointly by the Art Department, Trexler Library staff, and the History Department.

How can departments across campus add images to the collection?

Images can be licensed for campus-wide use from vendors such as Scholars Resources (<http://www.scholarsresource.com/>). Locate the images you want and then consult with your departmental liaison to the library.

How much of a department's library budget can go toward the acquisition of digital images?

Up to 50 percent of the library's materials budget can be used to purchase nonprint items such as digital images.

How do I explore the collections in MDID?

From any computer on campus, visit <http://mdid.muhlenberg.edu> and choose Guest Login. Click on Browse or Search to explore the Saskia (Fine Arts) Collection or any other collection made available in the future to the campus community.

How do I download images to bring into Powerpoint?

At the thumbnail view of an image, choose the diskette icon, right mouse click on the image that appears, rename the image as you wish, and save to a local drive or to your desktop. Import the image into Powerpoint.

What will a personal login and password provide allow me to do?

A login and password is needed only if you wish to create slideshows within MDID rather than in Powerpoint, and then utilize the MDID Image Viewer plug-in to view TIF versions of the images in higher resolution. A personal login and password can be obtained by contacting Kelly Cannon at Trexler Library, x3602.

Will other collections be added besides those containing fine art and architecture?

It is likely that other collections will appear (i.e. several thousand photos from the Muhlenberg archives) and other image collections that can be licensed for campus-wide access.

To what audiences can I display the images I find in MDID?

The images are licensed for unrestricted use on campus for any teaching or other instructional or entertainment purposes, in student presentations, etc. and off-campus in slide presentations at conferences and other meetings.

Can I pull the images into Blackboard?

Yes.

Can I publish the images on the open web or in books or articles?

Only with permission from the vendor.

What if I have additional questions?

Contact Kelly Cannon at x3602.