

AVID at the Digital Exploration Center (DEC)

Event Information

- **Title**
 - Beyond the Books: Immersive Technologies at UCF Libraries
- **Description**
 - Join us at UCF Libraries for an AVID event exploring the possibilities of AR, VR, and emerging innovations in research and scholarship. Connect with fellow researchers, faculty, and professionals while experiencing the newly launched Digital Exploration Center (DEC), a dedicated space for immersive technologies, digital scholarship, and creative production. Discover new tools, spark collaborations, and see how immersive media is shaping the future of research and learning.
- **Location**
 - John C. Hitt Library, 4th floor, Digital Exploration Center (DEC)

Agenda

12:00-12:05 PM – Welcome to AVID

- **Speaker**
 - Dylan Yonts, Manager, Multimedia Services

12:05-12:10 PM - Digital Scholarship Overview

- **Speaker**
 - Mairelys Lemus-Rojas, Head of Digital Scholarship

12:10-12:25 PM - Digital Scholarship and Research Discoverability

- **Description**
 - The Digital Initiatives Coordinator and Research Impact Librarian highlight how UCF Libraries support research discoverability and impact. This includes the role of repositories, CMS platforms, and digital asset systems in managing, preserving, and measuring emerging forms of scholarship, including immersive media.
- **Speakers**
 - Sarah Norris, Digital Initiatives Coordinator
 - Ying Zhang, Research Impact Librarian

12:25-12:45 PM - New Ways of Seeing: Exploring with Digital Technologies

- **Description**
 - The Digital Exploration Center coordinator offers an overview of the DEC's facilities, current collaborations, and planned projects.
- **Speaker**
 - Dan Fandino, Digital Exploration Center Coordinator

12:45-1:00 PM - The DEC in Action

- **Description**
 - DEC staff and student assistants relate their experiences working with immersive technologies.
- **Speakers**
 - Harper Norris, DEC Technician
 - Shyla Nuxol, DEC Graduate Student Assistant
 - Alyssa Aguiar, DEC Undergraduate Student Assistant

1:00-1:20 PM - Immersive Experience Projects at the DEC

- **Description**
 - A group of UCF affiliates currently working with the DEC discuss how immersive technologies augment and enhance their existing projects.
- **Speakers**
 - TBA

1:20-1:30 PM - Q&A

1:45-3:00 PM - Digital Exploration Center Open House

- **Location**
 - John C. Hitt Library, 4th Floor, Room 425