Open GLAM: The Rewards (and Some Risks) of Digital Sharing for the Public Good
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"I am very grateful to be here tonight to talk about the current and emerging role of GLAM institutions in the public good. I want to use this opportunity to reflect on some of the questions that have been raised recently about the role of GLAM institutions in the public good. I believe that these questions are important and that they should be addressed in a thoughtful and informed manner. I also want to discuss some of the risks associated with digital sharing, and how these risks can be managed.

The role of GLAM institutions in the public good is a topic that has been discussed in the past, but it has gained new relevance in recent years. The availability of digital content has made it possible for people to access and use cultural resources in new ways. This has brought both rewards and risks.

The rewards of digital sharing are numerous. GLAM institutions have a responsibility to share their collections with the public. This sharing can take many forms, including online exhibitions, digital surrogates, and public domain digital surrogates. Digital sharing can help to increase the visibility and accessibility of cultural resources, and it can help to bring people together to explore and enjoy these resources.

However, there are also risks associated with digital sharing. GLAM institutions must ensure that they have the proper permissions to share their collections, and they must be careful not to infringe on the rights of others. They must also be careful not to share content that is offensive or inappropriate.

In conclusion, the role of GLAM institutions in the public good is a complex one. Digital sharing has brought both rewards and risks, and GLAM institutions must be careful to balance these factors. They must ensure that they have the proper permissions to share their collections, and they must be careful not to infringe on the rights of others. They must also be careful not to share content that is offensive or inappropriate.