

## Open Folklore Portal

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The Open Folklore portal web site, [www.openfolklore.org](http://www.openfolklore.org), launched on October 13 during the 2010 American Folklore Society meetings in Nashville, Tennessee. The project is a joint effort between the American Folklore Society and the Indiana University Bloomington Libraries, in cooperation with the IU Digital Library Program.

The new portal is part of the broader Open Folklore project and reflects changes in the ways scholars communicate their work in the digital age, both to fellow researchers and to various interested publics. The goal of the project is to make available a greater number and variety of useful resources, both published and unpublished, for the field of folklore studies and for the many communities with which folklore scholars partner.

The initial version of the Open Folklore portal facilitates access to the [HathiTrust Shared Digital Library](#), an online resource with more than 6 million books and journals from large research libraries. HathiTrust includes 57,000 books and journals comprising the IU Library's Folklore Collection, the most significant collection of its kind in the world. Beyond HathiTrust, the Open Folklore portal connects users with additional free books being made available by Trickster Press and other scholarly organizations, as well as by Utah State University Press, a leader in folklore studies publishing. USU Libraries, including the USU Press and USU Special Collections and Archives, have joined the Open Folklore project as its first strategic partner.