**MODULE 1** Introduction

**KEY TOOLS & PLATFORMS**

**HathiTrust**

A library consortium founded in 2008. HathiTrust is a community of research libraries committed to the long-term curation and availability of the cultural record.

**The HathiTrust Digital Library (HTDL)**

HathiTrust’s digital preservation repository and access platform for public domain and in-copyright content from a variety of sources, including Google, the Internet Archive, Microsoft, and in-house partner institution initiatives. Overall, the content mostly consists of digitized books from libraries.

**The HathiTrust Research Center (HTRC)**

HathiTrust’s center for facilitating computational, scholarly research using the 16+ million volumes in the HathiTrust Digital Library. The HTRC provides mechanisms for non-consumptive access to content in the HathiTrust corpus, as well as tools for computational text analysis.

**ACTIVITY: Explore sample research projects**  ☞***Slide M1 - 8***

In pairs or small groups, review the summarized research projects available at

**http://go.illinois.edu/ddrf-research-examples**.

Then discuss the following questions:

* *How do the projects involve change over time, pattern recognition, or comparative analysis?*
* *What kind of text data do they use (time period, source, etc.)?*
* *What are their findings?*