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Slideshow



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Slideshow URLs

Use Explore Builder to set a custom Slideshow URL based on specified search strings. This allows you to build Slideshows for holidays, seasons, famous people or any other topic. It's a fun and dynamic way to present new and exciting books to your patrons!

1. Log in

Go to Tools > Explore Builder, or enter */explorebuilder* at the end of your Alexandria login URL.

2. Select a pane

On the left is a list of the Explore panes you can modify. Select the pane you want to add a slideshow to, or click **+** to add a new pane.

3. Add an image

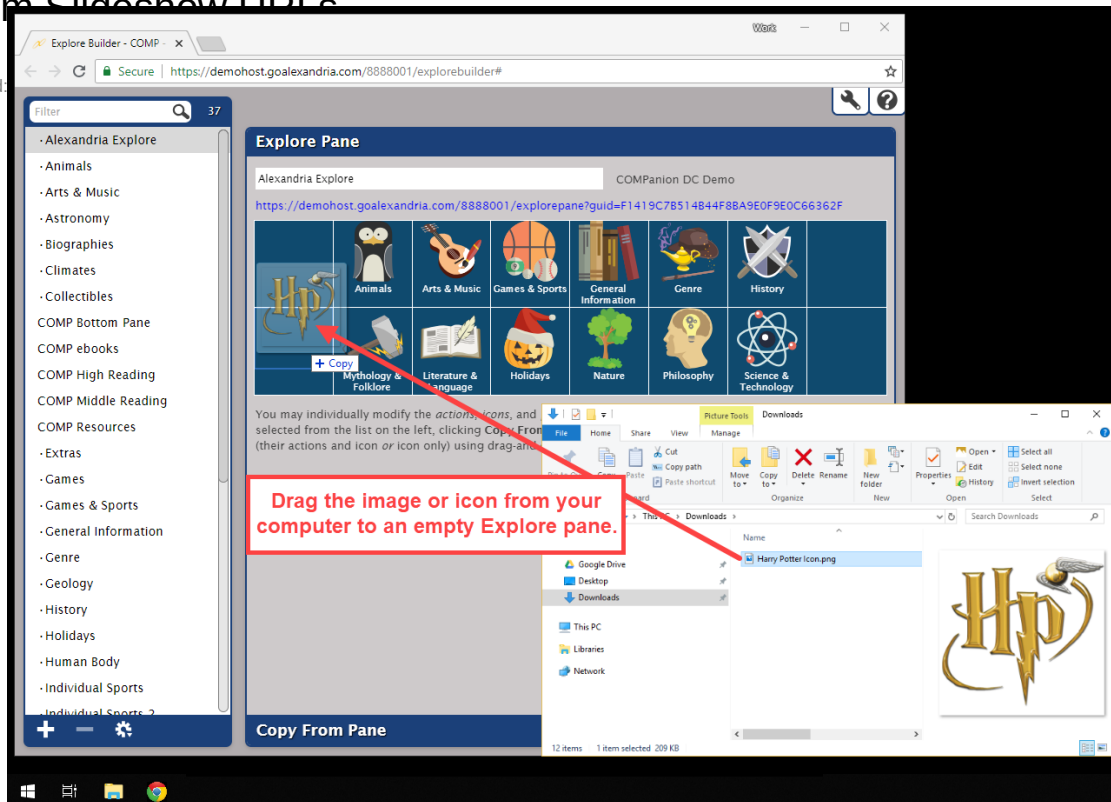
On your computer, open a File Explorer (Windows) or Finder (Mac) window.

Locate the image or icon you wish to add to Explorer, then drag that icon into an empty pane.

Click **Save**.

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You can use virtually any image as an icon. We recommend using .jpg, .jpeg, .svg, .png, or .tif images that are roughly 128x128 pixels at 72dpi.

4. Configure the button

Now you need to configure the icon to point to your Slideshow URL.

Select the pane you just added the image to, then configure the settings below.

- **Label.** Enter the name of the slideshow. This will also be the name of the button.
- **Action.** Select **Open URL**.

5. Add the URL

In the box below, paste the complete URL of a previously created slideshow, or create a new one. If you don't have a URL yet, build a new slideshow in [Slideshow Preferences](#), then click **View Slideshow** to open it in another tab or window. Copy the complete URL from your browser window, and paste it in this box.

Here's an example: [https://yourlibrary.com/slideshow?search=\(\(Smart::space\)\)&layout=preview&speed=5](https://yourlibrary.com/slideshow?search=((Smart::space))&layout=preview&speed=5)

You can also edit the URL to set custom search string variables for topic, layout, and speed.

- **Search.** The subject or topic your Slideshow will cover, i.e. "Space" or "Egyptology". You can use more complicated or specific search strings here.
- **Layout.** Set it to [Split](#) or [Preview](#).
- **Speed.** The number of seconds each slide will be displayed before rotating to the next one.

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- Genre
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Explore Pane

Alexandria Explore

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Animals

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Genre

History

Harry Potter Books

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Literature & Language

Holidays

Nature

Philosophy

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Harry Potter Books

Action

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6. Save

When you're done, hit **Save** in the top corner of the window.

Your Explore window will now feature the icon you chose. Click on it to open the slideshow!