North Carolina
DIGITAL HERITAGE CENTER

Quarterly Report, October - December 2010

During this quarter, the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center made significant progress on current projects, continued to reach out to new partners, and released two new digital collections, adding to the increasing variety of materials available online.

New Partners

Several new organizations had materials published through the NC Digital Heritage Center for the first time this quarter.

Fayetteville Technical Community College

The library at Fayetteville Technical Community College holds 14 oversized scrapbooks containing newspaper clippings and other materials documenting the history of the school. These materials were digitized using the recently-purchased PhaseOne digital camera setup. Having easy online access to these materials enables the library at FTCC to share their history with the community without risking additional harm to the already fragile and unwieldy originals. This is the first oversized scrapbook collection digitized by the NC Digital Heritage Center and the success of this project allows us to expand the type of digitization services we are able to offer to partners.
http://digitalnc.org/institutions/fayetteville-technical-community-college

Ashe County Public Library

The Ashe County Library, in West Jefferson, N.C., sent hundreds of historic photographs and negatives to Chapel Hill for digitization. These images document people and places in northwestern North Carolina, and include some great images of schools, sports teams, farming, and the renowned

Ashe County cheese industry. Over 500 images from the Ashe County Library are now available online.

http://digitalnc.org/institutions/ashe-county-public-library

Haywood County Public Library

The Haywood County Public Library, in Waynesville, N.C., contributed over 100 historic images, many of which show iconic scenes of mountain life, including hunting, farming, and logging.

http://digitalnc.org/institutions/haywood-county-public-library

Tufts Archives

The Tufts Archives, in Pinehurst, N.C., contributed over 100 historic photographs showing Pinehurst in the early to mid 20th century. There are many photos showing vacationers at play, and a number of great images of well-known amateur and professional golfers.

http://digitalnc.org/institutions/tufts-archives-pinehurst-nc

Johnson C. Smith University

Following the successful completion of their student yearbooks, staff from Johnson C. Smith University contributed over 100 images to DigitalNC. These include early campus scenes showing buildings and student groups.

http://digitalnc.org/institutions/johnson-c-smith-university

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

The J. Murrey Atkins Library Special Collections library at UNC-Charlotte contributed several images from the William Sumner Hoke photograph collection.

http://digitalnc.org/institutions/unc-charlotte

North Carolina College and University Yearbooks

The college and university yearbook collection continues to be one of the most popular and most visible projects developed by the NC Digital Heritage Center. We have now heard from a majority of the public and accredited private colleges and universities in the state, and have yearbook digitization scheduled through the summer of 2011. In this quarter, we digitized yearbooks from Fayetteville State University, Peace College, Wake Forest, and UNC-Charlotte. Over the course of the whole project, 334,227 yearbook pages have been digitized and made available online.

http://digitalnc.org/collections/nc-yearbooks

Yearbooks Currently Available Online

Appalachian State University

Campbell University

Chowan University

Duke University

East Carolina University

Elizabeth City State University

Elon University

Fayetteville State University

Greensboro College

Guilford College

High Point University

Johnson C. Smith University

Louisburg College

Meredith College

North Carolina Central University

Peace College

Surry Community College

UNC-Chapel Hill

UNC-Charlotte

UNC-Greensboro

Wake Forest

Yearbooks to be Digitized

Belmont Abbey

Brevard College

St. Andrews Presbyterian College

Gardner-Webb University

North Carolina A&T

Winston-Salem State University

UNC-Asheville

Wake Forest University Health Sciences Library

North Carolina Newspapers

The North Carolina Newspapers collection was launched this quarter on DigitalNC.org. The collection is beginning with just two titles, with plans to add more in the near future. Nearly 150 issues of the Elizabeth City State University student newspaper are now available online, spanning the years 1927 to 2003. These papers were digitized in Chapel Hill from original copies held by the Elizabeth City State University Archives. The Raeford News-Journal, from Raeford, N.C., was also digitized. We worked with an outside vendor to digitize four reels of microfilm spanning the years 1943 to 1969. These issues will be published online in early 2011.

Newspapers are among the most popular sources available for historical and genealogical research and there is a very strong demand for online access to these resources. We will continue to explore newspaper digitization and work with our partners to find ways to share more titles online.
http://digitalnc.org/collections/newspapers

North Carolina Memory

The North Carolina Memory digital collection was also launched this quarter. North Carolina Memory includes a variety of written materials documenting the history and culture of communities, individuals, and institutions in the state. Some of the material in this collection was previously published under separate collections, such as the Wilson County World War II scrapbooks. North Carolina Memory currently contains materials from four different institutions and includes over 400 items.
http://digitalnc.org/collections/nc-memory

New Partnerships

The Digital Heritage Center continues to hear from institutions interested in collaborating on digital projects. During this quarter, Digital Heritage Center staff had discussions with the Rowan County Public Library, the Transylvania County Library, Wake Forest University School of Medicine Library, the Cumberland County Public Library, the Joel Lane House, and Davidson College. We hope to develop new projects with these organizations and others very soon.

Outreach

In October, the Program Coordinator and the Digital Projects Librarian traveled to the Charlotte area to meet with current and potential partners. Over the course of this two-day trip, we visited the Mooresville Public Library, Davidson College, UNC-Charlotte, the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society, Johnson C. Smith University, and the Rowan Public Library. In December, we conducted a one-day trip to Fayetteville, during which we visited the Cumberland County Public Library, Fayetteville Technical Community College, and Fayetteville State University. During these outreach trips we made important contacts, toured the collections of our partner institutions, and discussed potential projects.

Technology

End-user Development
The Applications Analyst continued to adjust interfaces to aid in discovery and use of collections and objects, and feedback from users continued to inform changes to the way information is organized and presented on the site. Both the site itself and its digital object storage system underwent a significant restructuring in order to establish "Collections" as type-based groups and "Exhibits" as theme-based groups. The Applications Analyst created entry points and back-end support for two new collections in keeping with this new structure, added Exhibit-based RSS feeds, and experimented with new ways for users to interact with digital objects in the digital library.

Administrative Development

DigitalNC Drupal and CONTENTdm software installations as well as DigitalNC server components again underwent software and security upgrades this quarter. The Applications Analyst continued to assist Library Systems staff with server maintenance and software troubleshooting, in addition to laying groundwork for the support of two new media types--audio and video. This quarter saw a major need for automated file processing (renaming, grouping, and converting between formats) for which reusable scripts were written and put to use.

Statistics

Items Online by Project and Contributor

Project / Contributor	Number of Items
Images of North Carolina	
Ashe County Public Library	519
Davie County Public Library	348
Haywood County Library	143
Masonic Home, Oxford	36
Elizabeth City State Univ.	110
Orange County Museum	54
Tufts Archives, Pinehurst	101
UNC-Chapel Hill	19
UNC-Charlotte	23
Wilson County Library	301
North Carolina Memory	
Fayetteville Tech. Comm. College	14
Davie County Library	75
Haywood County Library	19
Wilson County Public Library	293
Durham Urban Renewal Records	1,535
NC College and University Yearbooks (all schools)	1,590
Total	**5,180**

Visitors to DigitalNC.org, October 1 through December 31

Unique visitors	10,997
Average visits per day	179.91
Visits from North Carolina	11,224
Total number of visits	16,552