



North Carolina

DIGITAL HERITAGE CENTER

North Carolina Digital Heritage Center January – March 2014

In the first quarter of 2014, the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center continued to expand the range and depth of its work, working with new and existing partners around the state, digitizing thousands of new items, and supporting digital library work across North Carolina.

New Partners

Catawba County Library

The Catawba County Public Library contributed to the North Carolina Newspapers collection by nominating the *Press and Carolinian* from Hickory for digitization. The Center digitized and published online 263 issues covering the years 1887-1892.

<http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/catawba-county-library/>

Danbury Public Library

The Danbury Public Library, part of the Northwestern Regional Library system, nominated the *Danbury Reporter* for digitization. The Center digitized a significant number of issues covering over a half century of town and community life in Stokes County. There are now 1,763 issues of the *Danbury Reporter*, ranging in date from 1872 to 1945, available in the North Carolina Newspapers collection.

<http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/danbury-public-library/>

Duke University Medical Center Archives

The Duke University Medical Center Archives contributed 34 copies of the "Aesculapian," the medical school student yearbook, for digitization. The volumes range from 1950 to 1994.

<http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/duke-university-medical-center-archives/>

Edgecombe County Memorial Library

The Digital Heritage Center completed several projects with the Edgecombe County Memorial Library this quarter. The library brought a large collection of photographs from local photographer M.S. Brown to be digitized. These included images of local scenes and people in and around Tarboro in the early 20th century. The library also brought copies of the Home Front News, a newsletter, published by the Tarboro Rotary Club, about local men in service during

World War II. Other materials from the library digitized this quarter included several high school yearbooks and an early Edgecombe County city directory.

<http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/edgecombe-county-memorial-library/>

Harnett County Public Library

The Harnett County Public Library nominated three newspapers from Dunn for digitization. This quarter, issues of the *County Union* (1895-1899), *The Central Times* (1891-1895), and *The Democratic Banner* (1901-1902) were added to the North Carolina Newspapers collection.

<http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/harnett-county-public-library/>

Lawndale Historical Society

The Lawndale Historical Society contributed newsletters and a school history for digitization this quarter. The Center digitized several years' worth of "Hot Off the Hoover Rail," a newsletter published by a local mill for "our boys in service" during World War II. The historical society also contributed "Sketches of Piedmont High School."

<http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/lawndale-historical-society/>

Martin Memorial Library

The Martin Memorial Library in Williamston nominated a local newspaper for the North Carolina Newspapers collection. The Center completed work this quarter on more than three decades of *The Enterprise*, digitizing 2,191 issues ranging from 1901 to 1934.

<http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/martin-memorial-public-library/>

New Work with Existing Partners

In addition to our work with new partners, the Center also completed a significant number of digitization projects with current partners, including the **Braswell Memorial Library** in Rocky Mount (newspapers and manuscripts), the **Chatham County Public Library** (high school yearbooks), the **Davie County Public Library** (newspapers), the **Granville County Public Library** (scrapbooks), the **Hickory Public Library** (newspapers), **North Carolina A&T** (large ledgers and photographs), **UNC-Chapel Hill** (catalogs and newspapers), the **Robeson County Public Library** (yearbooks), the **Rockingham County Public Library** (scrapbooks, ledgers, and manuscripts), the **Rutherford County Library** (newspapers), the **Stanly County Museum** (scrapbooks, manuscripts, and photographs), the **Wayne County Public Library** (scrapbooks and clippings), and the **Wilson County Public Library** (high school yearbooks).

The Center worked with twenty different institutions this quarter, and has worked with **145 different institutions** since 2010.

Staff

In January, the Digital Heritage Center welcomed Kristen Merryman as a temporary digital production manager. Kristen brings a great deal of experience in digital production and project management and is helping to increase the amount of digitization and digital publishing services that the Center is offering to its partners.

Major Milestone with High School Yearbooks

This quarter, the Center published its 1,000th high school yearbook. This has been a popular program with our partners, especially with public libraries. The High School Yearbooks project includes volumes from 45 different institutions, representing more than 150 high schools across North Carolina.

Consulting for EZ Digitization Grants

Digital Heritage Center staff spoke with several libraries interested in applying for LSTA EZ Digitization grants. These libraries approached the Center to discuss digitization possibilities for their institutions and for guidance in determining the type and number of materials that could reasonably be digitized and described within the scope of the EZ digitization grants.

Increased Use of DigitalNC.org

This quarter marked the first time that the average number of daily visitors to DigitalNC.org topped 1,000. With expanding collections, more partners, and a new website management system (WordPress) in place, it is clear that more and more people interested in North Carolina history and culture are finding their way to DigitalNC. More than half of the visitors to DigitalNC this quarter were from North Carolina.

On-Site Digitization for North Carolina A&T

In March, Digital Heritage Center staff worked with staff members from the library at North Carolina A&T to digitize a selection of oversized materials that will be used in exhibits and publications to celebrate the upcoming 125th anniversary of A&T's founding. This is an example of the kind of specialized service that the Center is able to provide to North Carolina institutions that need high resolution images of large or fragile materials in their collections but lack the equipment and expertise to do it themselves.

Outreach and On-site Visits

In March, Lisa Gregory attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Museums Council in New Bern. This was a great opportunity for the Center to gain a better understanding of the way museums in our state approach digital projects and online exhibits. While in New Bern, Lisa visited the **Craven County Public Library**, toured the Kellenberger Room, where the library's local history and genealogy collections are stored, and talked with library staff about high school yearbooks and other digitization services offered by the Center.

Also in March, Nicholas Graham and Lisa Gregory visited the **Chapel Hill Historical Society** to talk with volunteers there about potential digitization projects. Following the visit, the Historical Society sent early volumes of the Chapel Hill High School yearbook to Wilson Library for digitization.

Digitization Standards Published Online

In response to several requests from other digital library programs, the Center published its digitization standards and guidelines online. These guidelines will effectively replace the former NC ECHO digitization guidelines that were widely referred to by North Carolina institutions but had not been updated for many years. In addition to the guidelines, the Center also published a page outlining the equipment used for digitization.

Guidelines: <http://www.digitalnc.org/about/policies/digitization-guidelines/>

Equipment: <http://www.digitalnc.org/about/what-we-use-to-digitize-materials/>

Digital Public Library of America

The Center continues to serve as the statewide service hub for North Carolina for the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA). This quarter, two new content providers began sharing metadata with the DPLA: **Wake Forest University** and the **New Hanover County Public Library**. Several of the current providers added additional digital collections to be shared with the DPLA. North Carolina institutions are now contributing more than 200,000 records to the DPLA.

The Center staff also contributed to the DPLA's outreach efforts this quarter, contributing several images that were shared via the DPLA's Twitter and Tumblr accounts. Staff members worked with and advised students in the digital libraries class at the School of Information and Library Science at UNC-Chapel Hill who were using North Carolina materials to develop online exhibits for the DPLA. And Lisa Gregory wrote a well-received post for the DPLA's blog in February:

<http://dp.la/info/2014/02/26/title-untitled/>.

Statistics

Items Online by Project

Project	Number of Objects	Number of Pages (Scans)
Images of North Carolina	5,865	7,179
North Carolina Memory	2,782	92,916
North Carolina Newspapers (number of issues)	38,184	260,936
Durham Urban Renewal Records	1,799	4,293
North Carolina Yearbooks		
College and University Yearbooks	4,006	675,188
Other Campus Publications	3,841	570,754
High School Yearbooks	1,306	120,474
North Carolina City Directories	934	532,769
Total	58,717	2,264,509

Visitors to DigitalNC.org, January 1 through March 31, 2014

Unique visitors	64,907
Average visits per day	1,028
Visits from North Carolina	53,041
Total number of visits	92,491
Total number of page views	454,108