North Carolina
DIGITAL HERITAGE CENTER

Quarterly Report, April - June 2015

This quarter Digital Heritage Center staff met with colleagues from around the country at DPLAfest, hosted the Center's annual advisory board meeting, finished a major content migration, and completed many projects for our partners around the state.

New Partners

North Carolina School of the Arts
The Center worked with the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem to digitize early years of the student newspaper. The years 1965-1976 are now available online, enabling visitors to easily search and browse papers containing articles and photographs documenting the first decade of this innovative school.
http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/university-of-north-carolina-school-of-the-arts/

Granite Falls History and Transportation Museum
The local museum from the Caldwell County town of Granite Falls contributed 30 volumes of high school yearbooks to be digitized. The yearbooks are from Granite Falls High School, which closed in 1977.
http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/granite-falls-history-and-transportation-museum/

Bellamy Mansion Museum
The Center worked with the Bellamy Mansion, a historic house museum in downtown Wilmington, on the digitization of a set of architectural plans. The plans, drawn in 1992 in preparation for a major renovation, show the layout and design of this landmark building.
http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/bellamy-mansion-museum/

Ongoing Projects

In addition to the projects listed above, the Center continued work digitizing and publishing online materials from many of its current partners, including:

- an early 19th-century ledger from **Salem College**;
- several local history scrapbooks from the **Granville County Public Library**;
- photographs, published proceedings, and museum objects from the **Masonic Lodge Archives** in Raleigh;
- local and family history materials for the **Rockingham County Public Library** as part of their LSTA-funded EZ Digitization grant;
- student handbooks from **Cleveland Community College**;
- yearbooks and artifacts from the launching of the Victory ship S. S. Chapel Hill from the **Chapel Hill Historical Society**;
- yearbooks from the **Wayne County Public Library**;
- Gaston County newspapers from the North Carolina Collection at **UNC-Chapel Hill**;
- yearbooks and 19th-century manuscripts from the **Stanly County Museum**;
- early literary magazines from **Wake Forest University**;
- scrapbooks compiled by women's clubs in Henderson from the **Perry Memorial Library** in Vance County;
- textile mill newsletters from the **High Point Museum**;
- documents and ephemera from local women's clubs for the **Forsyth County Public Library** as part of their LSTA-funded EZ Digitization grant;
- scrapbooks documenting local baseball players from the **Wilson County Public Library**;
- property maps and a yearbook from **South Piedmont Community College**;
- manuscript correspondence from the **Reynolda House Museum of American Art** in Winston-Salem;
- yearbooks from the **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**;
- photographs from the **Benson Museum of Local History**;
- recent yearbooks from **Shaw University**;
- large maps from **Western Carolina University**.

The Center worked with a total of **23 different partners** during this quarter.

On the Road
In April, Nick Graham, Lisa Gregory, and Stephanie Williams attended "DPLA fest" in Indianapolis, a conference hosted by the Digital Public Library of America. It was a terrific opportunity for us to meet and talk with staff from other statewide digital library programs and to learn about plans for the DPLA's growth and expansion.

In June, Lisa Gregory presented at the annual conference of the Metrolina Library Association in Charlotte. Lisa talked about how libraries can preserve and share their special collections by working with the Center. The session was well attended, primarily by people from Charlotte-area public and community college libraries.

Advisory Board Meeting
On June 19, the Center held its annual advisory board meeting in Wilson Library in Chapel Hill. The meeting was attended by nearly all of the current board members. Nick, Lisa, and Stephanie gave presentations on our work over the past year, followed by a helpful discussion focused on newspaper digitization and preservation.

Newspaper Collection Migration Completed
The Center completed a major project this quarter when the final newspapers were migrated from CONTENTdm to the Chronicling America newspaper viewer. Visitors to DigitalNC.org will now find all of the newspapers we have digitized -- more than 300,000 pages in all -- in a single place. The new newspaper software continues to receive compliments from website visitors and has led to a noticeable improvement in response time and reliability for the newspaper collection.

Audiovisual Digitization Completed
The audiovisual digitization project, begun last fall, was completed. The Center worked with eleven different institutions to digitize, in all, 140 different items. We worked with a vendor to digitize films, a variety of videotapes, and a small collection of oral histories on cassette. The work resulted in more than 500 different digital files taking up in all nearly 13 terabytes. We are in the process of publishing the completed works online and are looking forward to sharing this fascinating material with others.

New Equipment Arrives
The digitization services offered by the Digital Heritage Center received a significant upgrade in June with the arrival of a new Zeutschel scanner. The new Zeutschel replaces an older scanner that was no longer functioning properly. We rely on these overhead scanners for a significant amount of our work, including the digitization of bound books and ledgers, manuscripts and

archives, and smaller scrapbooks. The arrival of a new, faster, and more reliable scanner will enable us to complete even more work for our partners.

DLF Wiki Contributions

Last winter, Nicholas Graham and Lisa Gregory were invited to serve as editors for the "Digitizing Special Formats" wiki maintained by the Digital Library Federation. Nick and Lisa recently finished editing and adding to several sections, which will serve as a valuable resource to other libraries involved in digital library projects. The wiki is available online at http://wiki.diglib.org/Digitizing_Special_Formats.

Statistics

Items Online by Project

Project	Number of Objects	Number of Pages (Scans)
Images of North Carolina	9,781	12,744
North Carolina Memory	3,968	165,571
North Carolina Yearbooks		
College and University Yearbooks	4,202	699,830
Other Campus Publications	4,251	599,888
High School Yearbooks	2,306	228,012
North Carolina City Directories	1,799	538,286
Total	**26,307**	**2,244,331**

Visitors to DigitalNC.org, April 1 through June 30, 2015

Unique visitors	91,179
Average sessions per day	1,492
Sessions from North Carolina	72,702
Total number of sessions	135,793
Total number of page views	765,301