Quarterly Report, July - September 2013

During the third quarter of 2013, the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center welcomed a new staff member, worked with four institutions for the first time, met with staff from several cultural heritage organizations, and digitized a wide range of materials from partner libraries.

New Partners

Five different cultural heritage organizations had materials published through the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center for the first time this quarter.

Montgomery County Public Library

The Montgomery County Public Library brought two boxes of assorted materials from its local history collections to Chapel Hill to be digitized. The materials included scrapbooks, early documents, account books, photographs, and an especially interesting collection of notebooks used by Democratic Party members in the late 19th and early 20th centuries to compile information about local voters.

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

Carolinas College of Health Sciences

The Carolinas College of Health Sciences, located in Charlotte, sent a selection of yearbooks from the Charlotte Memorial Hospital School of Nursing to be digitized. The yearbooks cover

the years 1946-1998 and provide an interesting look at the evolution of nursing education through the second half of the 20th century.

http://digitalnc.org/institutions/carolinas-college-health-sciences

Wayne Community College

The Digital Heritage Center worked with Wayne Community College in Goldsboro to digitize and publish online thirteen school yearbooks.

http://digitalnc.org/institutions/wayne-community-college

Madison County Public Library

The Madison County Public Library in Marshall sent four scrapbooks from the 1950s and 1920s to the Digital Heritage Center to be digitized and published online. Three of the scrapbooks were prepared for the town of Hot Springs's entries in the Finer Carolina contest sponsored by the Carolina Power and Light Company. The fourth scrapbook contains photographs from White Rock hospital in 1920 and 1921.

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

Ongoing Projects

The Digital Heritage Center worked with existing partners on many different projects this quarter.

- The **Yadkin County Public Library** in Yadkinville contributed more than a dozen different scrapbooks from its local history collection, many of which were compiled by local women's clubs in the 1950s.

- The **Stanly County Museum** in Albemarle brought a large group of materials to Chapel Hill for digitization, including photographs, account books, ledgers, and early publications. Many of the materials were extremely fragile. Having online access to these materials will enable the Museum to provide increased access to parts of the collection that saw only limited use because of their condition.

- Library staff members at **Western Carolina University** brought a collection of large framed photographs to the Digital Heritage Center to be digitized. The photographs were digitized that day so that they could be returned to Cullowhee right away. This is an example of work that the Center does for larger libraries that have digitization programs of their own, but lack some of the specialized equipment maintained by the Digital Production Center at UNC-Chapel Hill.

- The **Rockingham County Public Library** in Madison brought additional materials for digitization including scrapbooks, yearbooks, and an interesting collection of slides showing county libraries in the 1970s and 1980s.

- The **Durham County Public Library** contributed an early 20th-century scrapbook from the Durham County Department of Health for digitization. The scrapbook contains blank forms and signs used in managing public health issues. Several of the signs will be displayed in the new Museum of Durham History.

- The **Lincoln County Public Library** in Lincolnton located an early high school yearbook in its collections and sent it to the Digital Heritage Center to be digitized and added to the existing collection of county yearbooks.

- The **Alamance County Public Library** also joined the North Carolina High School Yearbooks project, contributing several early yearbooks from Burlington, Graham, and other towns.

- The **Wilson County Public Library** brought high school yearbooks to be digitized along with new additions to the Wilson County World War II veterans project.

- The Digital Heritage Center worked with the **State Library of North Carolina** on a project to digitize selected state publications and other North Carolina materials on the Internet Archive's Scribe book scanner located in Wilson Library.

The Digital Heritage Center has worked with a total of **130 different partners** to date.

Staff Update

In early September, the Digital Heritage Center welcomed Lisa Gregory as the new Digital Projects Librarian. Lisa worked previously at the State Library of North Carolina where she managed digital projects and provided training and guidance on digital preservation. Lisa will manage on-site digitization and digital publishing for the Digital Heritage Center and will work closely with partner institutions as part of the Center's role as a service hub for the Digital Public Library of America.

Publicity

Three local newspapers ran stories about Digital Heritage Center projects this quarter: *Rockingham Now*, about the Center's work with three Rockingham County institutions; the *Daily Advance* in Elizabeth City, about the yearbook projects; and the *Stokes News*, about the Center's work with the Northwestern Regional Library branch libraries.

Digitization

Yearbooks, city directories, and other monographs were digitized by the Internet Archive staff based in Wilson Library. During this quarter, **51 volumes** containing a total of **16,166 pages** were digitized by the Internet Archive for North Carolina Digital Heritage Center partners. The Digital Heritage Center also worked with the State Library of North Carolina to digitize **64,794 pages** for State Library projects.

Digital Heritage Center staff and students also continued work on digitizing materials in the Digital Production Center in Wilson Library. During this quarter Digital Heritage Center students captured **11,313 digital images** of content provided by the Center's partner institutions.

Digital Public Library of America

The Digital Heritage Center continued discussions with the Digital Public Library of America about contributing metadata from North Carolina institutions to their national digital library effort. In July, Nicholas Graham and Bob Anthony met with staff members from the State Library and State Archives of North Carolina to discuss the possibility of sharing metadata with the DPLA. Everyone agreed that it was important for North Carolina to contribute metadata to the DPLA and that this was an opportunity for all institutions around the state to share their collections with new and larger audiences.

The North Carolina Digital Heritage Center will operate as a statewide "service hub," meaning that the Center will be responsible for aggregating and sharing metadata from every institution in North Carolina that has digital collections that meet the DPLA's criteria. This is a new and important role for the Center, and will involve regular communication with libraries around the state and training and consultation on metadata and data sharing issues. The Digital Heritage Center sees this work as a key part of its role to promote and share online primary sources from all over North Carolina.

In August and September, Digital Heritage Center staff members began contacting other institutions in North Carolina about contributing to the DPLA and also began researching and experimenting with tools for aggregating and sharing metadata. By the end of September, nineteen different libraries had responded that they would like to contribute metadata to the DPLA.

Items Online by Project

Project	Number of Objects	Number of Pages (Scans)
Images of North Carolina	4,885	5,762
North Carolina Memory	2,504	70,908
North Carolina Newspapers (number of issues)	26,567	174,138
Durham Urban Renewal Records	1,799	4,293
North Carolina Yearbooks		
College and University Yearbooks	3,709	671,866
Other Campus Publications	2,819	483,516
High School Yearbooks	778	88,449
North Carolina City Directories	939	536,314
Total	**44,000**	**2,035,266**

Visitors to DigitalNC.org, July 1 through September 30, 2013

Unique visitors	56,497
Average visits per day	614
Visits from North Carolina	39,969
Total number of visits	76,697
Total number of pageviews	346,637