



North Carolina

DIGITAL HERITAGE CENTER

Quarterly Report, January – March 2015

It has been a busy few months at the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center as we worked on a large audiovisual digitization project, visited partners, presented at a conference, hosted an event in Charlotte, and continued to digitize a wide variety of materials from partners all over the state.

New Partners

Mauney Memorial Library

The Mauney Memorial Library in Kings Mountain sent a book commemorating the town centennial in 1974. The book includes histories and photographs of businesses and people important in the first century of the city of Kings Mountain.

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

Reynolda House Museum of American Art

The Center worked with the archives at the Reynolda House in Winston-Salem on a fascinating collection of correspondence from R.J. and Katherine Reynolds. The letters discuss family matters and the management of their home and estate. This is one of the largest manuscript collections that the Digital Heritage Center has worked on to date, and will serve as a model for future digitization of manuscript and archival materials.

<http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/reynolda-house-museum-of-american-art/>

Ongoing Projects

In addition to work with the new partners listed above, the Center continued work digitizing and publishing online materials from many of its current partners, including: photographs and high school newspapers from the **Braswell Memorial Library** in Rocky Mount; campus photos from

Robeson County Community College; high school yearbooks from the **Thomasville Public Library**; yearbooks from the **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**; photographs from the Historic Boone collection at the **Watauga County Public Library**; historic images from the **Edgecombe County Memorial Library**; a store ledger and museum artifacts from the **Chapel Hill Historical Society**; several large maps from **South Piedmont Community College** in Polkton; scrapbooks from the **High Point Museum** and **High Point Public Library**; color slides from the **Wilson County Public Library**; photographs, documents and museum objects from the **Grand Lodge of North Carolina** in Raleigh; student newspapers from **Gardner-Webb University** and **UNC-Asheville**; ledgers and manuscripts from the **Stanly County Museum**; scrapbooks from the **Granville County Public Library**; and newsletters from the **Duke University Medical Center Archives**.

The Digital Heritage Center worked on projects with 18 different partners this quarter, and has now worked with **176 partners** since 2010.

News

On the Road

In January, Nick Graham participated in a meeting at Bluford Library at **North Carolina A&T** to talk about a potential collaboration between NC A&T and North Carolina State University on the digitization of agricultural extension service materials. Also in January, Nick represented the Digital Heritage Center at the celebration of the Our State magazine digital project at the **State Library of North Carolina**.

In March, Nick and Andrea Green attended the **Society of North Carolina Archivists** annual meeting in Greenville, N.C. Nick presented on a panel discussion about technology and diversity and both Nick and Andrea had the chance to meet with many different Digital Heritage Center partners.

Digital Public Library of America Grant and “Digital Charlotte”

We completed work on our short-term Digital Public Library of America grant at the end of March. The DPLA funds enabled us to temporarily expand our digitization work for partners and to work on a pilot audiovisual digitization project.

In order to fulfill one of the grant requirements to host a public event, the Center sponsored “Digital Charlotte,” a celebration of digital library resources related to Charlotte and Mecklenburg County history. The event was held on March 30 at the UNC-Charlotte Center City campus. Julie Davis, director of the Digital Loray project and Public Historian in Residence at the Loray Mill, talked about the role of digital library projects and community history during the redevelopment of the iconic Loray Mill building in Gastonia. Staff members from several different Charlotte-area libraries were there, including UNC-Charlotte, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, Davidson College, and Johnson C. Smith University. One of the attendees reported that the event helped to foster a real spirit of community among Charlotte libraries and was a great success.

<http://www.digitalnc.org/blog/digital-charlotte-event-march-30-celebrates-local-digital-libraries/>

Metadata Webinar and Book Chapter from Digital Heritage Center Staff

In January, Lisa Gregory and Stephanie Williams were among the presenters at a well-received webinar on metadata aggregation sponsored by the DPLA. More than 300 people participated in the session.

<http://dp.la/info/2015/01/28/metadata-aggregation-webinar-video-and-extended-qa/>

Also in January, a book chapter co-written by Lisa was published. *Information Services Today*, an overview of the library and information science profession published by Rowman & Littlefield, includes the chapter “Digital Resources: Digital Libraries,” which Lisa co-wrote with Amy Rudersdorf.

<http://rowman.com/ISBN/9781442239579/Information-Services-Today-An-Introduction>

Migration of the North Carolina Newspapers Collection

This quarter brought significant progress in the steady but labor-intensive migration of the North Carolina Newspapers collection to new software. All of the community newspapers that we have digitized and most of the college newspapers are now available through the Chronicling America newspaper viewer. Stephanie Williams has been able to fully incorporate the new software into the existing DigitalNC.org website, enabling users to see results from full-text newspapers alongside other collections. We continue to hear positive feedback from users and have seen, in our own use of the collection, a significant improvement in the ability to search and browse the

collection.

<http://www.digitalnc.org/collections/newspapers/>

Audiovisual Newspaper Digitization Project

Throughout the quarter, Center staff, led by Andrea Green, worked on a large audiovisual digitization project that is being funded through our grant from the DPLA. Partner libraries all over the state, including **UNC-Charlotte**, **Western Carolina University**, the **Watauga County Public Library**, the **Braswell Memorial Library**, the **Edgecombe County Library**, the **State Archives of North Carolina**, **UNC-Chapel Hill**, the **Rockingham County Library** and the **Durham County Library**, sent old films and cassettes to be digitized. The Center worked with George Blood Video, an experienced AV digitization company in Philadelphia, on the project. Based on the samples we received, this is going to be an exciting and fun project once the materials are available online.

Major Technical Upgrades for DigitalNC

Two of the primary tools used for DigitalNC.org – WordPress and CONTENTdm – required major updates this quarter. Stephanie Williams, working with colleagues in the UNC Library's Information Technology department, was able to install and test the new software and then move it into production without causing any significant interruption to the DigitalNC collections.

Digitization of Large Photos from Forsyth County

The Center worked with staff members from the Forsyth County Public Library this quarter to digitize a group of large, framed, historic photos showing classes from an African American high school in Winston-Salem. We were able to digitize everything while the library staff waited in order to minimize the amount of time that the photos were away from library (and also to avoid having to store these fragile and unwieldy items). The library has already received positive feedback from the community about having these photographs online.

<http://goo.gl/LW3tLi>

Statistics

Items Online by Project

Project	Number of Objects	Number of Pages (Scans)
Images of North Carolina	9,127	12,050
North Carolina Memory	3,747	147,674
North Carolina Newspapers (number of issues)	46,695	338,122
North Carolina Yearbooks		
College and University Yearbooks	4,156	693,039
Other Campus Publications	4,243	594,594
High School Yearbooks	2,189	215,612
North Carolina City Directories	944	518,666
Total	70,362	2,519,757

Visitors to DigitalNC.org, January 1 through March 31, 2015

Unique visitors	92,141
Average sessions per day	1,575
Sessions from North Carolina	77,723
Total number of sessions	141,808
Total number of page views	884,431

