This quarter North Carolina Digital Heritage Center staff visited several current partners, conducted another “DHC Dropoff” event, completed some critical CONTENTdm maintenance, and talked with potential DPLA hubs in three states.

New Partner

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF FURNITURE DESIGNERS**

The American Society of Furniture Designers, located in High Point, is an enthusiastic group of professionals devoted to the art, craft, and business of furniture design. Though a national organization, their archives are heavily invested with materials centered on the industry in High Point. The ASFD was referred to us by the Heritage Research Center at High Point Public Library, and we were happy to help digitize scrapbooks, newsletters, photographs, clippings, and more.

http://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/americansociety-offurniture-designers/

Ongoing Projects

Anna Loewenthal, Elizabeth Blackwood, Jessie Tang, and Shannon Young digitized and published online materials from many of the Center’s current partners, including:

- a diary and a scrapbook from the Kings Mountain Historical Museum
- city directories from Cabarrus County Public Library
- scrapbooks from the Granville County Public Library, the High Point Museum, Perry Memorial Library (Henderson), Randolph County Public Library, and Surry Community College.
- student newspapers from Meredith College and Salem College
- campus publications from Richmond Community College
- photographs from the Oliver Nestus Freeman Round House Museum
- more slides of historic architecture from Rockingham Community College
- high school yearbooks from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library, Forsyth County Public Library, Gaston County Public Library, Granville County Public Library, Transylvania County Library, and Wayne County Public Library
- minute books, photos, manuscripts, and scrapbooks from The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina

The Center worked with a total of 20 different partners during this quarter.

On the Road

Lisa attended the Society of North Carolina Archivists annual meeting in Charlotte, and used that opportunity for a “DHC Dropoff.” She returned and/or picked up materials from 6 different partners at this event, and heard from many that they appreciated being able to combine trips. In addition, she stopped at Livingstone College and the Randolph County Public Library while traveling.

In February, Lyrasis convened a digital libraries Leadership Forum in Charlotte. They extended an invitation to participate to NCDHC. The purpose of the forum was to bring together a number of digital library professionals in the state to discuss current challenges and opportunities, with an emphasis toward how Lyrasis could help.

This quarter was also a busy one for assisting with the LSTA grant process. Lisa went on a site visit to NC State University to hear about their current project on extension service history and spoke with 4 different partners about their applications for LSTA grants related to digitization.
Technology Improvements

The Digital Heritage Center has begun to encounter some growing pains with CONTENTdm, due to the size and nature of our collections. Stephanie spent a good portion of this quarter splitting off sections of the North Carolina Memory collection into smaller ones, not a trivial task with CONTENTdm. This will hopefully help improve user experience and it has already helped with back-end functionality.

Stephanie also continued to expand the granularity of the Advanced Search for our Newspapers Collection, incorporating title-level, paper type, and county filtering into the advanced search.

Staff Training

Lisa has been attending an on-campus Peer-to-Peer group related to copyright and libraries. Led by Anne Gilliland, UNC Libraries’ Scholarly Communication Officer, this once-monthly meeting is part instruction and part conversation with other library staff. It’s been helpful to get up to speed with the most recent copyright news and trends.

DPLA Hub News

The Digital Heritage Center continues to be held up by the DPLA as the organization to consult when developing a new hub. This quarter, Stephanie and Lisa spoke with prospective hubs in Washington D.C., Ohio, and Oklahoma. We have now spoken with at least 10 other states considering joining the DPLA.

Statistics

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Total number of sessions 82,257
Total number of page views 838,826

VIEWS OF DIGITIZED MATERIAL AVAILABLE THROUGH ARCHIVE.ORG, JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2015

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