This quarter the Digital Heritage Center worked with a whopping 37 different partner organizations located from Bryson City in the west to Pine Knoll Shores in the east. This is the highest number of partners we’ve ever served in a single quarter!

**New Partners**

**CHERRYVILLE HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

The Cherryville Historical Museum is housed in the old City Hall Building on Main Street in Cherryville. It was built in 1911 and was used as the city hall, fire department, police department, courtroom and jail. The Museum was established to collect, classify, preserve and make available to the public the archaeological artifacts and ethnographic materials of the greater Cherryville/Gaston County area. Nominated by the museum for digitization, their first batch features issues spanning from 1942 to 1956 of the Cherryville newspaper *The Eagle*.

https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/cherryville-historical-museum/

**ROANOKE-CHOWAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

The North Carolina Digital Heritage Center was connected with Roanoke-Chowan Community College thanks to our partnership with the State Archives on the State Historic Records Advisory Board grant. Founded in 1967, the college is located in Ahoskie, in Hertford County, and today serves around 750 students. Our first batch includes student handbooks and course catalogs.

https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/roanoke-chowan-community-college/

**MAYSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Maysville Public Library, located in Jones County and part of the Neuse Regional Library, contacted us about becoming a partner when many historical items about the town of Maysville were uncovered during a library renovation. Our first batch includes photographs of downtown Maysville, scrapbooks, and materials documenting North Carolina’s first female mayor, Annie Koonce Jenkins. Jenkins served as mayor of Maysville from 1925 to 1931.

https://www.digitalnc.org/institutions/maysville-public-library/

**Ongoing Projects**

Ashlie Brewer, Zaina Goggins, Sophie Hollis, Kristen Merryman, JoCora Moore, Vicky Tillett, and Barry Ward digitized and published online materials from many of the Center's current partners, including:

- Eno River Festival posters and city maps from *Durham County Library*
- Student census cards from the *Henderson Institute Historical Museum* (learn more about these cards in the Collection Highlight below)
- Print and born-digital high school and community newspapers from *Granville County Public Library*, *Greensboro History Museum*, *History Committee of Pine Knoll Shores*, *Jewish Historical Society of Greater Charlotte* located at the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center, *Northampton County Museum*, and *UNC-Chapel Hill*
- Microfilmed newspapers nominated by *Alleghany County Public Library*, *Burke County Public Library*, *Chatham County Public Library*,...
Catholic Diocese of Raleigh, Fontana Regional Library, Halifax County Library System, Highlands Historical Society, Johnson C. Smith University, Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, UNC-Charlotte, and Yadkin County Public Library

- Scrapbooks from Harnett County Public Library, McDowell County Public Library, and Mitchell Community College
- Newsletters and class reunion photographs from the Clear Run High School Alumni Association
- High school yearbooks from Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum, Heritage Research Center at High Point Public Library, Lincoln County Historical Association, Madison County Public Library, and Orange County Public Library
- Student handbooks from Wake Forest University
- Board of trustees meeting minutes from Sandhills Community College
- Annual reports and newsletters from Durham Technical Community College
- 20th century maps for Forsyth County Public Library and Person County Public Library
- Furniture catalogs and High Point area newspapers from High Point Museum
- Print newspapers and materials from local churches and the town of Chapel Hill from the Chapel Hill Historical Society

The Center worked with a total of 37 different partners during this quarter. To learn more about each of these projects, or to keep up with new items added to DigitalNC, check out the DigitalNC blog.

**Partner Visits and Events**

This quarter NCDHC staff headed east! Kristen Merryman visited Olivia Raney Local History Library, Shaw University, and Enloe High School to pick up and drop off materials. Ashlie Brewer visited Elizabeth City State University to meet with our staff there and pick up materials. On that trip she also stopped at the Northampton County Museum and Roanoke-Chowan Community College to pick up and drop off materials.

The Digital Heritage Center held its second Library Copyright Institute Open Office Hour, which was as well attended as the first session with 27 participants. Partners and other stakeholders asked tricky copyright questions related to publishing and digitization. In April, Lisa had the opportunity to present to new public library directors at their virtual orientation with the State Library.

Multiple NCDHC staff attended GlitterTIND, a virtual annual meeting convened by DigitalNC’s content management system provider. Stephanie was part of a panel presenting ideas to increase the usability of digital library interfaces. This was a great opportunity to brainstorm with other TIND customers and to hear about the company’s plans for the coming year. Kristen and Ashlie also attended the annual meeting of Digital Commonwealth, a statewide digital library program in Massachusetts that has a lot in common with NCDHC.

**Collection Highlight**

VANCE COUNTY STUDENT CENSUS RECORDS

This quarter we completed a project working with the Henderson Institute Historical Museum to scan a cabinet full of student census records that were found in a Vance County School System warehouse. The student census records document African-American students who attended Vance County’s segregated schools between 1920 and 1970. The record cards (and their envelopes) are a great resource for researchers and individuals wanting to learn more about Vance County residents, students, and schools. The front of each envelope includes a student’s name, address, date of birth, the years they attended school, which school they attended, how many days they attended, if they were promoted, and whether they moved out of Vance County. Due to the sensitive nature of some of the information inside, only the envelopes were digitized; the Museum is happy to facilitate further research using the cards inside.

**Technology Update**

Maintenance of NCDHC’s tools and systems this quarter included a major PHP upgrade on all NCDHC servers and preparations for July’s DPLA harvest. Stephanie expanded NCDHC’s DPLA infrastructure to accept records from several partners that migrated to new content management systems since January’s harvest, and responded to requests for updated information on harvested records from additional institutions. She also helped field several partner requests for scanned files and metadata, and began documenting best practices for producing specific formats and resolutions.

Stephanie also processed 24 batches of newspapers scanned in-house into NDNP-compliant METS-ALTO packages, and performed 20 batches of newspaper metadata correction using a tool developed this quarter to identify mislabeled and duplicate images among the almost 4 million newspaper pages in the North Carolina Newspapers collection. Work toward a full redesign of DigitalNC continued, including a new page organization that will feature most-used information more prominently, and make a better distinction between newspaper content and all other digitized materials on DigitalNC.

**Newspapers.com Project Update**

This quarter, almost 400,000 pages have been added to DigitalNC and the project is on schedule to complete this fall! This means we’ll have added over 2 million additional newspaper pages to DigitalNC, more than doubling the size of the North Carolina Newspapers collection. This project was made possible thanks to funding from the North Caroliniana Society.

If you’re not familiar with this work, here’s some background: in August 2013, the UNC-Chapel Hill Libraries worked with Newspapers.com to digitize pre-1923 microfilmed newspapers available in Wilson Library’s North Carolina Collection. Over the next year, the microfilm was digitized and more than 2.9 million pages were made available through Newspapers.com. Though select locations in the state were given free access, most users had to subscribe to the site for a fee to use these papers. After the project was complete, the Libraries received copies of all digitized files and associated metadata. After an embargo period, the Libraries were permitted to reuse these files and decided that the most helpful experience for users would be to add them to the already steadily growing newspapers collection on DigitalNC.

**Consultations**

For this statistic, we’re counting NCDHC full-time staff consulting on NCDHC services, digitization, digital publication or another related topic. These consultations are substantive, last at least 10-15 minutes, can take place virtually or in person, and do not include presentations or workshops.

Examples this quarter include:

- answering questions from multiple organizations about content management systems, especially alternatives to hosted Islandora
- talking to a current partner about their efforts to document the Hmong community in North Carolina
- discussing digitization and digitization services with prospective partners Piedmont International University and Burwell School Historical Site
- discussing an oral history project with the Marion Cheek Jackson Center in Chapel Hill
- meeting with a group at the University of Tennessee to explore using Open-ONI as a newspaper repository
- assisting colleagues at UNC-Chapel Hill Libraries with OCR software

**TOTAL CONSULTATIONS: 16**
Statistics

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VISITORS TO DIGITALNC.ORG, APRIL 1 – JUNE 30, 2022

Unique visitors 114,486
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Total number of sessions 207,715
Sessions from North Carolina 114,258
Total number of page views 1,357,197

VIEWS OF DIGITIZED MATERIAL AVAILABLE THROUGH ARCHIVE.ORG, APRIL 1 – JUNE 30, 2022

334,570

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