

The Digital Insider

Digital Information News from the State Library of North Carolina



The Digital Information Management Program (DIMP) works to preserve democracy by providing freedom of access to government information

New in our Collections

State Publications Collection

<http://tinyurl.com/5pae7l>



Founding & Early History of Raleigh

<http://tinyurl.com/4bgbmw>



DID YOU KNOW...

- The digital repository was visited over 300 times and by users in 4 different countries in June 2008 alone.

- The most visited item in the digital repository is the 1898 Wilmington Race Riot Report in the State Publications Collection.

- The digital repository can be accessed many different ways including via the State Library website (from the DIMP collections page and individual collection websites), links to items contained in Library catalog records and WorldCat, & NCLIVE.

State Library Unveils Digital Repository

The State Library of North Carolina Digital Repository debuted in April 2008. By July, the repository had 4 collections and over 200 titles, all of which are full-text searchable and freely and publicly available online.

The largest of these collections is the "North Carolina State Publications Collection." It contains over 150 current and historical documents produced by North Carolina government agencies. Popular topics in the collection include health and safety, legislation, education, and business. The collection will continue to grow as more items are added monthly.

The collection "From Crossroads to Capital: The Founding and Early History of Raleigh, NC" is a joint project between the State Library and the North Carolina State Archives. It focuses on Raleigh's first 50 years (1792-1842), and showcases original documents, maps, legislation, and published resources.

In addition to these new collections, the digital repository now contains some of the library's earlier digital collections that have been updated and expanded to include new items and research.

The "Eugenics in North Carolina" collection recounts the state's sterilization movement from 1929 to 1977. It includes government publications, legislation, articles, and propaganda related to the topic.

The "History of Malaria in North Carolina" showcases the impact of malaria on the state from the colonial days to current times and includes health statistics, case studies, and early scientific papers, including 26 new documents.

To use any of the collections listed above, please visit our website at <http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/dimp/digital/index.html> or use the links in the "New" and "Updated Collections" sidebars on this page.

Quarterly Newsletter About Digital Info Launched

The "digital world" is infiltrating every aspect of our work in state government, and this is no less so at the State Library. In response, the Digital Information Management Program (DIMP) has launched this newsletter to keep Library staff and others in North Carolina state government informed about digitization projects, the management of our born-digital

government publications, and the tools, applications, and systems the State Library is using to perform our work. You will find informative articles announcing new digital resources, soliciting project ideas, and offering updates about ongoing digital projects in the *Digital Insider*.

In addition, we'll provide insight on future investi-

gations and partnerships, and keep you up-to-date on what our colleagues at state libraries and archives and other state agencies around the U.S. are doing.

If you have suggestions for articles, are interested in submitting your own article, or have questions about anything you find here, please contact us at digital.info@ncmail.net.

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Updated Collections

Eugenics in North Carolina

<http://tinyurl.com/5rslq7>



History of Malaria in North Carolina

<http://tinyurl.com/5uvpsr>



What's Going on in the "Digital World"

Third Annual Best Practices Exchange Held

Several DCR staff recently attended Rising to Digital Challenges: Best Practices Exchange 2008 in Helena, Montana. The conference gave digital information practitioners from twenty-five states a chance to get together and share their experiences. Staff are excited to implement what they learned and develop contacts that were made. For more info: <http://www.bpexchange.org/2008/>.

Washington State Digital Archive: An Option?

While at the Best Practices Exchange, DCR staff learned that the Library of Congress has funded Washington State to host their end-to-end preservation system (which is being expanded to address digital publications) for a limited number of other states. Consequently, DCR staff will be working with Washington State to evaluate whether or not to enter into a hosting relationship to test these tools.

LOCKSS in the UK

LOCKSS (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe) is an archiving initiative led by Stanford University. Currently, the State Library is investigating the use of LOCKSS in conjunction with the Internet Archive and MetaArchive Cooperative. DIMP staff were interested to learn that several UK libraries recently tested LOCKSS and felt it had a lot of potential for use internationally, as well as in the US. Learn more about LOCKSS at <http://www.lockss.org/lockss/Home>.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

DIMP staff are organizing a community service event for the late summer or early fall. Possible volunteer activities include working at the Food Bank or on a Habitat for Humanity project. If you have community service ideas or are interested in working with us, email us at digital.info@ncmail.net.

The Library Welcomes Jessie Lu to DIMP Staff

Huimin (Jessie) Lu joins the DIMP as the Systems Integration and Digitization Librarian, where she will have two key responsibilities: maintaining CONTENTdm and related websites and web applications, and coordinating the "North Carolina Census Profile Project," in which paper census files from the 1960s-1980s

will be digitized and made available online with their born-digital counterparts.

Lu received her Masters of Science in Information Studies from the University of Texas at Austin, where she focused on designing and organizing online information services. Most recently, she

worked as a data analyst with the NC Biotechnology Center. Previous experience includes the University of Texas Law School and the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, where she digitized rare collections and materials including the *Gutenberg Bible*. Please help us in welcoming Jessie to the Library!



Please join us in welcoming Jessie Lu

DIMP Activities on the "Short Horizon"

When you think about "managing" digital information, what words come to mind? Preservation? Storage? Access? Curation? Forever? *Impossible??*

Well, the DIMP has to consider not just how to contend with all these concepts, but how to deal with them today and in the future — including the short horizons of tomorrow, next year, and the next decade, as well as the long horizon of . . . forever. With that in mind, DIMP has several excit-

ing projects on our "short horizon" to begin to tackle these "long horizon" challenges.

This year, we'll start looking at systematic methods for acquiring (also called "ingesting") born-digital state government documents produced by state agencies. We will research the "add item" features available in CONTENTdm, and, with DCR IT and the State Archives, study how Microsoft SharePoint modules could automate ingest and storage systems. Other digital

storage options under investigation include the MetaArchive Cooperative, OCLC's Digital Archive, Arizona's NDIIPP-funded Persistent Digital Archives and Library System (PeDALS), and the Integrated Rule Oriented Data Systems (iRODS) in development at the San Diego Supercomputing Center.

Additional exciting activities include a hands-on digital information management workshop (planned for late fall 2008) for agency librarians

and other personnel responsible for creating and disseminating publications, as well as two major digitization projects:

"Transforming the Tar Heel State: A Legacy of Public Libraries in North Carolina," and, with the State Data Center, the "NC Census Profile Project." Updates to enable full-text searching of early Library digital projects are also planned.

More project information will follow in future issues, however inquiries are always welcome at digital.info@ncmail.net.