

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



# Digital Insider

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## New to NCPedia

[The Death of Zelda Fitzgerald](#) - March 10, 1948, wife of writer F. Scott Fitzgerald died in an asylum fire

[Squire Boone](#) (1696-1765), father of American icon Daniel Boone

[Edwin August Björkman](#) (1866-1951), translated Strindberg's plays into English, ran the N.C. Federal Writers Project.

[The June Germans](#), a once popular dance held annually in Rocky Mount.

[Tori Amos](#) (1963-), popular Grammy-nominated singer/pianist born in Newton, N.C.

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## UNC and State Library of North Carolina to bring treasures to Digital Public Library of America

CHAPEL HILL -- Treasures from libraries and archives across North Carolina will soon be at the fingertips of researchers worldwide.

The [North Carolina Digital Heritage Center](#) (NCDHC) in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Wilson Library will be the state hub and conduit to the [Digital Public Library of America](#) (DPLA) -- an organization that provides a single point of access for millions of books, photographs, documents, sound recordings and moving images from some of the leading libraries and archives across the country. Through a partnership announced Thursday, the center will compile and provide information about North Carolina's digital collections to the DPLA.

The NCDHC is supported by the [State Library of North Carolina](#) with funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library and Services and Technology Act, and by the UNC-Chapel Hill University Library.

The Digital Public Library of America debuted in April.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for North Carolina to demonstrate the wealth of culturally important materials in our state's libraries and to give

them the broadest possible reach," said Nick Graham, project coordinator for the NCDHC.

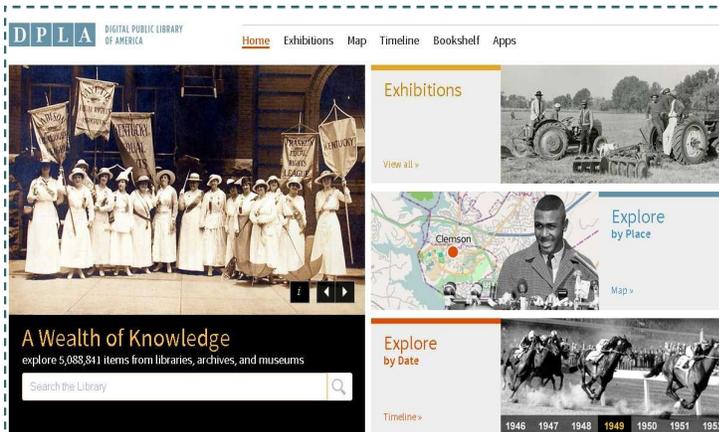
"Rich, unique treasures are found in special collections across North Carolina," said Cal Shepard, State Librarian. "We are excited the Digital Heritage Center is facilitating their inclusion in DPLA to provide broader access to them for researchers everywhere."

Although the NCDHC specializes in digitizing and publishing items from North Carolina's history, the scope of the DPLA partnership will be much broader. The only requirement is that materials be held by a library, archive or other cultural heritage institution in North Carolina.

The State Library of North Carolina and [State Archives of North Carolina](#) will be among the institutions that will submit items to the DPLA via the new arrangement. Others include the UNC campuses at Chapel Hill, Charlotte, East Carolina, Greensboro, North Carolina A&T, Pembroke and Western Carolina, as well as independent institutions including Duke, Elon and Wake Forest universities.

The NCDHC has already sent the first load of records to DPLA and will add new records every month.

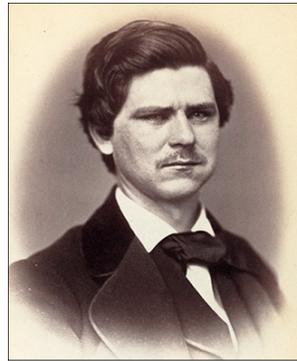
The State Archives and State Library are part of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources.



## NCpedia Milestone: The DNCB Halfway Point

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On September 30, 2013, NCpedia passed the halfway mark of adding entries from the UNC Press's monumental six volume work, *The Dictionary of North Carolina Biography* (1979-1996). The task began back in March of 2012, when selected entries began to be added. This process was then put on hold to focus on adding the 2,003 entries from UNC Press's *Encyclopedia of North Carolina* (2006). Once that was completed in December of 2012, work began in earnest to add all 3,640 DNCB entries to NCpedia. The DNCB has been a special challenge, as unlike the *ENC*, the six print volumes contain no photos or illustrations. Finding images for 3,640 famous North Carolinians has been quite a job! When



Photograph of Zebulon Baird Vance, 1859. Image from the Library of Congress.

completed, the number of entries from the DNCB will outnumber all other NCpedia entries combined.

Emily Horton, Digital Media Librarian, and T. Mike Childs, Digital Publishing Librarian, have done the bulk of the work researching images and

additional online resources. Emily left the project (and the GHL) last month to pursue an advanced degree in California. Josh Wilson, initially hired as NCpedia's Systems Support Librarian and now DIMP's Systems Integration Librarian, did a marvelous job of processing the text files from UNC Press into the database and formatting them.

The UNC Press and the State Library of North Carolina announced their agreement to make the content from both the *Encyclopedia of North Carolina* and the *Dictionary of North Carolina Biography* available online through NCpedia on February 9, 2012.

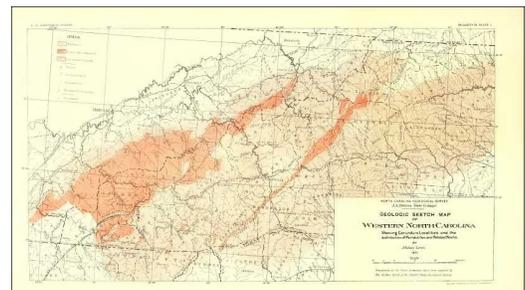
## North Carolina Geological Survey Bulletins

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Since 1893, the North Carolina Geological Survey, now a division of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, has been publishing bulletins pertaining to the geology of North Carolina. A project is underway to digitize all of these bulletins and put them online for the public to access. Currently, 42 of the 98 titles are available in the North Carolina Digital Collections at [digital.ncdcr.gov](http://digital.ncdcr.gov).

Many of these bulletins contain detailed fold-out maps as well as data tables, schematics, and color plates. All areas of North Carolina, from east to west, are represented. The topics are as far ranging as the geology of state parks to the types of building and ornamental stones that are found in North Carolina, to the most common shade trees in the state.

If you're interested in the history of natural resources in North Carolina, this is the collection to browse. An additional batch of bulletins will be uploaded this fall as well as the Economic Papers of the North Carolina Geological Survey, so keep an eye out for them.



Map from Bulletin No. 10, Gold Mining in North Carolina

## DIMP: Out and About

Staff in the Digital Information Management Program have been fortunate to present at two conferences in recent weeks.

At the North Carolina Library Association's (NCLA) annual meeting in Greensboro, NC, Michelle Underhill presented "Stronger Over Time: Digital Preservation Resources for You and Your Patrons." This introduction to digital preservation was designed for those brand new to digital preservation in addition to those who want guidance on talking with their patrons about managing their computer files. It walks through the Digital Preservation Education website created by the State Library of North Carolina and State Archives of North Carolina, which provides an introduction to best practices for preserving digital files. It also discusses personal digital archiving strategies to share with patrons regarding digital photos, scanned documents, and more.

Also at NCLA, Mike Childs and Denise Jones presented "Beyond

Wikipedia: Free Resources for Genealogists, Students, Researchers and More from the Government & Heritage Library!" This presentation discusses where to find and how to use several resources available through, or created in conjunction with, the State Library of North Carolina's Government & Heritage Library. Resources include NCpedia, the N.C. Digital Collections, N.C. Government Publications, N.C. State Government Website and Social Media Archives, the News & Observer Index, and the N.C. Newspaper Locator.

Kathleen Kenney and Rachel Trent presented at the Tri-state Archivists Meeting in Greenville, SC, on "Social Media in State Government." This presentation explores how the State Library of North Carolina and State Archives of North Carolina collaborate to ensure that the electronic record of state government business and civic engagement through social media is retained following the legal re-

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quirements of the state, preserved as authentic records, and made accessible to North Carolina's residents.



All of these presentations are available on our Digital Preservation Education website in pdf format at [digitalpreservation.ncdcr.gov/asgii/presentations.html](http://digitalpreservation.ncdcr.gov/asgii/presentations.html). Additional presentations given at the NCLA meeting by other State Library staff as well as librarians from around the state are available at [www.nclaonline.org/2013-conference](http://www.nclaonline.org/2013-conference).

## Inform U: Authenticity and your digital files

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In case you missed it, this summer we released a new digital preservation video in our "Inform U" series: Authenticity and Your Digital Files.

We all have some sense of what it means to be "authentic." This short video explains why authenticity makes a difference when saving your digital files for future access. It will give you some suggestions on how you can keep your files authentic. Learn more

by watching the video at [youtu.be/nJvy7FDVtcw](http://youtu.be/nJvy7FDVtcw), and by visiting our [Digital Preservation Education](http://digitalpreservation.ncdcr.gov) page at [digitalpreservation.ncdcr.gov](http://digitalpreservation.ncdcr.gov).

Additional tutorials about file naming, preservation planning, and other digital preservation topics are also available. The next tutorial due out this fall will cover the topic of storage media.



## Connecting to the State Library of North Carolina

Are you familiar with all of the digital ways that the State Library presents information to the public? Take a moment to look over these resources and make sure you're not missing out.

### State Library

[statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/](http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/)

[www.youtube.com/user/statelibrarync](http://www.youtube.com/user/statelibrarync)

[www.flickr.com/photos/statelibrarync/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/statelibrarync/)

### Government and Heritage Library

[www.ghlblog.org/](http://www.ghlblog.org/)

[www.facebook.com/ncghl](http://www.facebook.com/ncghl)

[www.twitter.com/ncpedia](http://www.twitter.com/ncpedia)

[www.twitter.com/digpres411](http://www.twitter.com/digpres411)

### Library Development

[statelibrarync.org/ldblog/](http://statelibrarync.org/ldblog/)

### Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

[nclbphnews.wordpress.com/](http://nclbphnews.wordpress.com/)

[www.twitter.com/nclbph](http://www.twitter.com/nclbph)

[www.facebook.com/nctalkingbooks](http://www.facebook.com/nctalkingbooks)



#### This Day in NC History

Next time you visit NCpedia, check out the "This Day in NC History" highlight on the [home page!](#) It links to the Cultural Resources blog with the same name at <http://nchistorytoday.wordpress.com/> for more information about that day's event.



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<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/>

Established in 1812, the State Library of North Carolina is currently made up of three parts:

[Government and Heritage Library](#) - Print and digital information about North Carolina; research expertise

[Library Development](#) - Supporting libraries throughout the state

[Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped](#) - Serving blind and physically handicapped readers

The State Library is part of the [North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources](#).