Building the Digital Library in Practice: Collaboration across Borders

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Setting the Context
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Q: Who’s in the room? How many people from:

- Academic sector
- Public library
- GLAM - archives, museums, historical societies
- Government
- ?
Digitization Milestones in BC

BC Digitization Coalition

The BC Digitization Coalition is a group working toward the creation of a provincial digitization strategy in British Columbia. The Coalition evolved from the committee which organized the 2008 BC Digitization Symposium, an event attended by stakeholders representing archives, historical societies, libraries, museums, and K-12 educators.

The purpose of the Coalition is outlined in its draft Terms of Reference.

Informal Infrastructure Investigations

Business Analysis

ARCA - Oct 2015

2008

BC Digitization Coalition brings together stakeholders from culture and memory institutions, creating dialogue, relationships, proof of concept projects, e.g. West Beyond the West

2014

BC Government announces the BC PDL initiative, “building on the collaborative nature of the [library] sector”

Nov 4, BC PDL Discussion Forum at Vancouver Public Library; Guiding Principles developed

2015

May 10, BC PDL Symposium at Kwantlen Polytechnic University; Steering Committee confirmed

September 8, first meeting of BC PDL Administrative Team; Communications framework and technical infrastructure work begun

2016

April 21, BC Library Conference; Discuss value of digital libraries and showcase technical infrastructure
The Announcement - April 17, 2014

Core Review strengthens private institutions, libraries and international education

VICTORIA - Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy and Mines and Minister Responsible for Core Review and Amrik Virk, Minister of Advanced Education announced changes that will position private career training institutions for greater success, expand access to academic and library resources and better co-ordinate international education initiatives.

The private career training sector is a key part of the post-secondary system, providing important skills training for British Columbians and attracting international students. While the Private C and thousand sector's ongoing PCTIA will be libraries, which will also result in expanded public access to information and resources and greater co-ordination and efficiencies across the three sectors.

A new Provincial Digital Library will expand access to academic research and openly licensed library resources. The first phase of the digital library will allow anytime, anywhere access to research created at B.C. post-secondary institutions, while the second phase will expand access to openly licensed resources across academic, school and public libraries.

Next steps will be working with stakeholders to build on the collaborative nature of the sector to identify opportunities for shared services such as shared procurement, licensing
Early Environmental Scan

Knowledge Sector Digitization and the Opportunity for a BC Provincial Digital Library

Prepared by Mike Conroy for the BC Libraries Cooperative
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The Challenge

British Columbia libraries, museums, archives, galleries and historical societies have been digitizing historical material for over a decade. At the request of Libraries Branch, Ministry of Education, BC, the following is an attempt to assemble an inventory of the institutions, materials and digitization methodologies that have been or are currently in use in BC. We provide recommendations for strategic integration and further development of shared services that may reduce costs and provide greater coordination across the knowledge. Further, the inventory serves to describe what might compose the extent of the currently available knowledge sector contribution to a “Provincial Digital Library”.

- 85+ organizations in BC digitizing collections
- Over 32 different platforms
- 25 organizations either did not list a platform, or platforms were unidentifiable
First Phase - Arca: BC’s Digital Treasures
Nov. 4, 2015 meeting:
Early dialogue amongst small group of stakeholders
Outcome:

Guiding Principles
Established

Radical Collaboration
Develop partnerships across institutions

Action
Collaborate to produce tangible outcomes

Sustainability
Commit to the sustained success of the PDL

Stewardship
At all times act responsibly and ethically

Coherence
Align our efforts with the national developments
Outcome…
Expand the Dialogue

May 10, 2016
May 10, 2016 Outcome ...

The Napkin Manifesto
May 10, 2016 Outcome ...

BCDL AdminTeam

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BCDL Steering Committee is established

A group of the interested who responded to the government announcement …

• spanning across sectors
Platform decisions

Hub and Spoke Infrastructure

At a Steering Committee meeting in July 2016, the *hub and spoke model* was put forward as a best practice for the BCDL project. The hub and spoke model connects different organizations, in varying sizes and complexities, in a distributed network of content and service providers.
Phase 1: Demonstrate and Communicate

The BCDL is a phased, multi-year project, guided by an over-arching vision of access to the intellectual, historical and cultural record of the Province for the people of British Columbia. In its simplest form, the BCDL provides access to a range of materials that enrich the intellectual and leisure life of a citizen, showcase the contributions of individuals, organizations and government, and contribute to the economic well-being of the province.

Where are we at now….

Phase 1 was to develop a demonstration site, a website, and to provide ongoing communications for the initiative.

- We have a demonstration site
- We have a website at http://bcdigilib.ca/
- We have ongoing communications and socialize the idea at any chance we get
- We have interim governance structure
Phase 2: Business Analysis

Stakeholder Interviews

ASSESSMENT

Other Digital Libraries (DPLA, Eurpeana, DigitalNZ …)

DEFINE SERVICE POSSIBILITIES

SUSTAINABILITY
http://digitalnz.github.io/supplejack/architecture.html