



BC PDL Communiqué

Spring 2017



“Balancing perfection with agility in both planning and development.”
May 10th, 2016 PDL Symposium, p. 3

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Spring Is In the Air!

For many British Columbians, spring is marked with the arrival of the cherry blossoms. For librarians, archivists and curators, it also means conference season!

We are pleased to provide you with highlights on the conference and poster sessions that the BC PDL Steering Committee and Admin team will present over the next few weeks.

We hope to see you at one of our sessions!

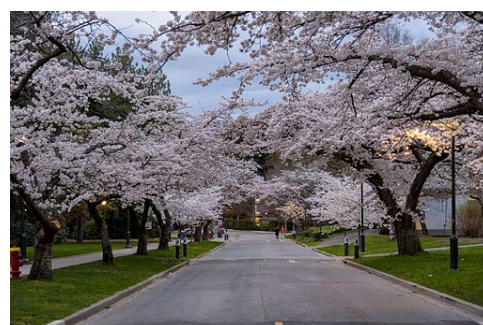


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BC Library Conference, April 21, 2017 Vancouver



Provincial Digital Library at the BC Library Conference
Friday Apr 21 2017, 9:00am–10:15am, Salon D

Digital libraries have become the repository for the intellectual, historical and cultural record of provinces, countries, and even continents. Europeana, Digital New Zealand, Trove in Australia, Digital Public Library of America, and OurOntario, are all examples of digital libraries that have collaborated across government, library, archives and museum sectors. These digital libraries provide access to a range of materials that enrich the intellectual and leisure life of citizens, showcase the contributions of individuals, organizations and government, and contribute to economic well-being.

But who is using them and can we measure their value? Hear from local organizations on their experience with digital libraries, and why it is important to invest in their creation. At the session get an update on **the BC Provincial Digital Library initiative including a showcase of the technical infrastructure**. We will also hear an update on the Canadian National Heritage Digitization Strategy.

Presenters and Panelists:

- **Caroline Daniels** is the BC PDL Steering Committee Chair, and a member of the PDL Administrative Team. She is the Systems, Interlibrary Loan and Web Librarian at Kwantlen Polytechnic University, and a BCLA Board Member.
- **Dan Sifton** is a member of the PDL Admin team and the lead on the project platform/infrastructure. He is the Coordinator of Library Automation and Technical Services at Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo, where he works with technology (and people!).
- **Jenny Benedict** is a member of the BC PDL Steering Committee. She has served as a senior public library administrator for ten years, seven of them at West Vancouver, and is currently Chair of the Association of British Columbia Public Library Directors. She has a keen interest in enriching communities by surfacing public library resources through technology.
- **Max Otte** is a member of the BC PDL Steering Committee. He is a digital information strategist for the provincial government of British Columbia, where he previously worked as an archivist. Max is also the Vice President (incoming President) of the Archives Association of British Columbia. Max is particularly interested in the question of how to provide access to archives in the digital age and is excited to be involved in the PDL initiative.
- **Ember Lundgren** is the Preservation Manager at the Royal BC Museum and Archives, responsible for the care of Archival collections, digital preservation and digital access. Ember is passionate about assisting colleagues in the museum to make their digital projects a success. Each project from the museum collections poses a unique opportunity for research into best practices and Ember enjoys facilitating the workflow with colleagues.
- **Sandra Singh** is the Chief Librarian of the Vancouver Public Library. She is the inaugural Chair of the National Heritage Digitization Strategy.

Please join us!

Archives Association of British Columbia and ARMA Joint Conference, University of Victoria, April 27-28

Archivists have been involved in the BC PDL initiative from the beginning. We are pleased to be part of their annual conference. Look for a BC PDL poster presentation at the AABC/ARMA Joint Conference at the University of Victoria, April 27-28.

Find out more about the conference at <http://aabc.ca/events/aabc-conference-2017/>.

BC Studies Conference, May 4-6, Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo Campus

A poster at the upcoming BC Studies conference will provide a technology update, guiding principles review, and a timeline on the initiative to date.



Find more information at <https://ah.viu.ca/arts-and-humanities/bcstudies>

Joint Conference on Digital Libraries, Toronto, June 19-23

Our technology lead Dan Sifton, and his counterpart at OurDigitalWorld (Ontario) Matt Barry will present their work on the BC PDL and OurDigitalWorld infrastructure at the Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (JCDL). JCDL is a major international forum that focuses on digital libraries and associated technical, practical, and social issues. Participants are from all parts of the world and from the full range of disciplines and professions involved in digital library research and practice. We are very pleased to showcase the BC PDL/ODW work to date at such an international venue!

Find more information at <http://2017.jcdl.org/>



We hope to see you at one or more of these conferences!