

Digital Library of the Caribbean

An ACURIL Collaboration Success Story: 10 Years of the Digital Library of the Caribbean

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dLOC built upon the long-standing regional cooperation facilitated by ACURIL to develop a resource that serves as a research foundation for Caribbean Studies.



dLOC was first introduced during the [ACURIL XXXIV Conference held in Trinidad and Tobago, May 23 - 29, 2004](#), as a solution to collaborate using a model based on centralized technology and decentralized digitalization and distributed collection development.

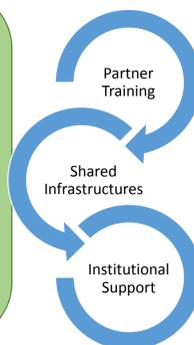
Five Caribbean and Four US-based libraries secured funding from the US Department of Education's TICFIA program to begin dLOC. The program now provides access to select resources from **39 partner libraries'** Caribbean collections. www.dloc.com/partners

Initial Partners: Archives Nationale d'Haïti; Caribbean Comm. Secretariat; National Library of Jamaica; Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo; Universidad de Oriente; Univ. of the Virgin Islands; Florida International Univ.; Univ. of Central Florida; Univ. of Florida



In this model, the individual libraries retain ownership of the collections, yet provide access to collections and gain access to additional resources.

dLOC's partners serve an international community of scholars, students, and citizens by working together to preserve and to provide enhanced electronic access to cultural, historical, legal, governmental, and research materials.



dLOC's partners collaborate with scholars and teachers to promote and perform educational outreach for Caribbean Studies, create new works of digital scholarship, and develop other research and teaching initiatives.



dLOC provides ongoing digitization training to partner libraries, supports the development of partner libraries' technological infrastructure and is establishing a long-term funding strategy that combines institutional resources, member dues, grants and donations to ensure program sustainability.

More than 2 million pages of Caribbean research materials

40 million page views since 2006.

In the next ten years, dLOC plans to continue to develop its library collections and to continue to create the scholarly cyber-infrastructure to empower the scholarly community to collaboratively engage with the dLOC Caribbean collections in new and innovative ways and thereby expand the research foundation for Caribbean Studies.