Digital Library of the Caribbean
Overview and Partner Presentations

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dLOC's diverse 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 Quick Facts

- Content Management System and Long-term Preservation
- 37 Partners – Caribbean, Europe and US
  - Over 24 million hits since 2006
  - Over 1.8 million pages of open access content
  - 13,000 titles with 80,000 items
- Digitization Training Program
- Scholarly Collaborations
- Educational Outreach
- Shared Governance
Financially Supporting Members

**Executive dLOC Members:** Florida International University Libraries, Florida State University, University of Central Florida, University of Florida Libraries

**Sustaining dLOC Member:** Florida International University Latin American and Caribbean Center, University of Virgin Islands, University of the Netherlands Antilles

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dLOC New Additions

- Panama Canal materials from the Panama Canal Museum and the University of Florida
- Haitian and Dominican materials from Brown University
- Vodou Archive with University of Florida and Duke University
- De-classified documents from CARICOM
- Conservation reports from WIDECAST
- Haitian Art Digital Archive from FIU LACC
dLOC New Additions

- *Planter’s Punch* from the National Library of Jamaica
- *Nassau Tribune* 1973-1974
- *The Angelus* from the Belize National Library
- *Observador* from the National Library of Aruba
- *El Mundo* from the University of Puerto Rico
- *Caribbean Review* from Florida International University
The National Library of Jamaica

- Built on the collection of the West India Reference Library (WIRL) which was founded in 1894 as a section of the Public Library of the Institute of Jamaica (IOJ).
- This public library was the first of its kind in Jamaica. It began operations in 1879
- Comprehensive collection, rich in primary source materials covering all aspects of Caribbean life and society. WIRL formed the nucleus of the National Library.
- Today the NLJ through legal deposit, purchase and donation continues to build and preserve a collection of books, maps, newspapers, postcards, prints, audiovisual materials, etc.
- The National Library of Jamaica Act, 2010 confirms the autonomy of the National Library; establishes the National Library as a corporate body and provides the legal framework to formalize the mandates and operations of the library.
Collaboration With DLOC

• Started out in 2005 when it was a pilot project. The NLJ is among the first of its partners contributing two collections:

1. Jamaica Unshackled: First digital collection developed and was funded in part by The Culture Health, Arts, Sports and Education Fund (CHASE).
   – Collection brings together resources related to two landmark events in Jamaica's history:
     • 1831 Sam Sharpe Rebellion / Baptist War
     • 1865 Morant Bay Rebellion and

2. Planters Punch Magazine
NLJ Digitization Programme

Department: Digital Resources Development with a team of four
We digitize for: Preservation; Access; Retrieval; New collections; Develop best practices

Collections
• Jamaica Unshackled: Covers Sam Sharpe and Morant Bay Rebellions
• Picture Dis: Highlights people, places and products of Jamaica hosted on Flickr
• Government Documents...Ministry Papers, policies
• NLJDigital: “encyclopedia Jamaicana” or digital representation of NLJ - Set for launch soon.

Management
• Policy
• Storage: NLJ servers

Access
• CDS-ISIS / GENISIS interface
• Internet – dLOC / WDL/www.nlj.gov.jm/Facebook/Flickr
• Catalogue records linked to existing digital content
Bibliothèque Haïtienne des Frères de l’Instruction Chrétienne (BHFIC)

BROTHERS OF CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTION HAITIAN LIBRARY
History and Documentation

The BHFIC is an Old Library established in Haïti in 1920 managed by the Brothers of Christian Instruction.

Because of lack of money, the first Director chose to concentrate the documentation specially on Haïti, the culture, the history of the nation, the legislation, the geography, the religious history, the education and the medicine in Haïti.

The BHFIC has about 10,000 documents, including books, newspapers and archives.

The library is open only during the week from 9 am to 3pm and has only three employees to do all the work.
Digitizing and Problems

Too many documents such as books, newspapers or archives are really in bad condition. And they are in big formats. We have only one scanner that can scan documents on 8.5 x 11. Some of the documents need to be repaired before scanning.

Unfortunately, we don’t have the appropriate equipment to do this job and the documents become more and more damaged, sometimes they are just broken.

The biggest problem that we have for the present time is to scan the documents and rescue what is still possible to save.
Monday, March 26, 1940, at 9:30 in the morning, the National Library was inaugurated in the presence of the President of the Republic Mr. Sténio Vincent, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public Works and representatives of the body the state.
The same building houses the National Library, 63 years later, on March 26, 2013.
At the inauguration, the National Library was composed of only one room, which served both as a reading room, book storage and administrative space. It measured about 157.5 square meter.

At the opening of the National Library, March 26, 1940, there were already in the store, more than five thousand (5000) books available, more than two hundred (200) journals and various documents, including the personal collection President of the Republic. Meanwhile, five other libraries were opened in five municipalities in the country, in the same year of 1940.

Currently, the National Library has a reading room of 145.2 square meter, an auditorium of 149.1 square meter which houses a conference room, a legal documentation center and a cyber. Add to the new building the following functional services:

- The Book storage
- The Service of legal deposit
- The Periodicals service
- The Technical service
- The Coordinating service of the municipal libraries
- The IT department
- The Reception service

About fifty thousand (50,000) monographs and more than fifteen thousand (15,000) periodicals are now the holdings of the National Library.
Scanning material bequeathed to the National Library via dLOC support by the Embassy United States of America constituting an interim workshop in the project of mass digitization of the library.
The scanner CopiBook, capture device available in the digitalization workshop for scanning large format.
The acquisition of an HP ZR30w monitor has just been done to achieve the graphics processing on the digitized objects.
RESULTS

1. Scanning of the weekly publication of the historical periodical "Gazette Politique et Commerciale d’Haiti" dating from 1804 to 1806.
   - 1.6 GB on TIFF format of objects digitized from this collection.
   - This content is entirely published and available on dLOC website.

2. Scanning of the annual publication of the historical periodical “Exposé General de la Situation de la Republique d’Haiti” dating from 1888 to 1931.
   - 16.6 GB on TIFF format of objects digitized from this collection and stored locally.

   - 12.9 GB on TIFF format of objects digitized from this collection and stored locally.

4. Scanning of the Bi-Monthly publication of the periodical “La Petite Revue”.
   - 7.75 GB on TIFF format of objects digitized from this collection and stored locally.
PROSPECTS

➢ Acquisition of additional scanning devices
➢ Development of our interim digitization workshop in a Digital Services Unit.
➢ Creation of a digital resource center
➢ Application for funding from national and international donors
National Archives of Haiti

Photograph of the Historical National Archives
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Equipment at the National Archives
Le service de numérisation des Archives Nationales d’Haïti a le plaisir de soumettre à votre appréciation son rapport pour la période allant de Mai 2012 au mois de Mai 2013 selon le modèle de DLOC.

The scanning service from the National Archives of Haïti is pleased to submit for your consideration the report for the period May 2012 in May 2013, according to the model DLOC.
• **Mai à Septembre 2012**
Le service a numérisé *cinq cent (500)* images relatives aux négatifs.

• **Octobre 2012 à Mars 2013**
Nous avons fait face à un problème majeur qui a grandement affecté notre niveau de production. Il s’agissait d’un dysfonctionnement au niveau de l’appareil concernant les négatifs. Et cela a duré plusieurs mois à cause d’un problème de logiciel **Sobeck**.

• **Avril 2013**
Brooke et Mark étaient en Haïti en vue de participer à des réunions dont l’une avec le Directeur Technique en l’occurrence Monsieur Jean Kern **BELIZAIRE**. Après quoi ils ont été au service de Numérisation pour la remise en fonction de l’appareil qui était hors service depuis plusieurs mois à cause du logiciel précité. Grâce à l’intervention de l’équipe de **DLOC** on peut dire que tout est à point.

• **Avril à Mai 2013**
Six (6) Albums contenant *six cent (600)* images de Négatifs sont numérisés.
• **May to September 2012**
The service has digitized five hundred (500) pictures relating to negative.

• **October 2012 to March 2013**
We faced a major problem that has greatly affected our production level. There was a malfunction in the device on the negative. And it lasted for several months because of a software problem **Sobeck**.

• **April 2013**
Brooke and Mark were in Haiti to participate in meetings, one with the Technical Director in this case Jean Kern **BELIZAIRE**. After which they were serving Scan for delivery depending on the device which was out of service for several months because of the aforementioned software. Thanks to the intervention team **DLOC** we can say that everything is developed.

• **April to May 2013**
Six (6) Albums containing six hundred (600) Negative image are scanned
The National Heritage Library (NHL) is a branch of the Belize National Library Service and Information System.

The establishment of the National Heritage Library (NHL) was a direct result of the 2004-2009 Strategic Plan which included a goal to "evolve the National Collection into the National Library of Belize" and listed six points to achieve that end. The fourth point states, "The publications in the collection will be preserved in appropriate forms, allowing for longevity."

The National Collection consists of materials by and about Belize and Belizeans. These materials, estimated in the range of 20,000 (including multiple copies), are in all formats and are held on the second floor of the National Heritage Library located in Belmopan.

This collection was formally established in 1954 and is managed by the Librarian of the National Heritage Library along with 5 paraprofessional staff. Unique items within the collection are rare books (some of which are out of print), newspapers (some of which are defunct) and government publications, all dating back to the mid 1800's.
Along with an audiovisual unit, the special sub-collections of funeral booklets, maps, political posters and photographs, are also part of the National Collection. Researchers and college students are the library's primary users; however, members of the general public have sought information from the collection outside of formal research. The aforementioned abridged history of Belize further explains the contents of the materials within the Collection.
Digitization of Belize's National Collection arose out of the recognition of the necessity to preserve the older materials within the collection for current and future reference.

Conservation efforts for these materials have included covering the most delicate among them with acid-free holders, storing them in secure metal shelving and housing them in a temperature-controlled room; however, as Belize is situated in a humid region prone to hurricanes, the threat to our unique collection is imminent.

The digitization project:

Since 2004, there has been one staff, Mr. Michael Bradley, assigned to converting VHS to DVD and digitizing rare or out of print books within the collection. From 2010 to present, there are four additional staff assigned to digitizing of the collections.

The titles were primarily on Belize and some of the materials are still under copyright protection. Generally, the duration of copyright is 50 years from the end of the calendar year in which the material was produced, if the author is unknown, or from when the author dies.
National Heritage Library
Materials Digitized

- Newspapers
- Post Cards
- Stamps
- Rare & Out of Print Books
National Heritage Library

Challenges and Opportunities:

- **Challenges**
  - The challenges faces at the National Heritage Library are mainly financial, training and storage. *(no need to explain!!)*

- **Opportunities**
  - The National Heritage Library hopes to apart more training as this one and create network with other Institutions and Organizations attending this training to get assistant and also do out side projects as we have done for dLOC.
National Heritage Library

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