Digital Library of the Caribbean
Protecting Haitian Patrimony Initiative

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Digital Library of the Caribbean

DLOC is an international initiative dedicated to preserving and increasing access to Caribbean research materials, promoting and supporting Caribbean Studies, and fostering a collaborative digital library community in the Caribbean region.
Where are the Partners?

As of November 2009

Map Courtesy of FIU MIUS
Content by Country in dLOC
As of November 2009
Critical Mass of Content in One Place

- Over 8,000 titles
- Over 1 million pages
- 19 Partners Online
- 12 countries
- 4 linguistic groups

Preservation and Access
Desperate Search for Information

Google Satellite Imagery
Updated January 14th
Int’l Groups Providing Assistance

International Committee of the Blue Shield

US Committee of the Blue Shield/Smithsonian

Libraries without Borders

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Brown University
Duke University
Florida International University
University of the West Indies - MONA
Some Networks with Haitian Institutions

**Committee of the Blue Shield**
- ICOM/National Archives
- FOKAL
- ISPAN

** Libraries without Borders**
- Saint Martial Library
- State University of Haiti Library
- Access to Resources in the Camps

**Protecting Haitian Patrimony Initiative**
- ICOM/National Archives
- National Library
- Saint Martial Library
- Saint Louis de Gonzague Library

**Supporting Institutions**
- Brown University
- Duke University
- University of the West Indies - MONA
The PHP Initiative Goals

- Encourage communication across institutions working to assist Haiti’s libraries.

- Coordinate technical and in-kind assistance for Haiti’s libraries.

- Raise money to support specific collection/archival recovery and preservation projects in Haiti.
Haitian Patrimonial Collections

Archives Nationales d’Haïti, which houses civil and state records as well of those of the Office of the President and most government ministries.

Bibliothèque National d’Haïti, established in 1939, holds a small collection of historical rare books, manuscripts and newspapers, and offers current publications, research support and study space.
Haitian Patrimonial Collections

Bibliothèque haïtienne des Frères de l’Instruction Chrétienne, founded in 1912 by the Christian Brothers serves as repository for Haitian imprints and one of the most significant collections of newspapers.

Bibliothèque haïtienne des Pères du Saint-Esprit, founded in 1873 by the Fathers of the Holy Spirit holds documents chronicling the history of Haiti, French colonization, slavery and emancipation and 20th century records.
Three Phases of the Plan

Protect – Preserve - Perpetuate

One - Protect

After the earthquake, the libraries and archives entered into this phase focusing on protecting public and private collections from the elements.
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Two - Preserve
Collections that were put in regular standard cardboard boxes will need to be properly preserved after repairing the current facilities or at an alternative location.
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Protect – Preserve - Perpetuate

Three - Perpetuate

A special emphasis on reinforcing the local institutions will ensure that these collections become better protected and more accessible for future generations of patrons.
PHP Initiative – Academic Libraries

- Strengthen Integrated Library System (ILS)
- Adopt a Library – in conjunction with the American Library Association
- Digitization of Haitian Content in Collections outside of Haiti
- Public Events/Fundraising
- Travel to Haiti
Project Update – April, 2010

- **Fundraising**
  - Raised over $7,500 (20K Goal)
  - Events planned at FIU, UF, Tulane (more pending)
  - PHP Bookmarks

- **Coordination / Awareness**
  - Academic Library Conference Calls
  - Media Coverage
  - Speaking Events
  - Facebook, Listservs, Academic Associations

- **Projects**
  - PAIGH Proposal for $8K US (SouthCom)
  - Harvard PLALA proposal (Union Catalog)
  - 40 computers from the FIU College of Business
  - Others?
How can you help?

- Go to www.dloc.com to register as a Volunteer
  Join almost 100 people from across the US and the World

- Donate Financially
- Organize a Fundraiser
- Contribute Materials Requested by Partners
- Pack or Ship Materials
- Travel to Haiti to Assist (General)
- Travel to Haiti to Assist (Specialized)
Images of the National Library
Courtesy of the National Library of Haiti
Saint Martial Photos

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Private Collections – What is the best way to address the unique needs of these important collections?

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Another Port-au-Prince is Possible

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