MISSION

dLOC's diverse partners will 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 in a common web space with a multilingual interface.

PURPOSE AND VISION

The Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC) is a cooperative of partners within the Caribbean and circum-Caribbean that will provide users with access to Caribbean cultural, historical and research materials held in archives, libraries, and private collections. dLOC comprises collections that speak to the similarities and differences in histories, cultures, languages and governmental systems.

DIGITAL LIBRARY OF THE CARIBBEAN PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

The impact of the Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC) on Caribbean scholarship continues to grow. Currently, over 1.5 million pages of Caribbean research materials are online and freely accessible with only an internet connection. As of August 2010, the site had over six million page views. dLOC continues to actively support the technical training of educators across the US and facilitates their use of dLOC resources in the classroom. In addition, dLOC not only provides access to resources but also trains local partner institutions in the areas of preservation, digitization, and metadata creation.

NEW TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGIES

The robust and sophisticated technological infrastructure that supports dLOC continues to develop a variety of new and innovative features that directly benefit you as a dLOC user.

Create a Bookshelf & More

While you do not have to register to search dLOC, registering for a free account allows you to:

- Create a bookshelf for your research or your class and share it with colleagues or your students via email or by posting the link on your blog
- Save an item to your bookshelf and add comments or notes to the item that only you will see
- Save a search or browse to your favorite searches so you can reference the results later
- Share an item through a variety of popular channels, including Facebook, Twitter, DIGG, StumbleUpon, Yahoo, Yahoo Buzz, Google Bookmarks, Browser favorites, and others
- Improve your efficiency and manage your bookshelves and saved searches through the mydLOC home page
New Search Options

Now that dLOC proudly boasts over one million pages of content, the search function has been re-optimized for improved ease and results. For example:

**Home Page:** From the home page, the basic search now allows you to access bibliographic citation information of the items in dLOC and receive results in record time.

**Map Search:** If you are looking for items with discrete geographic locations, you can now take advantage of the new map search. Just a few clicks allow you to highlight your specific geographic area of interest, and once you click search, you will receive results for all items with the corresponding longitude and latitude noted in the metadata.

**Advanced Search:** If your basic search returns too many results to easily and efficiently organize, the advanced search feature will allow you to restrict your search terms by categories such as title, author, subject keyword, country and more.

**Full Text Search:** If you would like to search through the full text for a specific word or phrase, simply click on the text search tab. If you would like to include the newspapers in your search, click the check box below the search bar and then type in the search term and wait while dLOC searches each full text file for you. In seconds, you will receive results that include the term either in the citation or the full text. If the term is found in the full text, all pages with that term appear in the “matching tiles” box at the top left of the screen.

**Faceted Searching:** Upon completion of a search, users have the option to expand or narrow the results by selecting the related search terms in the box to the left. Options for faceted searching include, but are not limited to, finding items by the same publisher and finding items related to the same geographic area or with the same subject keywords. Since dLOC partners use both standard and local subject keywords, this can be an especially useful way to locate new materials!
Caribbean Newspaper Digital Library

dLOC is proud to announce that in October 2009, its Caribbean Newspaper Digital Library (CNDL) initiative received $440,000 in funding from the US Department of Education Technological Innovation and Cooperation for Foreign Information Access grant to support the ongoing development of Caribbean research resources in serial form, such as newspapers, journals and magazines. dLOC is working with partner institutions and publishers to secure permissions to distribute publications still under copyright protection, while the funding will allow us to continue to develop new tools to support online submission of serial publications from project partners.

CNDL has already made important contributions to the online community.

Some of the titles already in CNDL include the Diario de la Marina with the Center for Research Libraries; Aruba Esso News with National Library of Aruba; Sargasso with the University of Puerto Rico; Jamaica Journal with the Institute of Jamaica; Eme Eme: Estudios Dominicanos with the Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Abeng and Struggle with Florida International University and The Center for Caribbean Thought, and Guyana Chronicle, The Nassau Tribune, Dateline Dominican Republic, Escapes Panama, Spillway, Tropic Time with the University of Florida.

Check out these and more materials online: www.dloc.com/cndl
dLOC Welcomes Five New Members

While news about the importance of dLOC continues to spread, support for its mission continues to grow and the development of new partnerships continues to be a priority. New partnerships not only add to the richness and diversity of the library and its resources, but also allow member collections to benefit significantly from dLOC’s successes. As new members, they will select items from their collections that they want to make available to researchers across the globe, and at the same time, support online and technical collaboration, while ensuring long term digital preservation. In addition, the new collections will augment and complement related collections already housed within dLOC.

dLOC currently has content from 20 partner institutions online. Membership is open to archives, libraries and museums; associations, organizations, and research centers, and publishers with collections of Caribbean content that are freely available online.

- Caribbean Region of the International Resource Network
- Educa Vision Inc.
- Florida State University Libraries Robert Manning Strozier Library
- HistoryMiami (formerly the Historical Museum of Southern Florida)
- University of Miami Otto G. Richter Library

The Protecting Haitian Patrimony Initiative

In the wake of the tragic January 12, 2010, earthquake in Haiti, dLOC’s strong relationships in the region enabled the project to play a key role in providing assistance for the Haitian libraries and archives. Nearly one year later, The Protecting Haitian Patrimony Initiative continues to work to facilitate communication, coordinate in-kind donations and raise money for the preservation of at-risk library and archival collections in Haiti.

Within the first six months, the Initiative directly secured over $9,000 in financial donations and support from additional partnerships in the US and abroad, as well as a $30,000 in-kind donation from the FIU College of Business and the Society of Florida Archivists. The project has also shared information and advocated for the needs of the partner institutions at six academic conferences in the US and abroad. The Initiative is proud to be able to continue to provide assistance and support for libraries and archives through dLOC’s on-going partnerships.
Improve Access in French - CIFNAL and MANIOC

Formal collaborations with the Center for Research Libraries, Collaborative Initiative for French North American Libraries (CIFNAL) and MANIOC, the University of the Antilles-Guyane’s digital library, enables these groups to work together to improve and increase electronic access to francophone documents located in the French Caribbean or outside of the French Caribbean with a focus on this region. CIFNAL members bring additional linguistic and cultural assets to help dLOC reach out to new French-speaking partners and help make connections to researchers in North America. Manioc’s digital library provides access to digital objects related to the Caribbean, Amazon and the Guyana Plateau and serves as an excellent partner to develop new projects with dLOC. Please contact Matthew Loving (matlovi@uflib.ufl.edu), Romance Languages Librarian at the University of Florida Smathers Library and the dLOC/CIFNAL project coordinator, for more information.

Teacher Training Outreach

dLOC also has a strong impact in Florida through K-12 teacher training workshops. In collaboration with the Title VI-designated National Resource Centers for Latin America at the Latin American and Caribbean Center (LACC) at Florida International University and the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Florida, dLOC delivered two workshops entitled “Teaching Caribbean Diversity.” The workshops, designed by Mary Risner of the UF Center for Latin American Studies, combine electronic resources, expert lectures and collaborative group work to encourage teachers to integrate more Caribbean content into their classrooms. In addition, following the earthquake in Haiti, FIU graduate student, Adam Silvia highlighted dLOC resources during his presentation “Haiti’s History” to Miami Dade County public school teachers at the 2010 Miami Dade Social Studies Conference.

dLOC continues to prioritize its commitment to primary and secondary educators and currently has more than 20 lesson plans available online at www.dloc.com/teach. dLOC invites its users to help support the effort by contributing new lesson plans for the dLOC community via dloc@fiu.edu.

Executive Board Meeting

The dLOC Executive Board met on June 10, 2010, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, during the 40th annual conference of the Association of Caribbean University Research and Institutional Libraries. During the first meeting of the newly-elected Executive Board, seven voting members and three non-voting members discussed governance, collection development, new technical features, metadata standards, funding and new strategies for communication and publicity.
Executive Board Members

Chair: Jean Wilfrid Bertrand, Director, Archives Nationales d'Haiti
Vice-chair: Margo Groenewoud, Director, University of the Netherlands Antilles Library
Secretary: Dr. Mark Greenberg, Director of Special & Digital Collections, University of South Florida
Barry Baker, Director of Libraries, University of Central Florida
Astrid Britten, Director, Biblioteca Nacional Aruba
Maureen Newton, Caribbean Community Secretariat
Dulce María Nuñez, Director, Biblioteca, Pontificia Universidad Madre y Maestra
Joy Ysaguirre, Chief Librarian, Belize National Library Service and Information System

Past-Chair (non-voting): Judith Rogers, Manager, Library and Faculty Technology Services, University of the Virgin Islands (UVI)
Host Institution: Laurie Probst, Dean of Libraries, Florida International University (FIU)

Scholarly Advisory Board Chair: Cristina Eguizábal, Director of the Latin American & Caribbean Center, Florida International University (FIU)

Scholarly Advisory Board

The Scholarly Advisory Board, comprised of academics and professionals in the fields of Caribbean Studies and Digital Libraries, provides guidance on collection development, collection accessibility, and technical issues.

Recent exemplary work of two board members merits special recognition. Leah Rosenberg played a pivotal role in the development of Caribbean literary collections. Chantalle Verna played an active role in the development of both the dLOC Haitian collections and the Protecting Haitian Patrimony Initiative. dLOC will issue a new call for members of the Scholarly Advisory Board in the spring of 2011.

Scholarly Advisory Board Members

Co-Chair: Dr. Cristina Eguizábal, Director, Latin American and Caribbean Center; Professor, Political Science; Principal Investigator, CNDL (dLOC PI, 2007-2009), Florida International University

Co-Chair: Dr. Phillip Williams, Professor, Director and Professor, Center for Latin American Studies; Co-PI, CNDL, University of Florida

Dr. Alejandra Bronfman, Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of British Columbia Vancouver, Canada
Dr. Eric Duke, Assistant Professor, Department of Africana Studies, University of South Florida
Lloyd Gardner, Manager, Environmental Support Services; Environmental Specialist, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
Adolfo Gonzalez Henriquez, Sociologist; Scientific Advisor, Biblioteca Digital del Caribe Hector
Recent Publications


Recent Presentations

Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials SALALM
Providence, Rhode Island, July 23-27, 2010
“Saving Haitian Cultural Patrimony after the Earthquake”
Brooke Wooldridge

Global Resources Network Forum (Fair Dealing and Sustainable Management of Archives and Cultural Evidence)
Center for Research Libraries, Washington DC, June 25, 2010
“The Digital Library of the Caribbean”
Gayle Williams

Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries
ACURIL
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, June 6-12, 2010
“Metadata: Evidence-Based Development of Techniques for the Applied Creation of Metadata”
Laila Miletic-Vejzovic and Mark Sullivan
“Applying Emerging Standards in Developing a Caribbean Newspaper Digital Library”  
*Laurie Taylor*

“Organizing and Representing Thematic Collections through Evidence-Based Practices”  
*Judith Rogers*

“Surveying Best Practices in Disaster Response - Protecting Haitian Patrimony Initiative”  
*Brooke Wooldridge*

**Caribbean Studies Association CSA**  
Georgetown, Barbados, May 24-28, 2010  
“Project Planning and Unforeseen Events: Saving Haitian Cultural Patrimony after the Earthquake”  
*Brooke Wooldridge*

**Latin American Studies Outreach Conference**  
Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Tulane University, May 20-21, 2010  
“Best Practices in Collaboration for Latin American Studies K-12 Teacher Training”  
*Hannah Covert, Liesl Picard, Brooke Wooldridge*

**TICFIA Annual Conference**  
University of Virginia, May 6-7, 2010  
“Caribbean Newspaper Digital Library”  
*Laurie Taylor and Brooke Wooldridge*

**Haiti’s History: Foundations of the Future**  
Duke University, April 22-23, 2010  
“The Protecting Haitian Patrimony Initiative: Preserving Patrimony while Respecting Local Sovereignty”  
*Brooke Wooldridge*

**Association of Caribbean Women Writers and Scholars**  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana, April 20-24, 2010  
“The Protecting Haitian Patrimony Initiative: Preserving Patrimony while Respecting Local Sovereignty”  
*Brooke Wooldridge and Vicki Silvera*

**The Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC) and the Caribbean Newspaper Digital Library**  
Florida State University, March 26, 2010  
*Matt Loving, Mark Sullivan, and Laurie Taylor*

**Caribbean Diversity Teacher Training**  
Melbourne, Florida, April 24 and May 1, 2010  
*Mary Risner, Brooke Wooldridge, Chantalle Verna, Heather Russell, Nicola Foote, Rosalyn Howard*
Miami Dade Council for Social Studies Conference
March 1, 2010
“Teaching Haiti’s History: Past and Present”
Adam Silvia and Brooke Wooldridge

Endangered Archives Workshop
Harriet Tubman Institute, York University, Canada, January 23, 2010
“A Multi-Institutional Approach to Newspaper Preservation in the Caribbean”
Gayle Williams

Symposium International des Jeunes Chercheurs de la Caraïbe
Schoelcher, Martinique, January 20-24, 2010
“Les bibliothèques numériques : des ressources pour les chercheurs“
Matthew Loving

Caribbean Diversity Teacher Training
Jacksonville, Florida, January, 2010
Mary Risner, Brooke Wooldridge, Chantalle Verna, Andrea Queeley, Heather Russell, Gerry Murray

Digital Library of the Caribbean Summit
Florida International University, November 16 -17, 2009
dLOC Partners

Jamaica Journal Launch
Florida International University, November 16, 2009
Barry Chevannes, Clover Johnston

Haitian Studies Association HSA
University of Indiana, Bloomington, November 15, 2009
Brooke Wooldridge and Adam Silvia

Florida Council for Social Studies
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, September 24-27, 2009
“Take Latin America and the Caribbean into Your Classroom”
Mary Risner and Brooke Wooldridge

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