

## BC Digitization Symposium Update



## How Did This Happen?

A meeting of minds...

- Irving K. Barber Learning Centre
  - BC History Digitization Program, supporting digitization projects in libraries, museums, archives and other organizations
- BC Electronic Library Network
  - Bold Step 3: Developing Digital Collections
  - Strategy 3.1: Facilitating the Creation of Digital Collections
  - Playing a facilitative role in provincial digitization initiatives
- Public Library Services Branch
  - Strategic Direction 1: Facilitate Equitable Access to Information
  - Strategic Direction 2: Collaboration and Partnerships
  - Helping to support public libraries with digitization projects



## Other Key Partners

- Archives Association of BC
- BC Historical Federation
- BC Museums Association
- BC Teacher Librarians Association
- Union of BC Indian Chiefs

And the Organizing Committee was born!



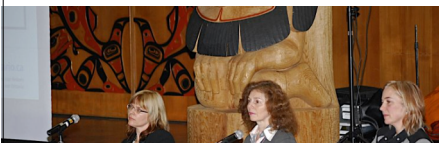
## BC Digitization Symposium

- Held December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Irving K. Barber Learning Centre and First Nations Longhouse at UBC
- Over 170 representatives from libraries, archives, museums, historical societies, the education and aboriginal communities, and other affiliated organizations
- Participants learned about provincial and national initiatives supporting the digitization of cultural, heritage and educational content, discovered emerging strategies and priorities here in BC, and discussed how digitization might be better supported and coordinated in the province



## Highlights

- [Ian Wilson's Keynote Address](#)
- Pan-Canadian Panel
  - Karen Hunt, Acting University Librarian at the University of Winnipeg
  - Christina Wilson, Director, Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library highlighted the role of The Alberta Library
  - Our Ontario's Director, Loren Fantin



## Highlights

- BC Panel
  - Lara Wilson, President of the Archives Association of British Columbia
  - Shelagh Flaherty, Director of Central Library and Reference Services, Vancouver Public Library
  - Irene Van Bavel, Heritage Information Analyst, Canadian Heritage Information Network
  - Lynn Copeland, University Librarian, Simon Fraser University Library



## Highlights

- BC Digitization Survey Results
  - Chris Hives, University Archivist, UBC Library
- BC User Panel
  - Penney Clark, Associate Professor at UBC's Faculty of Education
  - John Lutz, Associate Professor in the Department of History at the University of Victoria
  - Brenda L. Smith, BC Historical Federation



## Highlights

- Participant discussion
- Participant Priorities
  - developing digitization toolkits
  - developing a business case to secure funding
  - adopting common protocols and standards
  - creating a centralized infrastructure/consortia
  - enhancing the West Beyond the West portal
  - developing resource packages connecting teachers with digital collections supporting curriculum



## Recommendations

1. Develop the symposium Organizing Committee as an informal coalition to coordinate the development of this initiative.
2. Create a "BC Digitization Website" with information and links on this initiative, digitization best practices, standards in different fields, partner organizations, as well as tools and resources.
3. Strike a Grants sub-committee to investigate initial sources of funding.
4. Strike a Users sub-committee to consider how best to engage and balance the voices of digital collection creation organizations with user organizations.
5. Promote the West Beyond the West search engine to all creator sectors.
6. Promote the Digital Collection Builder/ICA-AtoM, a free tool for creating digital collections which BC organizations have had a major role in developing.



## Submit Your Feedback!

- Please consider these recommendations, either as individuals or within your organizations
- Send responses by email to the Committee member representing your sector or use the [Feedback form](#) on the Symposium website
  - Alissa Cherry – Union of BC Indian Chiefs
  - Anita Cocchia – BC Electronic Library Network
  - Leonora Crema – University of British Columbia
  - Heather Daly – BC Teacher Librarians Association
  - Moira Ekdahl – BC Teacher Librarians Association
  - Jacqueline Gresko – BC Historical Federation
  - Lisa Codd – Burnaby Village Museum
  - Chris Hives – University of British Columbia
  - Simon Neame, Chair – Irving K. Barber Learning Centre
  - Kate Russell – Vancouver Public Library
  - Lara Wilson – Archives Association of BC



## For More Information...

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