

From the WHO Business Plan

Vision:

To make WHO a recognized resource,
known and used for its quality

To enable users to search digital content
of cultural institutions across the state

To build a portal to access content regardless
of content management system

Wisconsin Heritage Online Project Resources

We've established a wiki for community digitization project resources. This will make it easier for everyone in the WHO community to contribute digitization and project management knowledge. There are a lot of collaborative resources available on the wiki, at wiheritage.pbwiki.com. Most recently we've established a Questions and Answers page where you can ask questions about Wisconsin Heritage Online's operation and policies or more general questions about digitization. The password for editing the wiki is 'history'.

Wisconsin Heritage Online Portal

Check it out, wisconsinheritage.org! Wisconsin Heritage Online is changing! We've done some revisions to the display and text and have more changes planned. Keep your eye on this site. In March, there will be almost 25,000 items from six servers, with 22 collections from non-UW locations and more than 32 collections from the State of Wisconsin collection, plus 14 collections in the University of Wisconsin collection. It's become a useful research tool!

WHO Project Update

Wisconsin Heritage Online has three projects running:

the Central Wisconsin Digitization Project, a multitype collaborative project from a consortium in the Lincoln and Marathon counties;

the Wisconsin Decorative Arts Database, a Chipstone funded project; and,

the Neenah Historical Society, manned by a group of volunteers.

All three are using the Wisconsin Historical Society's hosted CONTENTdm service. One of the benefits of using the Wisconsin Historical Society's hosted CONTENTdm for your content management system is that you can work on your project over as long as period as you need. The University of Wisconsin runs the harvester monthly so your collection results are automatically updated in Wisconsin Heritage Online as your collection grows. There's no need to wait until you've completed every item to have your collection published.

Call for Digital Projects

We are looking for more projects! Does your organization fit in one of these categories? Call Debbie at 608 263-5051.

1. You have or share a digital content management system on a server & have web-accessible digital collections.
2. You have information stored in a XML file at a persistent HTTP URL.

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Call for Digital Projects continued

3. You apply to the WHO Collection Development Working Group to start a project on the hosted CONTENTdm server at Wisconsin Historical Society.

4. You export an existing digital collection to the hosted CONTENTdm WHS server.

You can find out about the details of these categories by calling Debbie at 608 263-5051 or by watching a recorded videoconference. Login details are available at wiheritage.pbwiki.com on the Latest News page.

Educational Opportunities

May 1-3, 2007

The Northeast Document Conservation Center presents **School for Scanning: The A-Z of Creating Digital Collections** Celebrating its 11th year

Co-sponsored by the Midwest Art Conservation Center, Marriott Minneapolis City Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota

This popular three-day conference takes digitization from theory into practice and is geared toward participants with a beginning or intermediate level of digital knowledge. Participants who already have experience in digitization can obtain an up-to-date briefing. From metadata to rights management, from file formats to funding, learn how to create and manage sustainable digital collections.

NEW! Concurrent break-out sessions

NEW! Vendor Showcase

(If you are a vendor interested in exhibiting, download the Exhibitor Prospectus at: www.nedcc.org)

CONFERENCE COST: \$595

For complete conference information and to register online: www.nedcc.org

Deadline: Monday, April 9, 2007

NEDCC is grateful for support from the National Endowment for the Humanities for its field services.

May 24, 2007

The Ohio CONTENTdm Users Group (and neighboring states) invites proposals for presentations at its annual meeting, to be held May 24, 2007 in Dublin, Ohio.

Do you have a CONTENTdm experience to share, a project that you would like to publicize, or a topic to field as part of a panel discussion?

Users from Ohio and beyond are invited to participate.

Complete details, the proposal submission form and suggested topics are available at www.rodmanlibrary.com/iug/program/cdm-proposal.html.

For further information or if you have any questions, contact Ann Olszewski, Cleveland Public Library (Ann.Olszewski@cpl.org), Roman Panchyshyn, OHIONET (Romanp@ohionet.org), or Karen Perone, Rodman Public Library (peroneka@oplin.org)

Registration information for attendees will be available in April.

Planning a Digital Project?

Are you interested in planning and implementing a digital project but need some help? WHO does not offer monetary assistance but we do provide software, a collection hosting service, best practices/standards, and consulting. Check out these documents on the Wisconsin Heritage Online wiki, wiheritage.pbwiki.com to start planning your digital project:

[Project Cost Estimations](#)

[WHO Membership form](#)

[Add Your Digital Collection](#)

[Hosting Application form](#)

WHO Planning Committee Update

The Planning Committee is meeting March 19. We are planning the agenda now. If you have ideas you'd like the committee to discuss, email Kathy Schneider, schneid@wils.wisc.edu.

WHO Working Group update

The focus of the Education group will be on surveying or interviewing and formulating workable ideas on how to fill identified needs and who can provide them. What's a reasonable price to charge for those training needs? How often will each need to be offered? The group will be chaired by Deb Shapiro, UW-SLIS.

Contact Debbie Cardinal, cardinal@wils.wisc.edu, 608 263-5051, if you are interested in joining the Education group.