FORWARD THROUGH OUR PAST

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

News of the Day

Check out the Historical Society/Museum survey results on the Wisconsin Heritage Online wiki at **wiheritage.pbwiki.com/Latest+News!**. The summary and data sheet posted here are a subset of seventy-four institutions that identified themselves as interested in and ready to proceed with planning a digital project.

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 digital 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

Wisconsin Online Project Resources wiki

Have you checked out the wiki lately? We've posted on the CONTENTdm page several generic controlled vocabulary text files. The PastPerfect page has links to these same controlled vocabulary lists because they are following the WHO Metadata Standards. For example, there is a CV list of date ranges and one of Wisconsin cities that you can just copy and paste into the controlled vocabulary area of the appropriate field, such as Community or Event Date Range.

The wiki makes 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/CONTENTdm?full_access=HA8Q6l4FU0&l=S**. The password for editing the wiki is 'history'. You can also click on the COMMENT tab and send comments.

OCLC Preservation Services, Digitization Services

If you have collection content that needs digitization for preservation purposes and you don't have the expertise or the equipment needed, you should check out these services. There are RFP questionnaires for different material formats on this page, **www.oclc.org/preservation/about/rfps/default.htm**. While you may think that digitization is not affordable, there is considerable cost savings in not having to purchase, set up and learn how to do this yourself. In addition, the questions may help you do self-assessment of your collections.

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Featured Educational Opportunity
Course description: This 8-week virtual class is limited to 12 students. **Preservation 101: Basics for Paper and Media Collections**

These two courses are two-hour long internet-based sessions. Cost for each is $40 per person, since Wisconsin organizations are not OCLC Western members: **Developing and Managing Digital Programs Webinar** and **Funding Digital Projects Webinar**

Featured Digital Collections
Creating Online Historical Scrapbooks with a User-Friendly Interface, an article from D-Lib Magazine.

Mildred Wirt Benson Digital Collection, a CONTENTdm collection from the University of Iowa. Mildred Wirt Benson was the first author of the Nancy Drew Mystery Series.

And, there are digital scrapbooks in Wisconsin collections: do a search in **Wisconsin Heritage Online** for 'scrapbook'.

Wisconsin Heritage Online Portal
Wisconsin Heritage Online, **wisconsinheritage.org**, has over 30,000 items in it. Records come from six servers, with 23 collections from non-UW locations and more than 32 collections from the State of Wisconsin collection, plus 16 collections in the University of Wisconsin collection.

You can promote usage of WHO to your community:
• Put a link to the site (**wisconsinheritage.org**) on your web site or digital collections page.

• Download one of the WHO logos from the wiki's front page (**wiheritage.pbwiki.com**) and put the logo on your web site. Link the logo to the web site.

WHO Working Group update
The Future Directions Working Group is still working on finding grant funders for Wisconsin Heritage Online. They have agreed on some possibilities and are now working to identify specific people of foundations to talk with about Wisconsin Heritage Online. They will be supporting their proposal with data from the Historical Society/Museum Survey.

Call for Digital Projects
We are looking for more projects! Does your organization fit in one of these categories? You can find out about the details of these categories by calling Debbie at 608 265-2138.

• You have or share a digital content management system on a server & have web-accessible digital collections.

• You have information stored in a XML file at a persistent HTTP URL.

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

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