

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

Search Wisconsin Heritage Online digital collections at wisconsinheritage.org. Put a link on your website!

News of the Day

Emily Pfothauer, Wisconsin Historical Society, has a blog called Wisconsin Object wisconsinobject.wordpress.com, in which she reports on her travels around the state photographing and cataloging Wisconsin made artifacts for a digital project hosted by the Wisconsin Historical Society, the Wisconsin Decorative Arts Database content.wisconsinhistory.org/cdm4/index_wda.php?CISOROOT=/wda. You can find Wisconsin-made blankets as well as 'blankets' from other Wisconsin digital collections by going to Wisconsin Heritage Online wisconsinheritage.org, and typing 'blanket' into the search box.

Featured Educational Opportunity

Network Education Exchange

WiLS is a member of this resource sharing group. Our members can take education courses from other networks. There's quite a variety of programs available from the NEE. Check out www.wils.wisc.edu/events/NEE.html. Look for programs in digitization and metadata. Most of these courses are available as short internet courses or longer multi-day internet based programs. Fees vary.

Featured Wisconsin Digital Collections

The collections featured here received funding from Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants. Wisconsin libraries are eligible to apply. Partnerships with other cultural heritage institutions are encouraged. Libraries and historical societies/museums should explore partnerships to collaborate on digital projects.

STATE OF WISCONSIN COLLECTION,
updated in Wisconsin Heritage Online

Belgian Survey Maps and Log Structures

247 images, added 12/18/2007

One of the country's largest concentrations of Walloon-speaking Belgians is found in northeastern Wisconsin, resulting in a unique cultural and social flavor. A pilot project was undertaken in 1975-1976 to establish a Belgian-American Ethnic Resource Collection in the Special Collections Department of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Cofrin Library. The objective was to record the undocumented historical, social, and cultural legacy of this unique ethnic group. Images of the farms as well as oral history interviews had previously been digitized by the UWGCC. New materials include nine in-depth architectural surveys maps, which were drawn to scale showing the location (both past and present) of structures, gardens, orchards fences, fields, driveways, etc, and include materials such as draft maps and deeds, as well as a large collection of log structure images. digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/WI.BelgAmrCol

Big Streets in a Little City - Downtown Street Scenes in Kiel, 1860-1980

9 issues / 934 pages, added 12/19/2007

The name of this collection, Big Streets in a Little City, is an affectionate reference to the official City of Kiel slogan, "the little city that does big things."

Featured Wisconsin Digital Collections

Big Streets in a Little City (continued)

Located on the Sheboygan River in the southwest corner of Manitowoc County, the city has approximately 3,500 citizens. Materials recently added to the collection include early yearbooks, books about Kiel history, as well as various artifacts that compliment the hundreds of images already in the collection. This project was funded by a 2007 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant.

digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/WI.KielLocHist

Historical County Plat Maps from South Central Wisconsin and Early Madison City Directories

3 issues / 2,330 pages, added 12/18/2007

This digital collection of historic plat books, city directories, and atlases provides accessibility to early information about South Central Wisconsin, specifically Columbia, Dane, Portage and Wood counties. A variety of the oldest plat books, atlases and city directories were chosen because of their frequent use and delicate condition. Materials recently added to the collection include several city directories. This project was funded by a 2007 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant.

digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/WI.MadisonLocHist

Oshkosh and Winnebago County, Wisconsin - Atlases and Histories

23 issues / 1,728 pages, 74 images, added 12/19/2007

As the lumber industry surged, Oshkosh became a magnet for immigrants from both the eastern states and Europe, reaching a population of 22,000 in 1880. Many of these immigrants later moved on to farm in counties further up the Wolf River. Neenah and Menasha owed their prosperity to water power, as the Fox River drops on its way to Green Bay. Flour mills gave way to paper mills when wheat farming moved west. Omro and Winneconne served as social and commercial centers, supplemented by crossroads communities, often based on a general store and a cheese factory. These digitized resources make up a comprehensive collection for research in 19th Century Oshkosh and Winnebago County history. The

materials were published between 1856 and 1909. Two modern indexes, included here with the permission of indexer David A. Langkau, will also help the users find the information they need. Oshkosh and Winnebago County, Wisconsin - Atlases and Histories was funded, in part, through a 2005 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant. The additional materials have been funded by a 2007 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant.

digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/WI.OshkoshAtlases

Fond du Lac and Green Lake County Atlases, Directories, and Histories

24 issues / 3,589 pages, added 12/19/2007

This digital collection contains 13 published books and a wall map providing accessibility to early information about the City Of Berlin and Green Lake County. City and county directories were chosen because of their historical value. This project was funded, in part, through a 2007 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant. This grant provided financial support for public libraries to digitize and make available online, their local library resources.

digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/WI.Winnefox

Featured CONTENTdm Collections

Missouri Valley Special Collections Digital Gallery -

www.kchistory.org/index.php

Kansas City Public Library - www.kclibrary.org/index.cfm

The Missouri Valley Special Collections (MVSC), which came into existence in 1960, consist of the non-circulating local history and genealogy resources of the Kansas City Public Library as well as the Library's archives. Over 11,000 images of archival material such as letters, photographs, postcards, advertising cards, and maps were migrated from a former SQL-designed online database to the new CONTENTdm Missouri Valley Special Collections Digital Gallery.

Hudson River Valley Heritage, www.hrvh.org.

This is a nice collection to explore. This is a CONTENTdm only collaborative, unlike Wisconsin. There are a number of historical societies and museums

Featured CONTENTdm Collections

Hudson River Valley Heritage (continued)

included in this collection. You can see a list of contributors at www.hrvh.org/collections and explore what each has contributed to this collaborative collection. You may find it helpful to examine the metadata to see how each institution has implemented use of labels and metadata fields.

Wisconsin Heritage Online Project Resources wiki

The wiki is getting regular updates of material that will help you plan and implement digital projects. I'm looking for samples of metadata maps, usually tables or spreadsheets in which local field names are mapped to a national standard set of data fields. If you have one you'd like to contribute to the wiki for others to use, or if you'd like feedback on how you are using a metadata map, add it to the wiki or email it to me. Respectively, wiheritage.pbwiki.com/CONTENTdm?doneLogin=1559555b216b1fe49ac3d7e261746031c7e62da7 (the password is history), or cardinal@wils.wisc.edu.

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.

Call for Digital Projects

We are looking for more projects! Does your organization fit in one of these categories?

- You have or share a digital content management system on a server and 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.

You can find out the details of these categories by calling Debbie at 608 265-2138.

Events of Note

Wisconsin Oral History Day,

April 14, 2008, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Room 309 and 226, The Pyle Center,
702 Langdon Street, Madison, WI 53706

Morning Workshop Fee: \$40 (includes lunch)

Afternoon Sessions: FREE

(please RSVP, treeves@library.wisc.edu)

For full details, please visit: www.slis.wisc.edu/continued/oralhist

Sharing Your Digital Collections with the World,
OCLC Web Series-FREE

For sessions and details: whatcounts.com/dm?id=68100255B092649FD93B72A48715DFC2BBBE1A DFE3D02CC7