



Progress Report

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Community One. The Alberta Historic Newspaper Digitization Program Report

Momentum is building. You will notice we have replaced the word "project" with the word "program" to refer to our digitization initiative. We feel the word program conveys the concept of longevity. Planning and fundraising for Community One, the Alberta Historic Newspaper Digitization Project is continuing.

We are developing an important relationship in that Brian Bell, President of AlouetteCanada, <http://www.alouettecanada.ca/> has given us his enthusiastic assurance that he will support such a program in terms of technical standards and distribution of information.

Kathy Crewdson and Ian Dew visited staff from the Alberta Legislature Library June 25th to continue discussion of issues with respect to that Library's participation. The Legislature Library is the single largest source of historic newspaper content for the province of Alberta.

Kathy and Ian made a presentation to the Alberta Genealogical Society (AGS) Annual Meeting, June 23rd, 2007 in Edmonton, Alberta.

Contacts have been extended with other major funding bodies, including Heritage Community Foundation (Edmonton) and the Federal Ministry operating the Canadian Memory Fund.

Technical

John Paterson and Ian of NextLibrary Inc. and Wendy Osborn, University of Lethbridge, are setting up the access to the server for training and testing. <http://www.sadl.uleth.ca/newspaper/cgi-bin/library>
Watch developments on this site over the summer and fall.

Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library Project/TAL technical standards for the Lois Hole initiative are being studied so that our initiative will be able to co-operate with projects mounted by them.

Inventory Project

Strides were made in the inventory project, which is being developed now as the Southern Alberta Information Resources (SAIR) project. The project will be written up in the August 2007 issue of Partnerships. <http://journal.lib.uoguelph.ca/index.php/perj/> which will improve the profile of SAIR.

The software development project has resulted in the development of the collaborative “collector”/editor software, which will be used to load information directly into the system. Wendy Osborn, Mathematics (Head of Greenstone Project) presented software developed for the project at the IASTED Conference in Banff in July. The paper resulting can be acquired through:

Wendy Osborn et al. A Cross-Platform Solution for Bibliographic Record Manipulation in Digital Libraries. In Proceedings of the 6th International Conference on Communications, Internet, and Information Technology (CIIT 2007), Banff, Canada, July 2-4, 2007. http://www.actapress.com/Content_of_Proceeding.aspx?proceedingID=446



We need your support to continue building the momentum that will carry the program through. The Alberta Historic Newspaper Program will play a major part in Alberta’s becoming a knowledge based society.

Comments and criticisms that will give us a stronger program would be appreciated.

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