

Digital update from UVic Libraries, Special Collections & University Archives



UVic Computer Centre, February 1974. Photographic Services / University Archives



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Updates from UVic ...

Supporting access & accountability

- Overview of strategic priorities
 - Digitization services
 - Grant funded hosting and preservation services, aka “the grants menu”
 - Digital preservation framework
- &
- Questions!



The path ... UVic strategic priorities 2012

- UVic's 3rd University Librarian, Jonathan Bengtson, appointed
- Undertook wide ranging strategic planning process – environmental scan, all LIBR staff feedback session, university stakeholder interviews
- Strategic Directions developed: ReDefining Learning, Research, & Community





Re:DEFINING

UVIC LIBRARIES STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

University libraries, like their parent institutions, are living in a new reality in which social, political, economic and educational structures are redefined and reshaped by technology and globalization. The library must be multifaceted and nimble in this fluid environment. Established methods of working have been eroded and continue to erode – opening up new and hitherto unimagined spaces for the library within disciplines, across disciplines and beyond traditional boundaries. The library must go beyond its four walls, operate outside of its local and traditional environments, to fully align itself with the lifecycle of teaching, research and learning that drives the university.



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Actions following strategic plan ...

- Recruitment for a grants and awards librarian/office (2012)
- Recruitment of an Associate University Archivist Digital Scholarship and Strategy (2014)
- Creation of Digital Scholarship Commons (2017)
- Recruitment of Digital Scholarship Librarian



Highlights of current services: Digitization

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Digitization Centre page. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://www.uvic.ca/library/featured/digitization/index.php>. The page has a dark blue header with navigation links: Home, Search options, Research help, Hours & locations, Use the libraries, Featured collections & initiatives (selected), and About us. Below the header is a secondary navigation bar with links: Copyright, Digitization Centre (highlighted), Digital collections, Digital preservation, Scholarly communication, Research data services, Special events, UvicSpace, and Web archiving.

The main content area is titled "Digitization Centre" and includes a breadcrumb trail: home » featured collections & initiatives » digitization centre. A central image shows an open book with a historical illustration on the right page. To the left of the image are navigation arrows. Below the image is an "About Us" section with the following text:

About Us

The Digitization Centre at the University of Victoria Libraries supports the production and delivery of a large array of [online digital collections](#). Our staff have expertise in digitizing a variety of media including books, manuscripts, photographs, artwork, microforms, maps, posters, slides, and audiovisual resources. We work with the library's cataloguing unit to apply standardized metadata that ensures high visibility in search engines and scholarly indexes.

Uvic Libraries have a strong commitment to public access. The vast majority of our digitized collections are freely and openly available for research, teaching exploration, use, and study. Our material can also be found in the [Flickr Commons](#) and the [Internet Archive](#).

The Digitization Centre houses a variety of specialized equipment including:

- [ITI Repro-graphic 4060](#) large format, high resolution scanner
- Internet Archive [Table Top Scribe](#)
- [ScanPro 1000](#) Microfilm Scanner

On the right side of the page, there is a "SEARCH EVERYTHING" section with a search input field containing the placeholder text "Find articles, books" and a "Search" button. Below the search field is a link for "More search options". Underneath is a "POPULAR LINKS" section with a "Quick links" sub-section containing a list of links:

- Book a study room
- Renew, recall or retrieve
- Request an interlibrary loan
- Find course reserves
- Find an available computer

At the bottom of the page, there is a "Frequently asked questions" section with a plus sign icon.



Highlights of current services: Digitization



Digitization Project Request Form

<p>Instructions: To submit a digitization project for consideration by the Digitization Project Committee, please complete the following form and submit it to digitization@uvic.ca</p>		
Date Submitted		
Contact Information		
Main project contact	(name)	(email address)
Have you already discussed this project with a UVic archivist or librarian? If so, then please tell us who.	(name)	(email address)
Project Information		
Project Name		
Project Description Please include a brief paragraph broadly describing the proposed collection.		
Items to be Digitized		
Type of material (bound volumes, photographs,		



Highlights of current services: Grants menu

- Strategic directions
- Library publications
- Grants and awards
- Awards
- Award Winners
- Grants
- Facts and figures
- Assessment and analysis
- Libraries Coordination Team
- Organizational chart
- Library history
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- What's new
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Grants

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Colonial Despatches

The colonial despatches of Vancouver Island and British Columbia 1846-1871

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Welcome!

This digital archive contains the original correspondence between the Colonial Office and the colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia. This project aims to digitize and publish online a complete archive of the correspondence covering the period from 1846 leading to the founding of Vancouver Island in 1849, the founding of British Columbia in 1856, the annexation of Vancouver Island by British Columbia in 1866, and up to the incorporation of B.C. into the Canadian Federation in 1871.

All the material on this site originates in the work of Dr. James Hendrickson and his team of collaborators at the University of Victoria, which resulted in the publication of 26 print volumes of correspondence several years ago.

Teachers and students may also be interested in the [Governor's Letters](#) website, which provides learning materials based on this collection.

Uvic Libraries digitization of the Colonial Despatches through the B.C. History Digitization Program.

Faculty Research Partnerships

The University of Victoria Libraries have significant infrastructure and expertise to support digital publishing and asset management. We can partner on grant applications to meet project requirements for metadata standards, web publishing, dissemination, and preservation. For detailed information on our services and their estimated in-kind values, please see our [Hosting and Preservation Services for Grant-Funded Research Projects](#) aka our "Grants Menu".

Grant-funded projects

In addition to supporting and enhancing grant-funded projects across the university, the University of Victoria Libraries is directly involved in a number of library-led grant initiatives. These include:

- digitization of the [Colonial Despatches](#), funded through the BC History Digitization Program;
- the [Moving Trans[®] History Forward symposium](#), funded through a SSHRC Connection Grant;
- the transcription of Ian McTaggart Cowan field journals, funded through the [Habitat Conservation Trust Fund](#);
- the repatriation of the Canadian Great War Project website, funded through Veterans' Affairs Canada.

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Highlights of current services: Grants menu

Developed by AUL DSS Lisa Goddard in consultation

- Responding to a growing need for web infrastructure to allow faculty members to easily organize, share, and preserve research outputs.
- Library expertise (librarian, archivists, skilled staff)
- Digital Asset Management (Hydra/Fedora)
- Metadata consultation (controlled vocabularies etc)
- Exhibits & Discovery (Spotlight software)
- Digital Preservation (Archivematica, Archive-It, LOCKSS)
- Digitization Centre
- Digital Scholarship Commons (workshops/presentations)
- Research Data Management (dataverse)
- Open Access Publishing (IR “UVic Space”)



Libraries-wide digital preservation framework



UVic Libraries digital preservation framework

Digital Preservation Working Group

29 March 2017

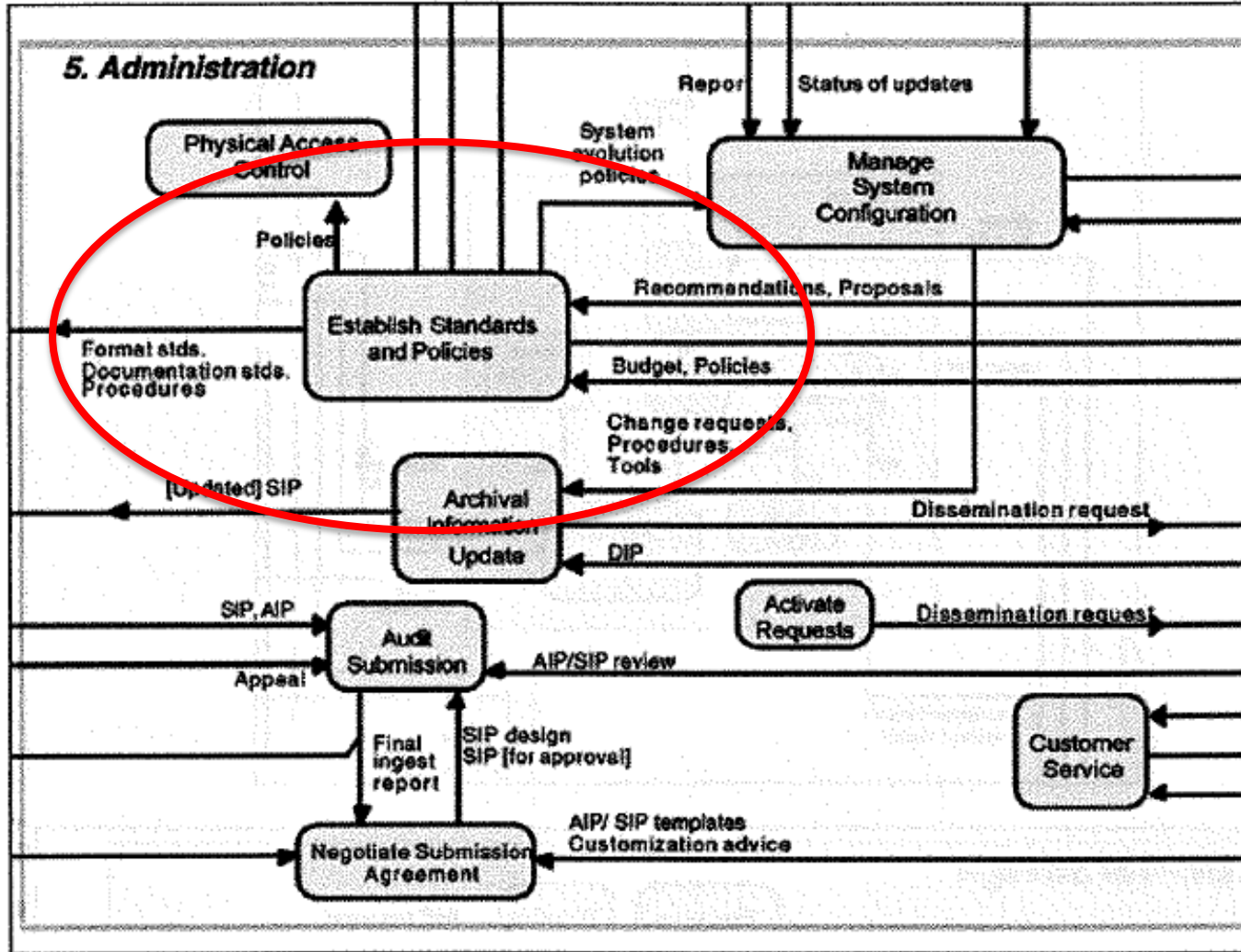
Purpose

This document formalizes the University of Victoria Libraries' continuing commitment to the long-term preservation of a diverse and extensive range of digital assets under its care. It identifies high-level principles and priorities for implementing a digital preservation strategy in support of the Libraries' overall goals and strategic directions. Specific action plans for content groups capture policies specific to that group, and the processes, workflows, and tools that implement those policies.



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framework: details

- Purpose
- Objectives
- Guiding principles
- Roles and responsibilities
- Scope and prioritizations
- Content groups – preservation and storage levels



framework: Archives' scope and priorities

Scope and prioritizations

The Libraries are responsible for identifying and providing the means to preserve and ensure ongoing access to selected digital assets. Not all of the digital content the Libraries creates or acquires will be preserved. The Libraries commits to these classes of objects with associated preservation priorities and levels of commitment:

- *Priority 1: Born digital materials:* Rigorous effort will be made to ensure preservation of selected material selected, both library resources and institutional records, in all formats, as is reasonable and practicable. This includes, where applicable, not only simple digital objects like text and video files, but complex digital objects, such as websites and research environments.



framework: Archives' content groups

- High priority content includes:
 - High-risk physical holdings requiring immediate reformatting in Special Collections and University Archives
 - Born-digital material held in Special Collections and University Archives, e.g. records on loose magnetic and optical media and laptop hard drives
 - Institutional records held in University Archives



Services for the university community

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Digital Scholarship Commons

The [Digital Scholarship Commons](#) in the University of Victoria Libraries provides UVic students with access to advanced technologies like 3D printing, electronics toolkits, statistical analysis, data visualization, GIS, audio/video editing, and desktop publishing. The Digital Scholarship Commons is a flexible, collaborative learning space that brings together students of all disciplines. The Digital Scholarship Commons employs student experts who can help you to get started with a wide range of technologies, or you can attend one of our [workshops](#). The workshop calendar and news is available on [our blog](#), along with information about our equipment, software, and hours.



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THE PORTAGE NETWORK is
dedicated to the shared stewardship of
research data in Canada through:

- Developing a national research data culture
- Fostering a community of practice for research data
- Building national research data services and infrastructure

Launched in 2015 by the [Canadian Association of Research Libraries](#), Portage works within the library community to coordinate expertise, services, and technology in research data management, seeking to collaborate with other research data management stakeholders.



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