

BC Regional Digitized History

BCRDH is a network of **place-based collaborative partnerships** involving the UBC's Okanagan Campus Library and numerous community memory institutions.

From donor funding, the library has assumed a role as archival aggregator in virtual space, providing a centralized web portal for digitized archives connected to B.C.'s Southern Interior.

Growing from 7 participating organizations in its first year (2017) to 37 partners at present, the web portal allows for powerful search and a stable online presence for under-resourced community archives

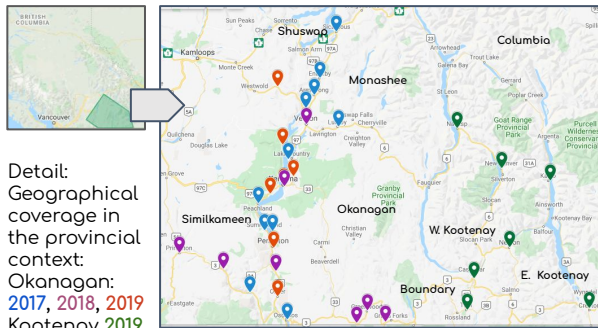
Model

(1) Find and take advantage of complementary strengths (2) Merge workflows at the right places to bring about efficiencies

- Archivists bring theoretical and practical expertise in representing archives digitally
- Repositories bring content and context, and prior stewardship that permits digitization
- Students bring work capacity
- The University brings institutional support, experiential learning mechanisms, and access to technical infrastructure

Objective

Develop partnerships, leaving autonomy to source repositories, and enhance access to under-utilized archival and primary source materials.



Detail:
Geographical coverage in the provincial context:
Okanagan: 2017, 2018, 2019
Kootenay 2019

Projects



2016-present



2019-present

Future Directions

Emphasis: Support workflows that will allow partners to extend their existing capacity

- Simplify the process
- Support with toolkit resources
- Develop collaborative funding models
- Build connections among partners (less hub-and-spoke)
- Add to our partner base
- Expand geographical coverage

In Action



At inception, we performed work in situ at repositories. Peachland, 2017.

Getting to know our partners at our first meeting. UBCO, 2018.



Collaboration & the Consortial Approach



Arca is a service of the BC Electronic Library Network (BCELN) which provides supported digital repository infrastructure to post-secondary and other partners in BC and beyond. BCRDH's participation in Arca allows both customization and control, as well as membership in a vibrant community of practice. <https://arcabc.ca>