

The National Digital Newspaper Program

GOALS:

- To enhance access to historic American newspapers
- To develop best practices for the digitization of historic newspapers



- To apply emerging technologies to the products of USNP (United States Newspaper Program, 1984-2010)
 - 140,000 titles cataloged,
 - 900,000 holding records created,
 - more than 75 million pages filmed



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Working with Newspapers

•Newspapers = fundamentals of history

•Broad user-base, high demand for access

•No single U.S. collection (distributed)

•Newspaper format challenges

•100 million + frames of newspaper microfilm created by libraries and archives









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- *Enhance access to newspapers*, building on products of United States Newspaper Program*.
- NEH grants 2-year awards (up to \$400k) to state projects, to select and digitize historic newspapers for full-text access (100,000 pages per award).
- LC creates and *hosts Chronicling America Web* site to provide freely accessible search and discovery for digitized papers and descriptive newspaper records.
- State projects *repurpose NDNP contributions for local purposes*, as desired.

Program Features







- Create an online resource that enhances access to historic newspapers:
 - Full-text search across state newspapers of the same time period (access by state, title, date, keyword).
 - Searchable directory of USNP title records and library holdings (140,000 titles) helps researchers locate content when digital is not available.
- Establish uniform selection criteria and digitization specifications, applicable by all producers, to create manageable whole.
- Develop production tools to ensure good digital objects created by many can be managed and preserved over the long-term.

Complement other digital resources through selection guidelines

 Enable program growth through phased, sustainable development for managing large-scale data collection.

and scope.

NDNP: Current Activities

- Public site released in March 2007 –
- now approx. 2.3 million pages
- 1860-1922
- 295 titles from 19 states and DC
- <u>http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/</u>
 - Updated quarterly
 - Next update = September 2010

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- Annual competition for 2-year awards 100,000 pages per award
 - *2005-2007 awards -* CA, FL, KY, NY, UT, VA (1900-1910)
 - *2007-2009 awards* CA, KY, MN, NE, NY, TX, UT, VA (1880-1910)
 - *2008-2010 awards* AZ, HI, MO, OH, PA, WA (1880-1922)
 - *2009-2011 awards* IL, KS, LA, MT, OK, OR, SC (1860-1922)
 - *2010-2012 awards* AZ, HI, MO, NM, OH, PA, TN, VT, WA (1836-1922)
 - and onward! (next award competition announced August 2010)

Beyond Chronicling America

- Weekly update/highlights information by RSS* or email subscription - (<u>http://www.loc.gov/rss/ndnp/ndnp.xml</u>)
 - Keep up with what's in Chronicling America!
- Topics in Chronicling America (<u>http://www.loc.gov/rr/news/topics/topics.html</u>)
 - Tips from the Newspaper and Current Periodicals Reading Room for
 - exploring the history in Chronicling America and sample links to articles!
- Illustrated Newspapers in Flickr
 - Added to the LC Flickr Commons Photostream pilot project http://www.flickr.com/photos/library_of_congress/collections/
 - Illustrated supplements from the New-York Tribune, 1900-1909
 - Tag it, add a note, see a slideshow, or make it a favorite!
- Linked data and API** access in Chronicling America
 - RDF/XML views available to Open Archives Initiative Object Reuse
 - and Exchange (OAI-ORE) repository tools
 - OpenSearch and Atom APIs for search queries
 - Bookmarkable URIs for all pages
 - http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/about/api/
 - Blog it, Find it, Mash it up, and Mine it!

*RSS (Really Simple Syndication) ** API (Application Programming Interface)

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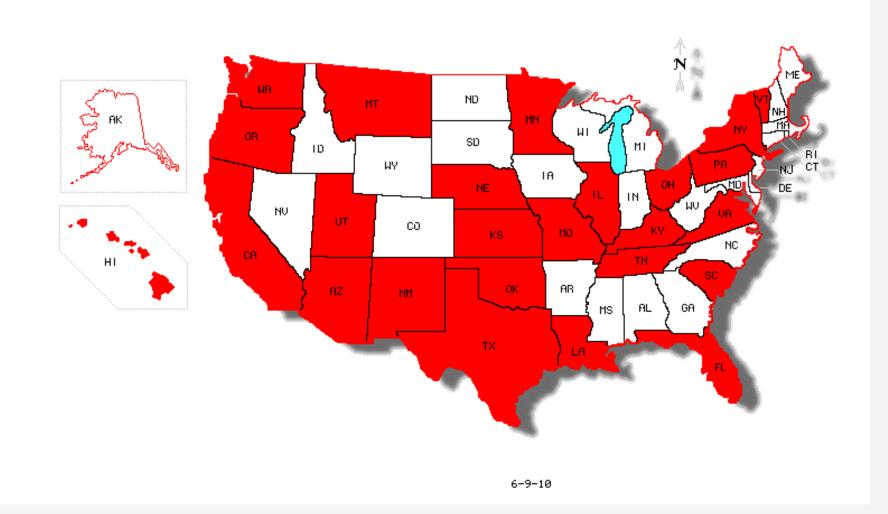








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- NDNP Web Service
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