

NDNP Awardee Interim Performance Report

(July 1, 2010—Jan 31, 2011)

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NDNP State: Washington

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INTERIM PERFORMANCE REPORT NARRATIVE

1. Changes in Workplan or Methodology.

Workflow: No major changes to the workflow proposed in the grant application. The DocWorks software from CCS has been installed and is working well. Staff is becoming accustomed to the new workflow, and has found it is more labor intensive than expected. The report from LOC on the sample reel was that the OCR was very good. Washington State Library (WSL) staff is still confident that in-house processing has resulted in less back and forth communication and shipping time, and more time spent doing careful processing.

One area where the workflow has changed slightly is that we've decided to train a few library volunteers to help us with some of the more time consuming steps (e.g. bounding the page frames and verifying the OCR zones). If we can get to a comfortable production schedule we may ask volunteers to do limited OCR correction.

Update and review of CONSER bibliographic records: Again no major changes have been implemented or planned, but staff did note that LC staff will update 856 links for CONSER records once titles go live. We continue to send links to cataloging staff at WSL to update local records.

Data delivery & deployment to Library of Congress: Due to some training and production delay we are reducing the output and pushing back our delivery estimate to 25% to LC by August 31, 2011. This also corresponds to the new grant schedule. See full update of schedule for delivery of digital assets below (question 6).

2. Selection or Film Acquisition/Evaluation Activities

All titles from the 2008-2010 grant are now available (as of Sept. 2010) at Chronicling America. Since we didn't put up as many reels as we ordered from the last grant, we've shifted them to the 2010-2010 grant, forcing us to remove a few titles from our planned list and reduce the number of planned reels for the Seattle PI. Our current reel count is 180. The final list is below:

1. Aberdeen Herald, 1890-1917
2. Adams County News (Ritzville, WA), 1898-1906

- a. Washington State journal and Adams County news (Ritzville, WA), 1906-1907
 - b. Washington State journal (Ritzville, WA), 1907
- 3. Ellensburg Dawn, 1898-1913
 - a. The Dawn (Ellensburg, Wash.), 1894-1898
- 4. Evening Statesman, (Walla Walla, Wash.), 1903-1910 – from 2008 grant
- 5. Kennewick Courier, 1905-1914
 - a. Columbia Courier (Kennewick, Wash.), 1903-1905
- 6. Labor Journal, (Everett, Wash.), 1909-1922 – from 2008 grant
- 7. Lynden Tribune, 1908-1922 – from 2008 grant
- 8. Newport Miner, 1907-1912
- 9. Seattle Post-Intelligencer, 1888-1892
 - a. The Daily Intelligencer (Seattle, Wash.), 1876-1881
 - b. Seattle Daily Post-Intelligencer (Seattle, Wash.), 1881-1888
- 10. Seattle Star, 1911-1922
- 11. Spokane Press, 1902-1910 – from 2008 grant
- 12. Vancouver Independent, 1875-1884
- 13. Wenatchee Daily World, 1905-1910 – from 2008 grant

3. Award Activities with Collaborating Institutions

Collaboration with the University of Washington (UW) Libraries continues. Office space is provided for the project on campus in Seattle, WA where two students work on film evaluation, OCR processing, and QA. The selection committee is also managed by UW Libraries staff member Glenda Pearson and part of the essay research and writing is prepared by her and/or the students.

4. Conversion and/or Vendor Selection

We continue to use Proquest, Backstage Library Works, and the Washington State Archives as duplication vendors (depending on where the masters are kept). Duplication for the reels is nearly complete and approx. 50% of the images have been scanned. We are schedule to receive our next shipment of scanned reels at the end of February with 20-30 scanned reels to follow every other month.

DocWorks is up and running locally at the Washington State Library. Students access the servers remotely from UW. Four members of the WSL staff also work on the conversion process and we hope to soon add 8-10 hours a week of volunteer time to the processing.

The pilot reel from this grant cycle was delivered at the end of December and has been accepted. We continue to process the 58 reels left over from the first grant.

5. Do you have any questions or comments regarding the use of the tools provided by LC (Digital Viewer Validation)?

We used DVV Version: 1.4.4, Validator Version: 3.7 to validate our pilot reel and had no issues. We hesitate to upgrade to version 1.4.6, Validator Version: 3.10 as there have been some reports of bugs. We'll wait until we are ready to validate our next batch before upgrading our DVVs.

6. Provide an update on your planned schedule for delivery of digital assets for the award, including samples, to the NDNP repository.

Changes to timeline

First year changes

July 2010-January 2011

- Two library students were hired between September 2010 and February 2011. Until we were ready to start using docWorks, there wasn't enough work to keep two students occupied. We delayed hiring the second student until February.
- Project servers were purchased and set up, and DocWorks installed in time for training of WSL project staff by CCS at the end of October.
- 90% of negatives were ordered, received and shipped to BSLW for scanning (and/or duplication) by December. The last of the Seattle PI film will be ordered soon.
- All film has been ordered and received with the exception of the Seattle PI. We have more images left over from the first grant than originally estimated so we may have to bump this title to next grant cycle.

February 2011-August 2011

- 75% of images will be scanned
- 25% of images, data, essays delivered to LC

Second year changes

- Remaining 25% of images will be scanned
- Remaining 75% of images, data, essays delivered to LC

7. State briefly the status of any other digitized newspaper activities in your or collaborating partners' institutions (non-NDNP-funded).

Since July, 2010, the State Library has put online one more newspaper title from the Pioneer Newspaper collection; The Puget Sound Argus (1882-1883). These newspapers are indexed to the article level by volunteers who are supervised by staff.

8. Please provide copies of or URLs for any public presentations or publications on topics related to your participation in NDNP (or describe future plans for such).

Publications:

WSL's NDNP related news: <http://blogs.sos.wa.gov/library/index.php/tag/ndnp/>

More historic Wash. newspapers added to national project, Tacoma Daily Index, Sept. 27, 2010: <http://www.tacomadailyindex.com/portals-code/list.cgi?paper=88&cat=23&id=1846116&more=0>

Presentations:

Aug. 12 – WLA/PNLA, Victoria, BC

Oct.16 – WLMA/WALE, SeaTac, WA

9. Describe any follow-up issues or questions you would like convey to the NDNF program committee as you begin your digital conversion project.

Please submit to your NEH Program Officer (preservation@neh.gov) with a copy to ndnptech@loc.gov, by January 31, 2009.