

Archival Notes

Welcome! This newsletter has been issued in response to feedback collected in the initial planning survey of the Okanagan Region Historical Digitization Project, and is intended to support municipal and community repositories in the Okanagan Valley in their pursuit of the archival endeavor.



Upcoming Events

- July 18-20 Armstrong** Site Visit: Armstrong-Spallumcheen Museum and Art Gallery
- July 25-27 Keremeos** Site Visit: South Similkameen Museum
- August 1-3 Osoyoos** Site Visit: Osoyoos and District Museum and Archives

ORHDP's First Digitization Trips: Peachland, O'Keefe Ranch and Summerland

We are very pleased to announce that Phase 1 of the Okanagan Region Historical Digitization Project is well underway. The Graduate and Undergraduate Project Assistants have been trained and were ready (and excited!) to embark on their first site visit to Peachland Museum the week of May 23rd-26th. The site visit was a success, with over 600 items scanned during our 3.5 day visit!

The month of June was a busy one for the team, between working on the post-production for the Peachland scans, digitizing magic lantern slides at the Historic O'Keefe Ranch, and doing digitization work at the Summerland Museum. We have a busy month ahead as well, with visits planned for Armstrong, Keremeos and Osoyoos.



What We Are Using: ORHDP's Technology Profiles

Dell Laptops

We have acquired two Dell Precision 7710 laptops for our project. Both laptops are equipped with Adobe Photoshop, which we are using to lightly edit our scans prior to uploading them online.

Epson Scanners

We have also acquired two Epson Perfection V800 Photo scanners to take with us on our site visits. These machines take high-quality scans of loose sheets of paper, photographs, film, and negatives.

XcaneX Book Scanner

The XcaneX Book Scanner was purchased in order to be able to scan bound volumes, which would be more difficult to scan with the Epson scanners. Its height is adjustable, so it is able to scan many sizes of bound texts.

Audio Cassette Converter

The Ion Tape Express Plus Tape-to-Digital Converter & Player will allow us to convert audio cassettes to a digital format. It plays both chrome and normal tapes and works both using batteries as well as through USB.

New Directions Ahead for the ORHDP

Arca

Discover BC's Digital Treasures

Thank you to all those who submitted valuable feedback about elements that would be important in the eventual online platform for materials generated and compiled by the ORHDP. After evaluation of a series of options, the team is further exploring Arca, a platform coordinated by the BC Electronic Library Network (BCELN), which supports great flexibility in online display and allows for a simplified distribution agreement. Arca is a province-wide network of repositories, and “showcases BC as a hub for knowledge creation across Canada and around the world.” We believe this makes it an excellent fit for the project. Learn more: <http://arcabc.ca/about>



Meet the ORHDP Team

Alexandra Neijens

Graduate Project Assistant

Alexandra has just finished the first year of her dual graduate degree in Archival Studies and Library and Information Sciences at UBC. She is interested in history and hopes this project will help expand her knowledge of the history of the Okanagan region. She also enjoys knitting, crocheting, and hiking.



Sharon Hanna

Undergraduate Assistant

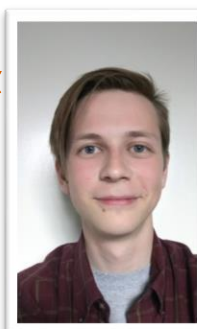
Sharon is studying Computer Science in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. She was an astronomy librarian for years and is excited to be able to combine the knowledge she is gaining in her computer science program with the practice of librarianship through this project. She enjoys sketching, painting, reading, and travel.



Eamon Riordan-Short

Undergraduate Assistant

Eamon has just finished the second year of his B.Sc. in Biology. He is interested in agricultural insect ecology and is hoping to learn some agricultural history of the local area through this project. He is also an amateur photographer of local wildlife and hopes that the archiving practices he will learn during this project will help him make his photographs accessible in the future.



Emma Smith

Undergraduate Assistant

Emma has recently finished her first year in Arts and plans to major in Psychology. Through this project, she hopes to explore the field of library work and learn about a potential career path while gaining relevant experience. She is autistic and advocates for autism acceptance by giving talks and presentations on the subject. She is also a book collector because she loves surrounding herself with knowledge.

