

# **Building the Digital Library in Practice: Collaboration across Borders**

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# Setting the Context

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Q: Who's in the room? How many people from:

- Academic sector
- Public library
- GLAM - archives, museums, historical societies
- Government
- ?

# Digitization Milestones in BC



## BC Digitization Coalition

The BC Digitization Coalition is a group working toward the creation of a provincial digitization strategy in British Columbia. The Coalition evolved from the committee which organized the 2008 BC Digitization Symposium, an event attended by stakeholders representing archives, historical societies, libraries, museums, and K-12 educators.

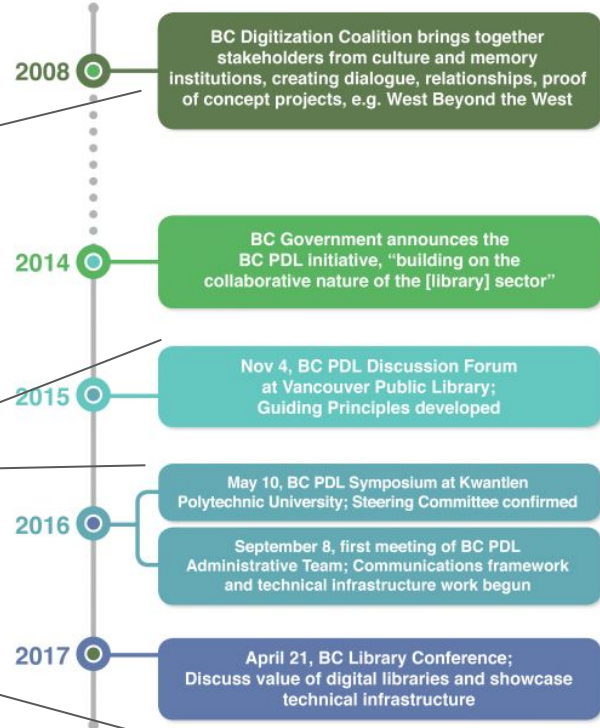
The purpose of the Coalition is outlined in its draft [Terms of Reference](#):

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ARCA - Oct 2015

Informal Infrastructure  
Investigations

Business Analysis



# The Announcement - April 17, 2014

Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

## Core Review strengthens private institutions, libraries and international education

### Share



### Release

Thursday, April 17, 2014 9:30 AM

### More from this Ministry

- Factsheets
- Visit Ministry Website

### Featured Topics

VICTORIA - Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy and Mines and Minister Responsible for Core Review and Amrik Virk, Minister of Advanced Education announced changes that will position private career training institutions for greater success, expand access to academic and library resources and better co-ordinate international education initiatives.

The private career training sector is a key part of the post-secondary system, providing important skills training for British Columbians and attracting international students. While the Private C and thousan and thousan sector's ong greater co-ordination and efficiencies across the three sectors.

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A new Provincial Digital Library will expand access to academic research and openly licensed library resources. The first phase of the digital library will allow anytime, anywhere access to research created at B.C. post-secondary institutions, while the second phase will expand access to openly licensed resources across academic, school and public libraries.

Next steps will be working with stakeholders to build on the collaborative nature of the sector to identify opportunities for shared services such as shared procurement, licensing

# Early Environmental Scan

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## KNOWLEDGE SECTOR DIGITIZATION AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A BC PROVINCIAL DIGITAL LIBRARY

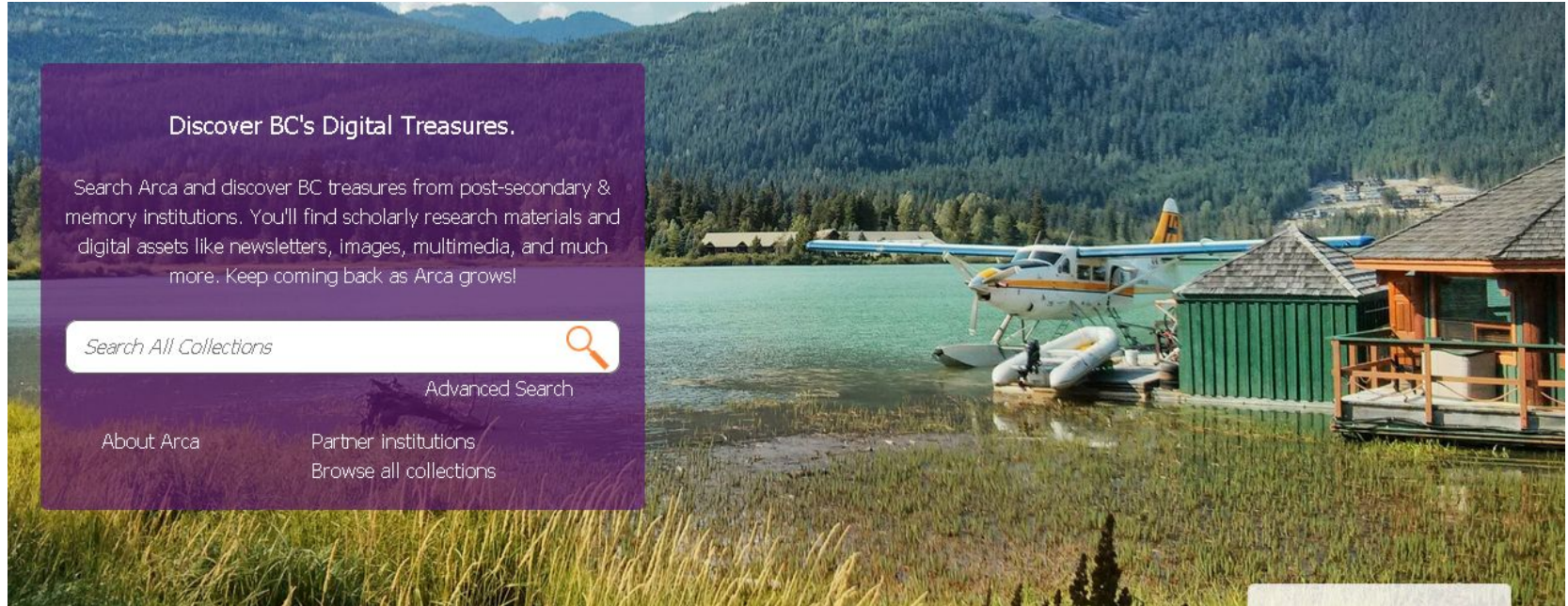
Prepared by Mike Conroy for the BC Libraries Cooperative  
July 6, 2015

### THE CHALLENGE

British Columbia libraries, museums, archives, galleries and historical societies have been digitizing historical material for over a decade. At the request of Libraries Branch, Ministry of Education, BC, the following is an attempt to assemble an inventory of the institutions, materials and digitization methodologies that have been or are currently in use in BC. **We provide recommendations for strategic integration and further development of shared services that may reduce costs and provide greater coordination across the knowledge.** Further, the inventory serves to describe what might compose the extent of the currently available knowledge sector contribution to a “Provincial Digital Library”.

- 85+ organizations in BC digitizing collections 📖
- Over 32 different platforms 🤖
- 25 organizations either did not list a platform, or platforms were unidentifiable 🤖

# First Phase - Arca: BC's Digital Treasures



Discover BC's Digital Treasures.

Search Arca and discover BC treasures from post-secondary & memory institutions. You'll find scholarly research materials and digital assets like newsletters, images, multimedia, and much more. Keep coming back as Arca grows!

*Search All Collections*



Advanced Search

About Arca

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Nov. 4, 2015 meeting:  
Early dialogue  
amongst small group of  
of stakeholders





Outcome....

Guiding Principles

Established



Outcome...

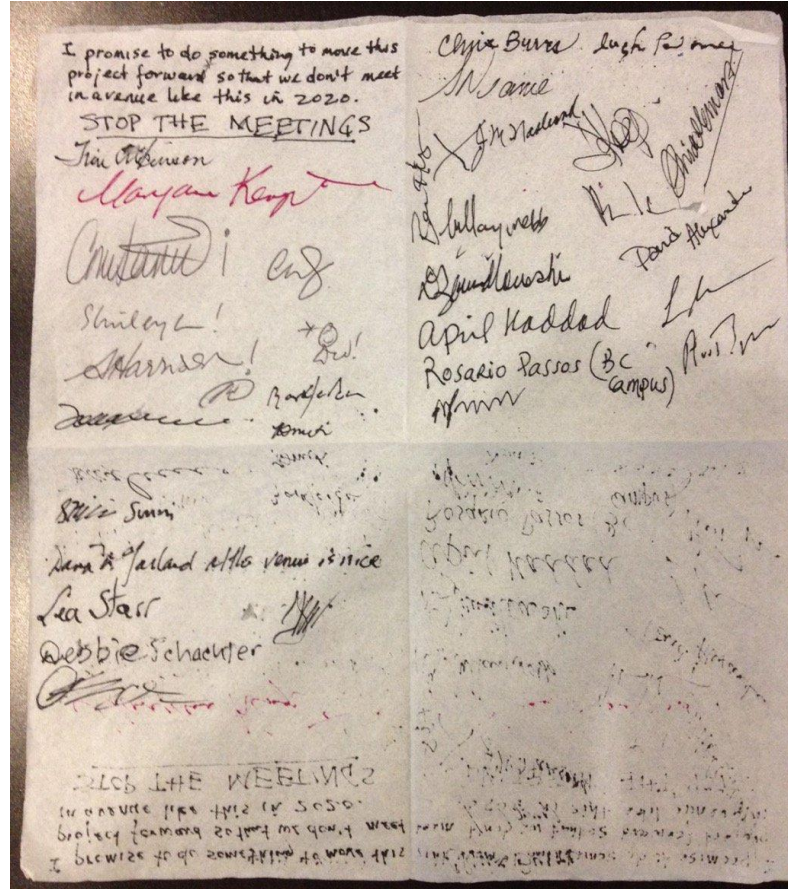
Expand the Dialogue

May 10, 2016



May 10, 2016 Outcome ...

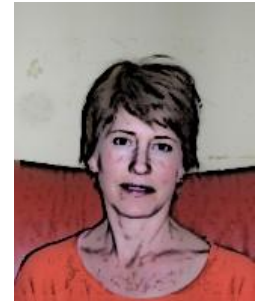
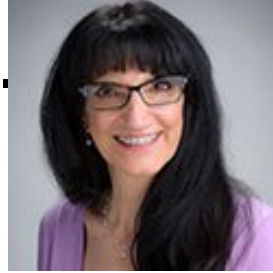
# The Napkin Manifesto



# May 10, 2016 Outcome ..

## BCDL AdminTeam

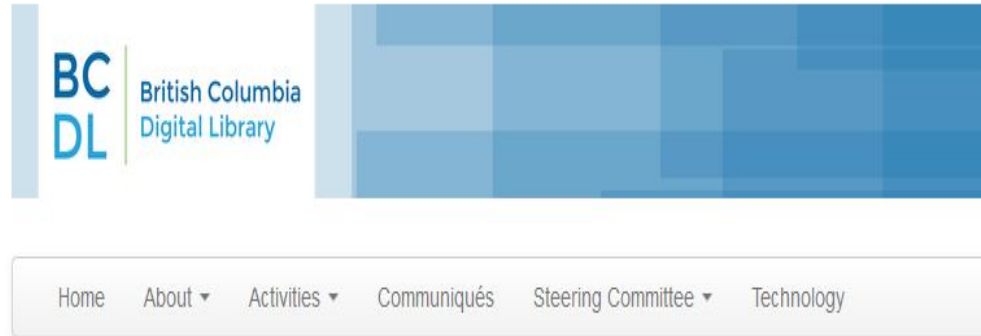
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# BCDL Steering Committee is established

A group of the interested who responded to the government announcement ...

- spanning across sectors



## BCDL Steering Committee

# Platform decisions

## Hub and Spoke Infrastructure

At a Steering Committee meeting in July 2016, the **hub and spoke model** was put forward as a best practice for the BCDL project. The hub and spoke model connects different organizations, in varying sizes and complexities, in a distributed network of content and service providers.



# Phase 1: Demonstrate and Communicate

**The BCDL** is a phased, multi-year project, guided by an over-arching vision of access to the intellectual, historical and cultural record of the Province for the people of British Columbia. In its simplest form, the BCDL provides access to a range of materials that enrich the intellectual and leisure life of a citizen, showcase the contributions of individuals, organizations and government, and contribute to the economic well-being of the province.

Where are we at now....

**Phase 1** was to develop a demonstration site, a website, and to provide ongoing communications for the initiative.

- We have a demonstration site
- We have a website at <http://bcdigilib.ca/>
- We have ongoing communications and socialize the idea at any chance we get
- We have interim governance structure

# Phase 2 : Business Analysis



DEFINE SERVICE  
POSSIBILITIES

ASSESSMENT

Other Digital Libraries  
(DPLA, Europeana,  
DigitalNZ ...)



Stakeholder  
Interviews



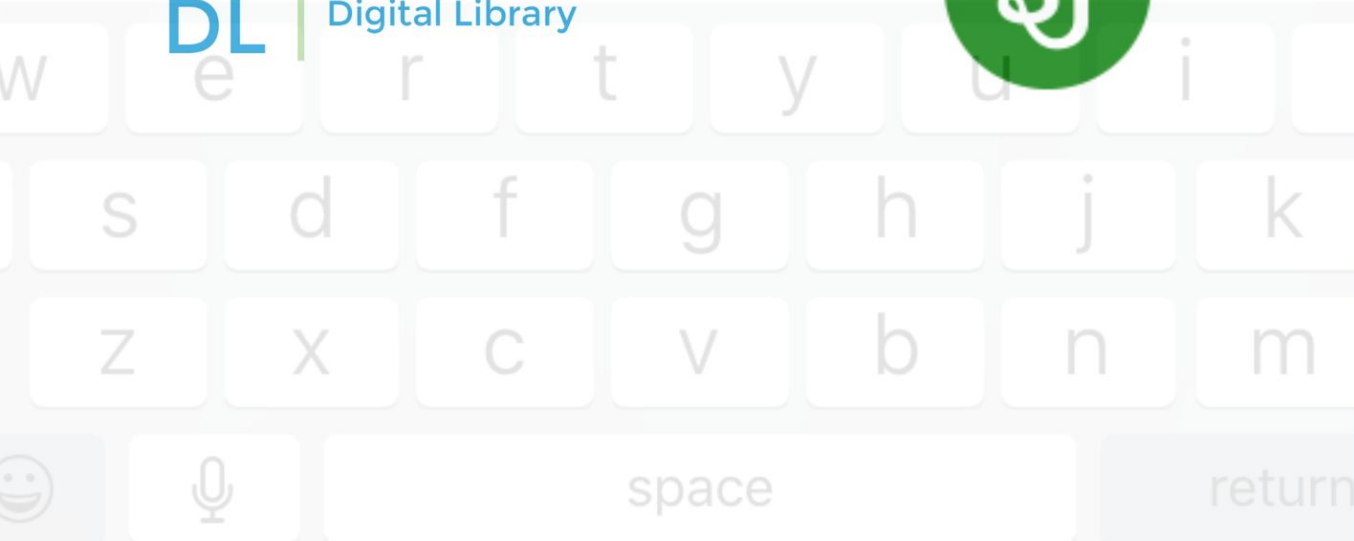
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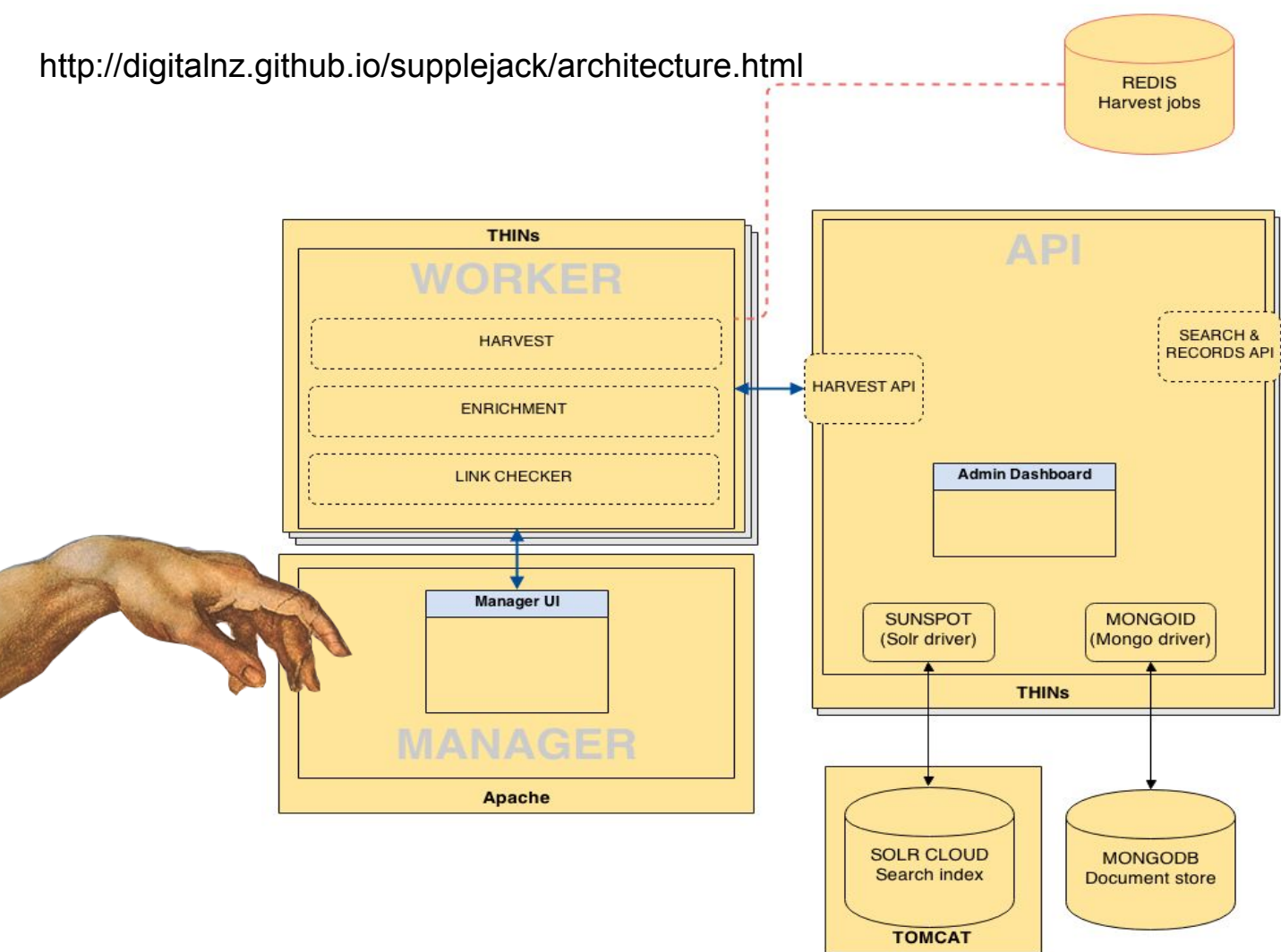
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<http://digitalnz.github.io/supplejack/architecture.html>





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