

Andrew Carnegie Benefactions: Pilot Program at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

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Abstract — Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh is participating in a pilot project with OCLC. Both institutions have different goals, but the collaboration will provide access to important historical documents concerning Andrew Carnegie's philanthropy. Global access will be available soon once the digitizing and cataloging of these documents is complete.

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I. INTRODUCTION

OCLC selected Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh to participate in their Content Cooperative Pilot with 22 other participating institutions. The purpose of the six-month pilot that ends December 31, 2006, is to determine the feasibility of new services and service enhancements to increase libraries' capabilities and capacity to manage digital content. Specifically OCLC product enhancements were to be tested that would integrate digital content management with cataloging to increase the visibility of unique library content and the volume of library content available on the web

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's experience in digitizing content has been limited, but successful. See <http://www.carnegielibrary.org/locations/pennsylvania/carnegie>.

The Library selected the Andrew Carnegie Benefactions Collection because we receive frequent requests from people who are unable to use the original collection located at the Carnegie birthplace memorial at Dunfermine, Scotland.

II. OCLC GOALS

OCLC's goals for the pilot included:

- Understanding how catalogers and other library professionals would use these features
- Understanding how information seekers would use the content
- Understanding how digital content interacts with other OCLC services
- Determining what types of value-added services unique to digital content would be desirable for different types of libraries

- Learning more about the costs of providing these features and future services
- Demonstrating the value of these features to OCLC member libraries
- Developing the technology that would be needed if a new service offering goes forward.

It is OCLC's intent to evaluate the feasibility of this pilot becoming a full functioning service. Criteria include costs, benefits, and the required functionality for a general release.

III. CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF PITTSBURGH GOALS

Before Carnegie Library agreed to participate in the project, staff identified some questions for OCLC that included:

- How could Dublin core be used in WorldCat and what is the implication for First Search?
- How would Carnegie Library's integrated library system deal with non-MARC records?
- How would federated searching interface with this pilot?
- What is the relationship to ContentDM™ ?
- What is the interface connection vis-à-vis the Digital Archive? Is Digital Archive the repository?

OCLC provided Connexion Client and Connexion Browser for use for adding content and metadata. A separate administrative interface would become available to pilot participants through the Connexion Client. All questions were answered to the Library's satisfaction.

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh goals for this project included:

- Providing access to its rich historical collections
- Determining efficiencies and modeling best practices to mount digital collections
- Gaining recognition for its collections
- Becoming a "player" in the digital arena.

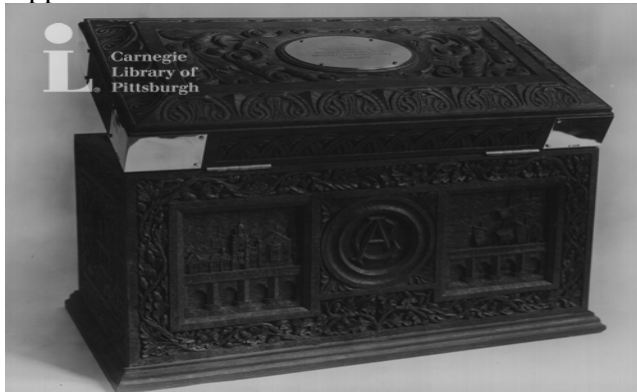
IV. ANDREW CARNEGIE BENEFACCTIONS COLLECTION

The Andrew Carnegie Benefactions Collection consists of photographs of the collection, comprised of letters, medals, crosses, and ornamental caskets that were presented to Carnegie Library. This collection acknowledges Carnegie's generosity in the cause of international peace and furthering the public library movement in English speaking countries. 618 accessioned photographs have been digitized by Chapman Corporation in Washington, Pennsylvania. Over 100 images have been cataloged through OCLC Connexion and are available for viewing now through WorldCat. See Appendix 1 for samples.

V. FURTHER UPDATES ON PROJECT

OCLC updates on this project are available at <http://www.oclc.org/productworks/contentcooperative/default.htm>

Appendix 1



Photograph of the rear view of a metal hinged wooden casket for a document from the Town Council of Bideford, England, admitting Andrew Carnegie as a “freeman of the Borough of Bideford.” Small metal plaque on wooden lid stating tht it was presented to Andrew Carnegie by the Town Council of Bideford.

Appears in photographic collection: [Andrew Carnegie benefactions collection](#); located in Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Department.

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