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NHDS feedback from the BC Digital Library Steering Committee
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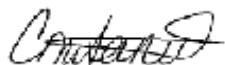
Dear Mr. Berthiaume and Ms. Singh,

The BC Digital Library (BCDL) Steering Committee thanks you for your ongoing stewardship of a national strategy that relies upon and acknowledges regional expertise, content, and capacity. BCDL is a project to build and provide digital infrastructure, and develop standards-based documentary heritage tools, approaches, and capacity across BC's diverse knowledge and memory sectors.

Building the BCDL vision has been a multi-year process, featuring continuous stakeholder engagement, process, and infrastructure design. We are pleased to have launched recently a prototype discovery and aggregation suite, marrying open tools like SuppleJack and Ember with content from a variety of the province's GLAM (galleries, libraries, archives, museums) organizations. Technical resources from three BC organizations, in collaboration with national and international partners, made this launch possible. The community response to the work so far has buoyed us all, and prepares us for next steps which include: service model and service level delineation, metadata standards, business case and sustainability model development. Our intent is to continue to share the products of our work, so that it may inform and enrich similar developments in other regions, and nationally.

Our administrative team members have appreciated opportunities to interact and brainstorm about infrastructure and technical aspects with LAC staff as our initiatives advance concurrently, and as we proceed intentionally towards integrative approaches that offer the strength and contributions of our region to a national strategy. Communications channels for expert collaborators will be a key factor in the success of our initiatives. The BC Digital Library looks forward to further dialogue and opportunities for collaboration, input, and feedback with LAC and NHDS representatives as we shape vision, strategy, and technical aspects of our shared endeavours.

Again, thank you for advancing a Canadian NHDS.



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