



ALA Institutional Repository Update

ALA Archives at the University of
Illinois Urbana-Champaign

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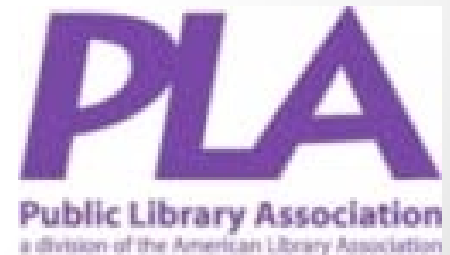
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ALAIR: Project History

- Several reports have noted the need for digital preservation services
- ALCTS expressed need for a digital repository for publications of ALCTS and its members
- Project expanded to include all ALA groups
- ALCTS, ITTS, and ALA Archives have been working together to develop the ALAIR

ALAIR Project Partners



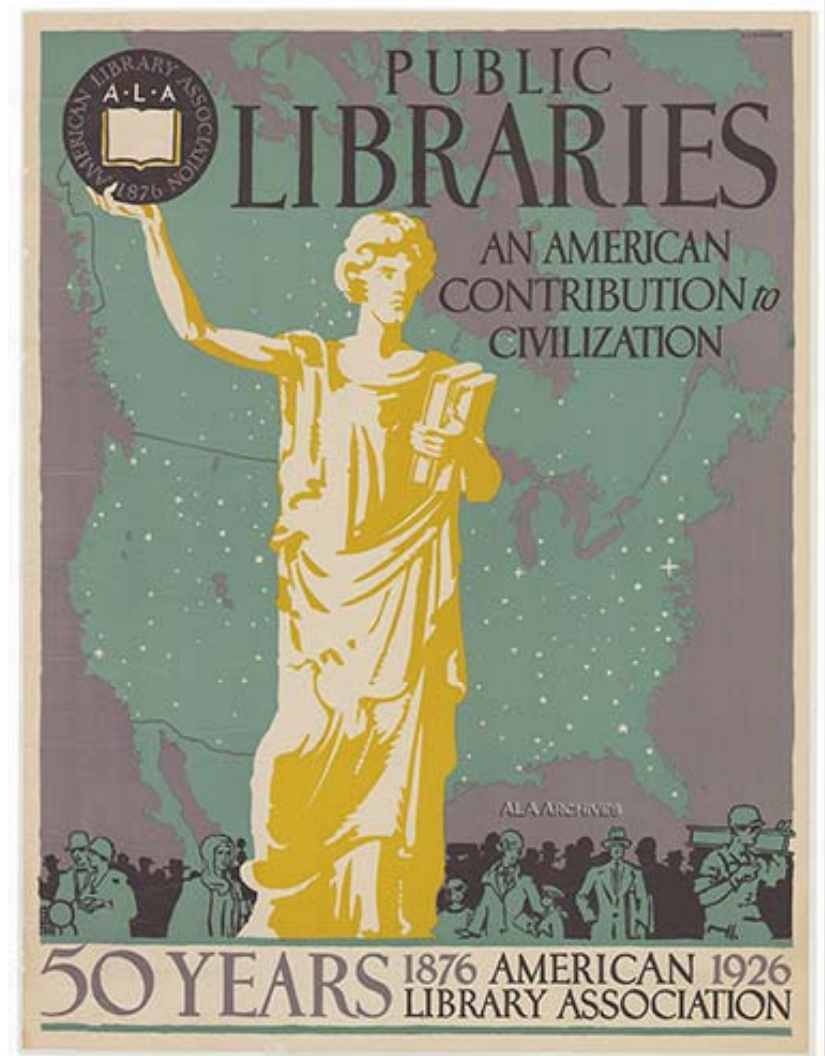
**ALCTS Preservation and
Reformatting Section**

ALA Library



What is the ALA Archives?

- Collaborative partnership between ALA and University of Illinois
- The official repository for ALA records of continuing value
- Managed by University of Illinois since 1973
- Paper, media, and electronic records
 - Over 3,000 cubic feet of physical records and
 - Over 460 GB of digital records



ALA Archives Services

- Management of Physical Collections
- Holdings Database
- Digitized Collections
- ALAIR
- Other Digital Projects
- Web Archives (in development)
- Reference Services and Support

<http://archives.library.illinois.edu/ala/>

Physical and Digital Records

- The archives maintains the records of ALA offices, committees, divisions, round tables, and members
- Holds paper records, photographs, films, sound recordings, electronic records
 - University's digital preservation unit able access records on outdated formats



Digitization Projects



American Library Association Posters Collection

This collection contains digitized posters, rotogravures, and original artwork used by the American Library Association during World War I, World War II, and for librarianship recruitment and general library promotion during the 1920s and 30s .



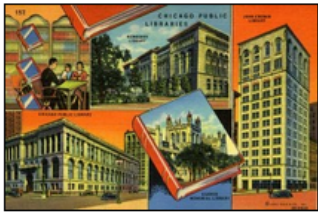
F. W. Faxon Photographs Collection

This collection contains mainly group pictures of librarians attending the ALA conferences in the United States and Canada, covering the period of 1894-1932, with the exception of 1896.



Library Building Photographs Collection

This collection contains pictures of library buildings in photographic papers and postcards. Some of the pictures are in the form of paintings and other artistic media.



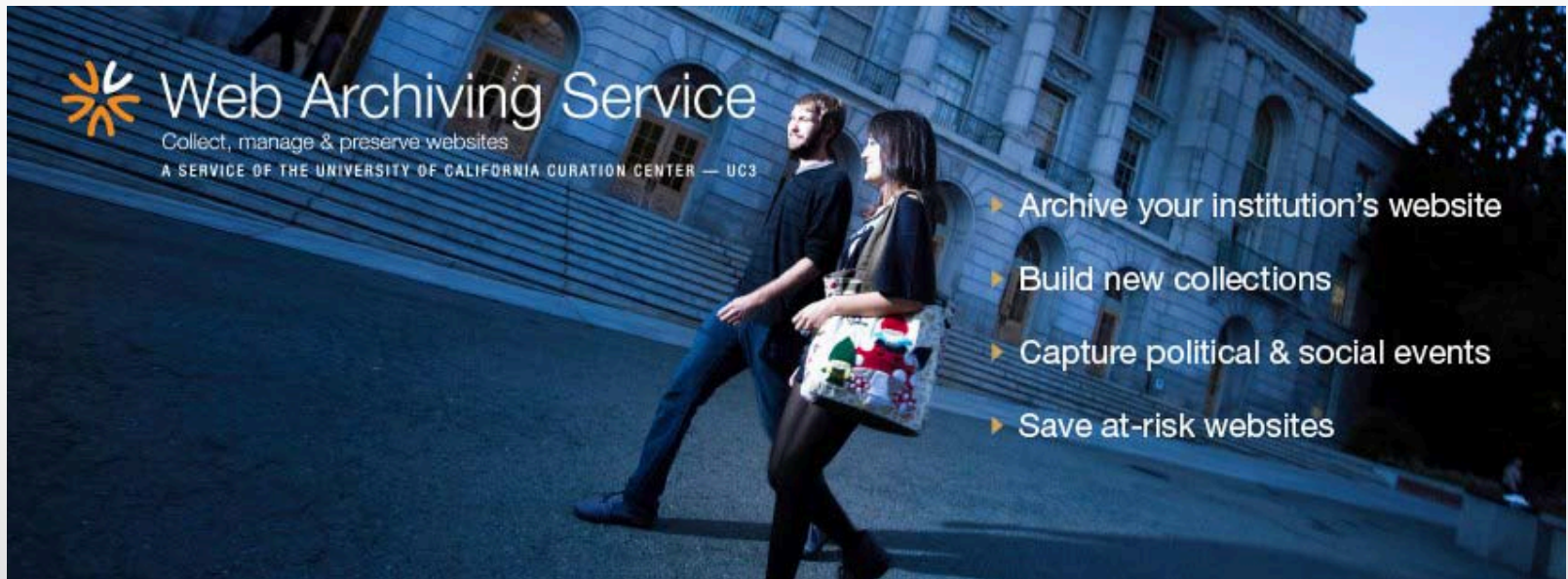
Sjoerd Koopman Library Postcard Collection

This collection contains digital copies of approximately 1,000 cards depicting public, private, and academic libraries, as well as library interiors and bookmobiles.

- ALA Posters collection
- Photograph and postcard collections
 - Faxon conference photographs
 - Sjoerd Koopman library postcards
- Conference transcripts and proceedings
- Films (long term)
 - Slotted for the creation of digital access copies

Web Archives Project

- Using the California Digital Library Web Archiving Service to capture the ALA website and its content
- Will create a quality preservation copy of the ALA website
 - will capture items posted to the site such, such as PDFs and text documents
- Includes off-site content utilized by divisions, round tables, and committees



Reference Services

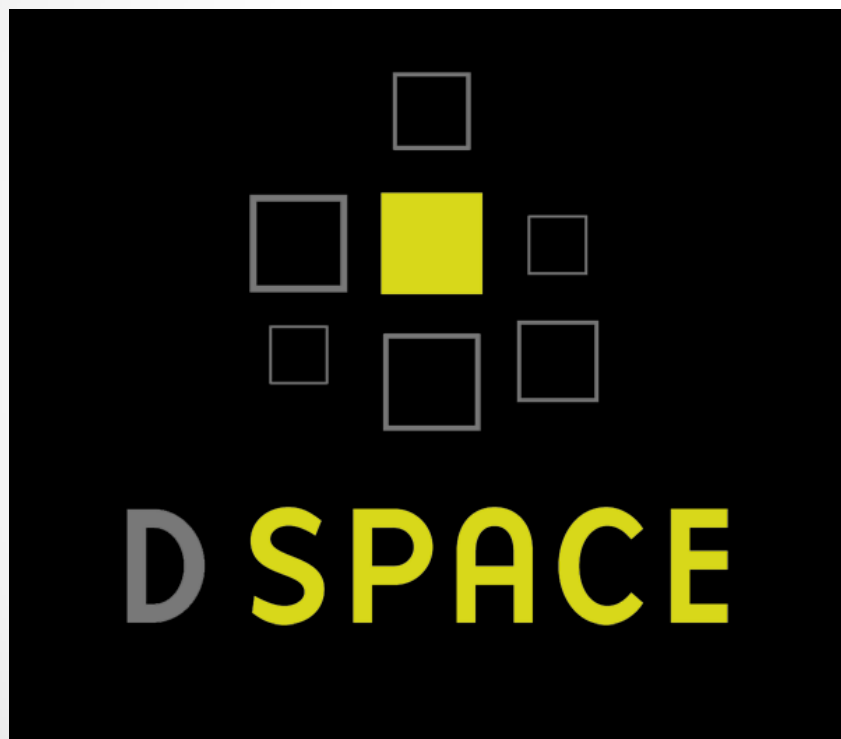
- ALA units and members, scholars, students, and the general public access the archives
 - Via email, phone, mail, and in person
 - Researchers come from within the university or as far as other countries
- Services include:
 - Access to reading room and records
 - Research time for offsite researchers
 - Digital and physical copying services



What is ALAIR?

- One portion of an overall archival infrastructure for ALA records.
- Preservation repository for:
 - Born-digital publications and documents
 - Other records
- <http://alair.ala.org/>

Partnership with DSpace



Working with DSpace Direct to create ALAIR

- DSpace Direct provides reliable ongoing technical support
- Visual customization
- Simple interface
- Integrated with existing ALA login procedure (Shibboleth)
- Triple backup services in Amazon Glacier and S3

Advantages of ALAIR

- Long term storage (vs a unit website)
- Stable short links (<http://hdl.handle.net/11213/89>)
- Link multiple files together under one item (multiple formats, audio and presentation)
- Triple backup
- Digital preservation measures

Organizational Structure

Structure of ALAIR mirrors ALA

- Committees
- Offices
- Divisions
- Round Tables

Branding available
for individual units

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Collections in this community

- [Annual Reports](#)
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Whitacre, Cynthia M. (2011-09)

Simple Deposit Process

- Currently available to all ALA staff
- User is required to input Title and Date, Creator and Format are recommended
- Additional descriptive fields, such as abstracts and subject terms, are supported
- Software will assign provenance information, date deposited, and an identification number
- Bulk uploads will be handled by ALA Archives staff
- <https://alair.ala.org/submit>

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Archived Submissions

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| 2014-01-10 | American Library Association Strategic Plan 2011- ... | Strategic Plans |
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Browsability

- Browsable at multiple levels
 - Main page will show all recent submissions
 - Each individual community page show that community's recent submissions
 - Also has stable links to browse by author, subject, year, etc.

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ALAIR Demo

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ALAIR: Next Steps

- Additional Deposit Options
- We need your feedback!
- Please let us know how you will use ALAIR, especially:
 - what types of records you want to deposit
 - metadata needs
 - documentation or training

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