Adventist Digital Library

Adventist Resources Section
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Adventist Digital Library (ADL)

A Little History

- 1960s. Preliminary idea of what is now the Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index
- 1970s. SDAPI growing pains. Libraries learned to work together toward a common goal
- 1980s. SDAPI and libraries partner with the General Conference and NAD
- 1990s-2000s. Comfortable working relationship
- 2010s. Time to cooperate again

A Little History

- Through the years Adventist Resources Section talked about cooperation in collection development and access

- 2008. Set up a working group to bring about a cooperative effort for sharing of electronic resources. AdventistResources.org

- 2008-2010. Halting steps
  - Money. Some became available, but no new "taxes"!
  - Personnel. Development takes personnel time = money
  - Software. Content DM? Good for photographs and individual items; perhaps not so good for documents and multi-page items

A Little History

- 2011. GC Archives, White Estate, Center for Adventist Research directors began talking
- 2012. Talk some more.
  - Able to sell the idea to other key people
  - Able to call upon human resources
  - Able to get seed money from the GC Treasury
- 2013. Introduce the Adventist Digital Library as something more than an idea

A Little Recent History

- May 22, 2013—Adventist Digital Library Consultation
- 23 people gathered at the G.C.
- Librarians
  - Sheila Clark (CUC), Lori Curtis (LLU), Carlene Drake (LLU), Jim Ford (AU/CAR), Deanna Flores (AUHS), Carolyn Gaskell (WWU), Alan Hecht (GC Library), Paulette Johnson (OU), Joel Lutes (PUC), Larry Onsager (AU), Sabrina Riley (UC), Terry Robertson (AU), Steve Sowder (AU), Cristina Thomsen (SWAU), Lee Wisel (WAU)
- GC and others
  - Mike Lekic and Luis Schulz (GC Education for Lisa Beardsley-Hardy), Benjamin Baker (GC ASTR), Merlin Burt (AU/CAR), Joshua Marcoe (GC ASTR), Jim Nix (White Estate), Darryl Thompson (White Estate), David Trim (GC ASTR)

A Little <u>Recent</u> History

An <u>all</u> day meeting

- Welcome

- Introduction

- Reports on digitization

- Overview of ADL development since 2011

- Demonstration of database/website

- Questions & Answers

- Lunch

A Little Recent History

- Integrating Library Systems with ADL
- Partnering with ADL
- Expanding and Adding Features
- Future Digitization
- ADL and SDAPI
- Next Steps
- Action Plan

ADL Consultation

- Welcome
  - G. T. Ng (GC Executive Secretary) welcomed visiting librarians to the General Conference and emphasized the important potential of the Adventist Digital Library project (ADL) and the General Conference officers' support for it.

ADL Consultation

- Introduction
  - Hope (goal) of this meeting: that by the end of the day there would be agreement on moving forward with the ADL project, with all those present as partners.
  - Jim Nix spoke of the importance of the project and of the precedent of the SDAPI as an example of how librarians, acting collaboratively, had made important contributions to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
  - Libraries are key stakeholders and necessary for successful advancement

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- REPORTS ON DIGITISATION
  - Brief reports were given from each institution represented on their significant collections and what they were doing in terms of digitization
  - Confirmation
    - White Estate, GC Archives, and AU/CAR's digitization programs are the most substantial in terms of volume of books, periodicals, and pamphlets digitized
    - Largest digitization programs, based in university/college libraries, are at Andrews and Loma Linda.
    - It was clear that most other libraries are undertaking digitization on a smaller scale, especially of photographs and of institution-specific periodicals, but including some books and documents of considerable significance for regional Adventist history.

ADL Consultation

- OVERVIEW OF ADL DEVELOPMENT SINCE 2011
  - 2011 ASDAL Conference named Joel Lutes to work with GC ASTR, CAR and White Estate on plans for the ADL.
  - Several meetings took place, one physically, others virtual, as a result of which parameters for developing software were agreed.
  - ASTR and White Estate paid for an assessment of several different computer software systems. A working party was set up—they settled on Drupal as the basis for developing a tailored system for ADL. 35,000 community developers
  - Work progressed on this development over the last year.
  - Not include post 1924 due to sensitivity of Adventist publishers

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- OVERVIEW OF ADL DEVELOPMENT SINCE 2011
  - Partnership of GC ASTR, White Estate, and GC Education Department asked for $75,000 in 2011 and $75,000 in 2012 from GC Treasury.
  - Treasurer says, "come back when you need more."
  - Used for software development at White Estate and digitizing equipment at AU/CAR
  - GC is looking for huge impact on
    - Graduate education around the world
    - Workers and pastors
    - Members

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- DEMONSTRATION OF DATABASE/WEBSITE
  - Darryl Thompson and Joshua Marcoe demonstrated the ADL website and its underlying database
    - YouTube to host video as a money saver
    - Mobile devices enabled—any device with a web browser
    - Full range of back end capabilities
    - Filters or facets
    - Different "skins." Can tailor results to what is acceptable. E.g.: Academic setting vs. White Estate
      - Same database
      - Point of origin determines what results you will see
    - ADL will want to hold a copy of the digital data. Think of it as an additional security backup

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- QUESTION & ANSWER
  - There was a prolonged Q&A session on
    - what the ADL database could currently do
    - its ability to deliver services needed by libraries
    - the potential for adding to its capabilities
    - other questions that emerged during the discussion.
  - Several areas were identified as vital for development if the ADL was to serve library needs. It was **agreed** that the following were essential:
    - Common standards for metadata across partner institutions
    - Capable of importing MARC 21 records
    - OAI compatible so it can be searched from within many library catalogues
  - While it was **agreed** that the preceding were desirable it was also agreed that some of these issues needed further discussion and clarification. Some were discussed later in the day
    - Searchable by library discovery systems
    - Compatible with citation-management systems
    - Capable of importing MARC 21 and Dublin Core metadata

ADL Consultation

- INTEGRATING LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH ADL
- This was the real heart of the consultation
- Several significant issues
    1. Should we include bibliographical data (like a union catalog) for items lacking a digital presence in ADL? Agreed:
        - o Add to the ADL database the capability to do so as this leaves options open
        - o Users must be able to see digital content as the default result; purely bibliographic entries will be accessed with a 2nd step

ADL Consultation

- INTEGRATING LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH ADL (cont'd)
  - GC financial support is for digital records, not a union catalog of all bibliographical items
  - Phases
    1. Software will now incorporate digital and non-digital records
    2. Bring together all digitized historic and rare Adventist materials; resolve related issues
    3. Bibliographic data (union catalog) will be added if ongoing consensus. May involve merging with SDAPI
       - ❑ Because of added software development costs it was agreed to ask ASDAL and ALICE to release money (about $20-25,000) collected for AdventistResources.org to be used now

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- INTEGRATING LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH ADL (cont'd)

- Several significant issues

  2. What materials will be included in ADL in the initial phase (digital)?

    - Agreed that all will be digital and either
      - Historical (defined as out of copyright under U.S. law), or
      - Produced by the digitizing institution or by an Adventist entity (with its permission)

    - These include:
      - Books [includes periodicals and pamphlets]
      - Dissertations and thesis
      - Documents
      - Images
      - Video
      - Audio

ADL Consultation

- INTEGRATING LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH ADL (cont'd)
- Several significant issues
- 3.   Common standards. Unanimous agreement that common standards (for files to be stored on the ADL) are essential.
  - *Metadata and Common Standards Working Group*
    - Mark Copsey (WWU)
    - Lori Curtis (LLU)
    - Joshua Marcoe (GC ASTR)
    - Terry Robertson (AU)
    - Heather Rodriguez-James (OU)
    - Stefan Serena (White Estate)
    - Darryl Thompson (*chair*) (White Estate)
  - Common/minimum standards for:
    - Metadata (to include, but not limited to, MARC 21 records)
    - Imaging standards
    - Best types of file to use (.pdf, jpg, .tiff, etc.)
    - Appropriate standards for video and audio files
  - Report by September 6, 2013

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- INTEGRATING LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH ADL (cont'd)
- Several significant issues
- 4.   It was **agreed to set up an advisory group** to advise on systems integration questions.
  - *Systems Integration Advisory Group*
    - Gerald Rezes (LLU)
    - Steve Sowder (*chair*) (AU)
    - Alfredo Vergel (SWAU)
  - It was assigned the task of considering of compatibility/integration of ADL with the following systems
    - SirsiDynix
    - Innovatie
    - Exlibris
    - Voyager
    - Alma
    - Worldcat Local
    - Koha
    - TLC
    - Discovery software services
    - Digital Public Library of America
  - Report by September 30

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- PARTNERING WITH ADL
  - ADL invites all Adventist institutions to partner with it. What being an institutional partner of ADL will mean and how partnership would work. There was consensus that partnership needed to be defined in terms of
    - Intellectual property
    - Governance of the database
    - Conditions of usage [memo of understanding] that all those adding to and using the ADL should have to agree to.
  - It was agreed, that at its next meeting, ALICE should generate proposals for all of these and report by September 6.

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- EXPANDING AND ADDING FEATURES
  - In addition to what had already been discussed, it was **agreed** that:
    - Although individual partner websites might make provision for commenting or rating files, there should be **no** provision for either of these on the main ADL website
    - The database **should** allow for sharing files via Social Media
    - The software developers should **add** mechanisms for reporting faults with digital texts and for general feedback (to website managers, as opposed to general comments)

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- FUTURE DIGITIZATION
  - How to avoid duplication in digitization, it was **agreed:**
    - Each year, at the ASDAL Conference, the Adventist Resources Section of the program should include time for institutions to share their general digitization plans for the next year; and
    - That the ASDAL listserv should be used to communicate before digitizing any new resources. Online Google Doc also mentioned. Do not wait until large project done digitizing to post information.
  - There was a unanimous consensus that concentrating digitization efforts in just one or two institutions is undesirable, since each institution may have collections of local or regional significance in denominational history, which could otherwise be overlooked. However, it was **agreed** that pooling resources to digitize film, video, and/or audio file is worth exploration because of the high per-unit costs of digitizing such media.

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- ADL and SDAPI
  - It was agreed to leave discussion of possible future integration of ADL and the SDAPI to later discussion

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- NEXT STEPS
  - It was agreed that we should meet again on January 7, 2014, at the Adventist University of Health Sciences or at Florida Hospital subject to arrangements being confirmed between now and then.
  - Public demonstrations of a developed version of ADL at:
    - The Global Adventist Internet Network (GAiN) Conference in New Delhi, Feb. 10-18, 2014
    - Adventist University Presidents Council meeting in March 2014
    - Annual conference of ASDAL at WAU/GC in June 2014

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- **ACTION PLAN**

DUE DATE	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN
June 26, 2013	These minutes to be shared with those present at ASDAL conference at WWU
June 26, 2013	Library Directors to propose, at meetings of ASDAL and ALICE, that the funds for AdventistResources.org be transferred to GC for ADL development
Aug. 1, 2013	Deanna Flores to present proposals for next meeting of this group (to be sent to David Trim)
Sept. 6, 2013	Metadata and Common Standards Working Party to report (to be sent to David Trim who will distribute to group)
Sept. 6, 2013	ALICE to submit proposals for ADL partnership including provisions for intellectual property, governance, and conditions of usage (to be sent electronically to all the group)
Sept. 30, 2013	Systems Integration Advisory Group to report (to be sent to David Trim who will distribute to group)
Oct. 10-16, 2013	David Trim and Jim Nix to present report on progress with ADL to Annual Council
Dec. 31, 2013	Software developers to submit written report on progress made in response to recommendations from the Working and Advisory Groups
Jan. 7, 2014	Next meeting of this group—provisionally at AUHS, in Orlando, Florida.
Feb. 10-18, 2014	Demonstrate ADL at GAiN
March 2014	Demonstrate ADL at University Presidents' Council
June 2014	Demonstrate ADL at ASDAL

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- Demonstration—Joshua Marcoe

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- Panel Discussion
  - Reflections on the ADL Consultation
  - Highlights of the ADL Consultation
  - Areas for more work
  - Areas of concern
  - Future [3 to 5 years]
  - Partnering with ASDAL members
  - Role of SDA Periodical Index

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How far into the future do we need to look?

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