

# **THE CALIFORNIA DIGITAL LIBRARY AND THE LIBRARY OF CALIFORNIA**

## **JOINT STATEMENT ON COLLABORATION**

The mission of the California Digital Library (CDL) is to advance scholarship and science, foster excellence in teaching and learning, and promote service to the public by developing and providing continuous access to shared collections and applying appropriate digital technologies to influence and support innovations in scholarly communication. Consistent with its public service mission, the CDL is interested in mutually beneficial collaboration with the community of California libraries to: a) make the digital information resources in its collections more widely available to all Californians; b) serve as a collaborative platform for the development of new collections and services; and c) partner with others to address the issues and problems involved in providing effective service to library users in the digital environment.

The Library of California (LoC) came into existence in 1999 as a result of many years of legislative effort on the part of all types of libraries throughout California. The LoC was created to develop and implement multitype library cooperation throughout the state. Currently, funding is available to support the development of regional library networks, resource sharing reimbursements, licensed databases and telecommunications services. The California Digital Library was a strong supporter of the Library of California Act, and views the emerging LoC program as a natural and useful channel for collaboration with California's libraries.

Among the projects and collaborative activities already underway or identified as priorities within the scope of this agreement are:

- Development of and access to digital collections and services
  - California Periodicals database
  - The Online Archive of California
  - Government Information
  - Digitization programs and projects
- Issues related to creation, archiving, access to and use of statewide digital collections
  - Development and deployment of user authentication schemes
  - Development of portals or other similar access points to the resources of the California Digital Library and the Library of California
  - Standards and methods for archival-quality digitization
  - Statewide Information Database Licensing (SIDL) program, Negotiators' Advisory Task Force (NATF)

Additional specific projects and activities may be added to this list by agreement of the parties.

In order to further leverage the respective investments of the LoC and the CDL in digital information resources and services to better serve the citizens of the state of California, the LoC and the CDL will collaborate to:

- Develop mutually beneficial business models and administrative relationships that promote development of and access to digital collections and services that can be made available on a statewide basis, and to implement projects consistent with those models.
- Address issues related to creating, archiving, providing access to and using statewide digital collections by library users.

Collaborative activities may be implemented and supported through:

- Grants and other financial assistance to further the development of technologies and resources.
- Participation by staff on relevant committees and working groups.
- Provision of services for a fee.
- Participation by non-UC libraries in programs administered by the CDL, as sponsored by the LoC under agreements with the CDL.
- Sharing of information between the two organizations.
- Development of policies, procedures and best practices of mutual interest.

To facilitate this collaboration and provide the most effective coordination and communication among the parties, the following representatives from each organization agree to serve as primary contacts to the other organization:

California Digital Library                      Catherine Hutton, Director of Business Development

Library of California                              Diana Paque, Director, Library of California

The responsibility of the key contacts is to keep their respective colleague informed as to the technical and programmatic initiatives of their organization, to coordinate communication between the key personnel from each organization with regard to specific projects and activities, and to develop projects of mutual interest for consideration by the respective organizations. Other staff from each organization can be designated as contact points for individual projects, depending upon the nature of the project and the most efficient means of conducting business.

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James Dawe, President, Library of California Board

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