

# Arca Admins Meeting, Spring 2020

Date: Friday, March 6, 9:00 AM Pacific

Note taker: Richard Hayman

- New Site: Vancouver Public Library
  - Welcome; Renee briefly introduced team and VPL collections;
  - Upcoming: UFV library tech program
    - Will have a separate site from Arca, to be used as an instructional tool in repository course; child of the Arca sandbox
- Upcoming: Arca sandbox (<https://sandbox.arcabc.ca>)
  - Sandbox area for test configurations
  - Working on multisite capability
    - Brandon introduced the sandbox, in process of building out, will be a copy of Arca; separate, PW-protected server; does not have all of our content and child-sites
    - Shared environment for all Arca sites to test with
    - Looking at options for child-sites within the sandbox; likely a small fee for cost-recovery
    - Q: Can we install/test custom modules? - It will be the same as our current, ask Brandon to install; modules already in the main Arca build will all be available
    - Q: Will it be scraped/restored to default every night? - Brandon not yet sure how refreshes will be scheduled
    - Q: Does this replace the VMs we already use? - The sandbox will supplement whatever we're using already for our local testing; Brandon still recommends a local VM, but this will help for anyone at institutions where installing a VM is problematic
    - What about custom SOLR fields? - Sandbox will have the same fields as production Arca
- Solr updates:
  - Changes to Solr transforms
  - Solr core rebuild
    - Sandbox experience gives opportunity to explore fields in more detail; trimming default fields that are unused,
    - Old SOLR core was large and cluttered, has now been erased.
    - Reindexed all of Arca, which is why recent ingests/updates have been slowed; should be fine now, new core is slimmer and faster
    - Makes it easier to work with Solr Views, add new fields, edit existing fields
    - Derivatives backlog: If still experiencing, please contact Brandon to verify that it's just a large ingest holding things up.

- Ingest server works on first-come, first-served model, so large ingests can still slow things for everyone. Brandon/discoverygarden exploring how to prioritize content queued after a large-batch ingest
    - Q: Why are my left-side facets not displaying some elements that are included in the metadata? - Typically relates to the minimum display thresholds set for facets; by default there must be two results with that value to appear in the facets. This can be changed in your Solr settings.
- TK Labels:
  - Proof of concept is working (demo)
  - Explanation of TK communities:
    - Traditional knowledge labels indicate restrictions/notices on access and usage rights specifically in the context of indigenous communities
    - See [localcontexts.org/tk-labels](http://localcontexts.org/tk-labels), including the API and related module
    - These are more complicated than Creative Commons or similar licenses; extra steps necessary to implement; the community needs to be in the [hub.localcontexts.org](http://hub.localcontexts.org) before content can be properly labelled with TK
    - Work in progress for Arca implementation
- Theme refresh: getting started
  - Accessibility testing?
  - New theme design - subgroup?
    - Theme refresh/new design have been on the table for ~1 year, other priorities have come first; seems a good year to revisit this
    - Proposal for a taskgroup made of a subset of current Arca admins to bring back to the larger group
    - That work should include user testing
    - Q: What kind of requirements for recognition of localization, funding and other support from gov't on the main site, URLs, etc., now that Arca isn't just BC-specific? - Definitely something the taskgroup should consider
  - RESULT: A subgroup will form to work on the theme refresh. Brandon will send a request to the list for participants.
- Announcements/updates from members:
  - BC Regional Digitized History now the home for Digitized Okanagan History and Kootenay/Columbia Digitized History ([bcrdh.ca](http://bcrdh.ca))
  - Integration with single sign-on, anyone else had success? - This is something some of us want to allow users to sign-on and deposit themselves. Many challenges incl. different technologies, permissions/restrictions used at each institution. Sandbox might help with testing for us.