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# La Coalition canadienne de l'archivage Web | The Canadian Web Archiving Coalition

## An update

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# Outline

1. Overview
2. Trends and initiatives
3. Collections
4. Update from BAnQ and LAC





## **La Coalition canadienne de l'archivage Web (CCAW) Canadian Web Archiving Coalition (CWAC)**

“...established in 2017 to develop an inclusive community of practice within Canadian libraries, archives, and other memory institutions engaged or otherwise interested in web archiving, in an effort to identify gaps and opportunities best addressed by nationally coordinated strategies, actions, and services...”





## Trends

- Information sharing
- Capacity building
- Community of practice
- Bringing together LAC and BAnQ w/ academic libraries and archives





## Initiatives

- National Archive-It license
- DuraCloud sans Amazon (CANARIE-funded)
- Webinars





## Initiatives

- Copyright
- Bi-annual web archiving survey (based on NDSA)
- Bi-annual meeting
- Collections (over to you Nicholas!)





# Collections

- Information sharing to foster collaboration
  - Compiled collection & other web archive related policy documentation
  - Information sharing on curatorial methodologies
  - Identify gaps & topics of shared interest
- Tools, workflows, resources to do collaborative collecting
  - Pilot national collaborative collection
  - Internship opportunities for web archiving



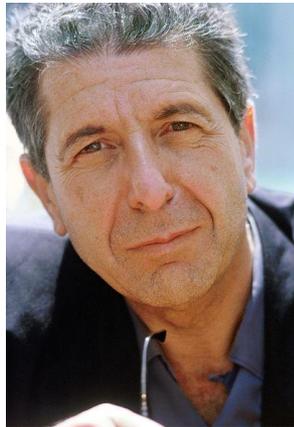


## Why a Canadian community of practice?

- Most national forums are organized along disciplinary/ occupational lines (e.g. archives, libraries, museums, galleries)
- Very little interaction between English & French institutions



# Enabling informal collaboration



Leonard Cohen  
1934-2016



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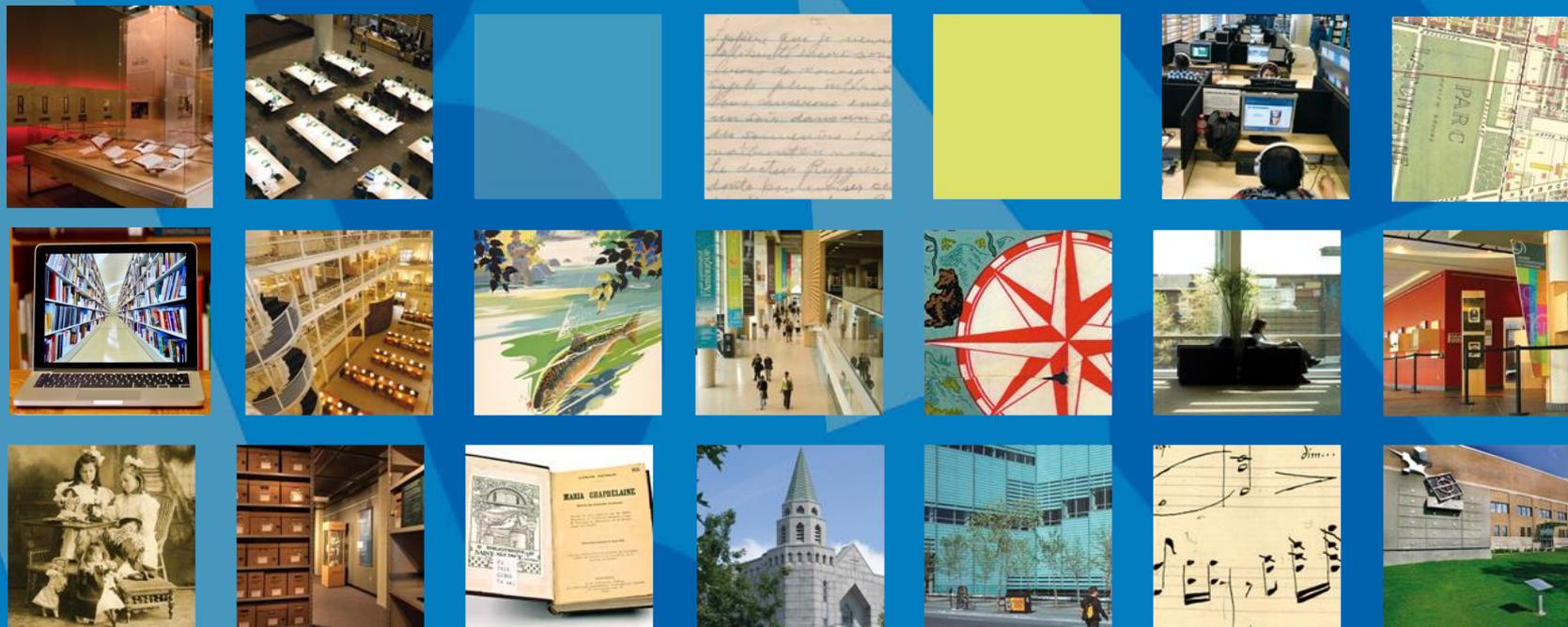
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# BANQ

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## Web Archiving at Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BANQ)

IIPC Web Archiving Conference – Zagreb, June 6, 2019

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# Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ) – Who Are We?

- A national library, national archives and a major public library (the Grande Bibliothèque)
- 12 facilities throughout Québec
- Established in 2006
- Only provincial national library in Canada
- A French-language institution by law



# BAnQ's Web Site Harvesting Programme

- Falls within the responsibility of the National Library
- In collaboration with the National Archives and the Public Library
- Creation of a Web Site Selection Committee:
  - Includes librarians and archivists from the different departments of BAnQ



# BAnQ's Web Archiving Programme: Context



- Began in 2009, as a pilot projet, with harvests on Québec's government Web sites
- Limited resources and no regular funding
- 2 part-time employees
- Minimal IT and technical support

# BAnQ's Web Archiving Programme: Subsidy

## 2018 Temporary resource: Québec government subsidy

- A Programmer-analyst dedicated
- Improvement of tools and workflow
- Increase of the number of authorized harvested Web sites made available online (quadrupled)
- Reduce backlog



# Legislative Context

## Québec legal deposit does not apply to Web sites

### Canadian Copyright Act

- BAnQ's interpretation of Copyright Act requires that we obtain authorization to provide access to Web sites.
- Authorization licence



### Exception: Québec government sites:

- Sites for which we have no licences can be viewed within BAnQ facilities.



# Harvesting Web Sites: selective approach

## BAnQ takes a **selective approach**

- Size of the body of materials to be collected, given BAnQ's limited resources
- Québec does not have an official domain name widely used
- Legal aspects (obtain a license)



## Selection criteria

For example:

- Government sites (.gouv.qc.ca, .quebec)
- Québec provincial and municipal elections
- Short-lived and media sites

# Tools

- Web crawler: Heritrix, version 3.3 and Webrecorder
  - Very large majority of CWAC members have an Archive-it subscription
- Database of authorizations and of harvested Web sites
- Internal harvest manager (several modules)
- OpenWayback, version 2.3.2



# Tools: Recent developments

## Important changes:

- Transition from a process that was very dependent on IT services to curator's autonomy at every step
  - From harvesting to making the content available
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- Flexibility
- Google Chrome Extensions
- Archives Unleashed (in-house)

# A decade of harvesting

	<b>2009-2019</b>
<b>Number of harvests</b>	<b>13,096</b>
<b>Number of domains (URL)</b>	<b>2,270</b>
<b>Number of organizations whose website is made available</b>	<b>1,434</b>
<b>Size of archives</b>	<b>31 Tb</b>

# Accessing Web Sites

## Since 2014

- Search by name, URL or subject
- Full-text search not provided
- Open access (90%) or in-house access (10%)

[http://www.banq.qc.ca/collections/collections\\_patrimoniales/archives\\_web/index.html?language\\_id=1](http://www.banq.qc.ca/collections/collections_patrimoniales/archives_web/index.html?language_id=1)

The screenshot shows the BANQ COLLECTIONS website. At the top right, there are links for "About BANQ", "Contact us", "Help", "Portail Québec", and "Français", along with a yellow "DONATE" button. The main navigation bar includes icons for home and search, and a search input field. Below this, there are menu items: "USING OUR SERVICES", "EXPLORE OUR CONTENTS", "PLAN A VISIT", "SEARCH TOOLS", "ACTIVITIES", "ASSISTIVE SERVICES", "ESPACE JEUNES", "LE SQUARE", and "BANQ NUMÉRIQUE".

The "Collections" section is active, with a sub-menu for "Heritage collections" including: Private archives, National collection, Saint-Sulpice Collection, National music collection, Centre québécois de ressources en littérature pour la jeunesse, Special collections, and Preservation of collections. The "Archives Web" section includes: Bibliographies, Nos trésors, and Parcours thématiques.

The "Web archiving" section states: "This collection includes a selection of Québec Web sites harvested for historical purposes. [To learn more](#) about this collection. The creation of this section aligns with Measure 58 of [Québec's Digital Cultural Plan](#)." It features a search interface with "Search by partial name" and "Search by partial URL" fields, and a "Search" button. Below the search area is a grid of website thumbnails.

The results section shows "1310 organizations (1-10)" with a dropdown menu for "Subject / Type of organization" and a "View all" link. The list includes:

- 100e anniversaire de la ville de La Sarre  
<http://lasarre2017.com/>  
<http://www.lasarre2017.com/>  
<http://www.ville.lasarre.qc.ca/>
- 300e anniversaire de la Ville de L'Assomption  
<http://300lassomption.ca/>  
<http://www.300lassomption.ca/>  
<http://www.quartierdesarts.ca/>
- 375e anniversaire de la Ville de Montréal / Vive 375 / Vive Montréal / Société des célébrations du 375e anniversaire de Montréal  
<http://www.375mtl.com/>  
<https://www.375mtl.com/>  
[http://ville.montreal.qc.ca/portail/page?\\_pageid=5798\\_85041649&\\_dad=portal&\\_schema=PORTAL](http://ville.montreal.qc.ca/portail/page?_pageid=5798_85041649&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL)
- À bien y penser / Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (MSSS)  
<http://www.itss.gouv.qc.ca/>  
<http://itss.gouv.qc.ca/>  
<http://www.tasjuste1vie.com>
- A/MAZE Jeux d'évasion et d'aventure  
<http://amazemontreal.com/>  
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# Goals

- Expand the online content
- Improve collaboration



**Our experience shows how important it is to obtain regular financial support for technical development to maintain the normal performance of a Web archiving programme.**

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**Thanks!**

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