

CONTENTdm[®] Update

News and events related to CONTENTdm and its user community

April 2018

What's new with CONTENTdm

HTTPS support for custom domain names

The web is increasingly moving to HTTPS for all public websites. If your CONTENTdm responsive website domain is at *.contentdm.oclc.org, you are already using HTTPS. If instead you are using a custom institution domain name, we can now support HTTPS for all public access to your site. You will need to [contact OCLC Support](#) to arrange the transfer and installation of your institution's SSL certificate to activate this functionality.

Advanced customization support portal

Many CONTENTdm users modify their sites to align with their branding or to add specific features and enhancements. The new CONTENTdm responsive website has received improvements over the past year to support more advanced customizations to the user interface. We have just launched a [customization support portal](#) with help documentation that provides basic information and examples to support advanced customizations.

To help as many CONTENTdm users as possible to take advantage of these advanced customizations regardless of the level of advanced web development skills they have on staff, we have built a [cookbook](#) of examples. You can download these examples and add them directly to your CONTENTdm site, often without any modification. This cookbook is a living and evolving section in the new customization support portal. If you have built your own customizations, we would love to add them to the cookbook so that other CONTENTdm users can use them as well.

CONTENTdm April 2018 release

The next release of CONTENTdm is scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2018. This release will have no downtime and will automatically be applied to your hosted

instance of CONTENTdm. It includes the following:

- Option to display more than 10 collection cards on the homepage
- Option to display more than 10 results on the search pages
- Search results paginator UI at the top of search results
- Removal of the "current tab focus" outline around the header logo
- Advanced Search header link color aligned with search and menu icon colors
- Removal of different color in footer menu links for "visited" state

To learn more about the release, participate in the overview webinar on April 12, 2018, at 11:00am EDT (UTC -4) (see below).

 **12 April 2018**

CONTENTdm release and customization webinar

11:00 am Eastern Daylight Time, North America (UTC -4)

Join Shane Huddleston, CONTENTdm Product Manager, for an overview of the April release of CONTENTdm. This webinar will summarize the new features and fixes in the update. Additionally, Shane will talk about the new advanced customization support portal and walk through some customization examples. This webinar will be recorded.

[Register now](#)

Upcoming events

CONTENTdm Users Group: August 1 – 2, 2018

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, August 1 and Thursday, August 2, 2018, and join us in Columbus, Ohio, where the annual CONTENTdm Users Group will meet at the newly renovated Columbus Metropolitan Library main branch. Teams of technologists and librarians are invited to participate in presentations and workshops covering a broad spectrum of digital library topics.



Plan to start early on Wednesday, August 1, for a full two days of programming, including workshops on the [International Image Interoperability Framework \(IIIF\)](#), CONTENTdm's support for it, and how these advances promote access to your

digital materials for all library types. Karen Estlund, Associate Dean for Technology and Digital Strategies, Penn State University Libraries, will provide our keynote address on digital library service innovations.

[Visit the event site](#) for additional information and to register.

Call for proposals

The 2018 Program Committee is now accepting abstracts for sessions and workshops to be presented to the CONTENTdm Users Group.

Technologists, librarians, archivists, and others interested in sharing their knowledge are invited to lead presentations and workshops covering a broad spectrum of digital library topics. Abstracts will be reviewed on a rolling basis, but submissions close on May 15, 2018. You will be notified of acceptance within two weeks of receipt of your proposal. For additional details, please [visit the call for proposals site](#).

CONTENTdm collections featured in the news

The University of Texas at El Paso asks public to help identify historic photographer's images showcased in CONTENTdm collection

The University of Texas at El Paso obtained permission from the family of Alfonso Casasola, a member of a famous Mexican family of photographers, to use and display the photographs from the early days of the Casasola Studio. Mr. Casasola established the Casasola Studio (Estudio Casasola) in El Paso in 1921, and he took pictures of brides, soldiers, graduations, and first communions, capturing the city's people for decades. Upon his death, his wife, Emma Flores, continued the studio until it was closed in 1989.

In 1992, while restoring the building that had housed the studio, workers discovered cardboard boxes filled with an estimated 50,000 negatives. The C.L. Sonnichsen Collection at The University of Texas at El Paso University Library acquired the collection in 1998. The library began digitizing the photos in 2001 and has completed work on more than 2,500 to date.

Because the negatives contain historic images of El Paso residents, the library staff have partnered with the [El Paso Times](#) since 2002 to publish unidentified images each week and to request the public's assistance in identifying the photos. Since the photos began to run in the newspaper, approximately 500 images have been identified. The first photo identified was PH041-04-00052 of Robert and Julia Urrea and their daughters. Mr. Urrea was the Mexican Consul in El Paso, and his son, who still lives in the city, went to the library the morning the photo was published and identified the family.



PH041-04-00052, Robert and Julia Urrea and their daughters

The library received many phone calls identifying Ramona Piña Losoya in PH041-02-CO136. She ran one of the 90 grocery stores operated by women in the El Paso area in the 1940s and raised five children after being widowed. After her picture appeared, her family found love letters between her and her husband.

Claudia Rivers, Head of Special Collections at the University Library, says, “The CONTENTdm interface makes updating and correcting information attached to the images much easier than the electronic database we were using before. We recently changed our catalog and web pages to responsive sites, and the responsive interface in CONTENTdm makes it much easier to view on portable devices.”

Watch [Powered Libraries](#), a video from the Texas Library Association, to hear more from librarians Claudia Rivers and Abbie Weiser, Assistant Head of Special Collections, on the collaboration with the El Paso Times and the impact this collection has on research at the University of Texas at El Paso. View the identified images in the [Casasola Photograph Collection](#) on CONTENTdm.

Have you joined the CONTENTdm community on the OCLC Community Center?

Connect. Collaborate. Contribute.



The CONTENTdm Community Center is an active user community that shares best practices, locally developed extensions, and product recommendations through user group meetings, virtual community insight webinars, an online discussion group, and enhancement requests on the [OCLC CONTENTdm Community Center](#) (log-in required). The Community Center also provides information about quarterly releases, updates, news, and other events related to CONTENTdm.

To get started with the OCLC Community Center, please request a [Service Account](#) and use the OCLC symbol for the organization that owns the CONTENTdm license. Within a few days your CONTENTdm Community Center username will be emailed to you, along with instructions for setting your password.

CONTENTdm training resources

Register now for CONTENTdm training webinars in April and May.

The fundamentals of using CONTENTdm to manage your digital collections are covered in upcoming webinars.

1. Getting started with CONTENTdm
2. Working with text in CONTENTdm
3. Maintaining collections in CONTENTdm

[Learn more](#)

Meet the CONTENTdm team

Geri Ingram, OCLC Community Manager

Geri is the OCLC Community Manager for the CONTENTdm community. Geri has served as a customer services specialist, trainer, implementation consultant, and community manager for CONTENTdm since its inception.

In 1997, while serving as the original Digital

Initiatives Librarian at the University of Washington, Geri partnered with Greg Zick at the Center for Information Systems Optimization, which had developed a new image search engine called CONTENT. Geri later worked as an independent consult and Customer Services Manager at Digital Media Management (DiMeMa, Inc.), which Dr. Zick founded in 2001 to evolve CONTENT into CONTENTdm. She stayed on when OCLC acquired DiMeMa and CONTENTdm in 2006.



Geri Ingram

Geri is passionate about learning of the innovative work libraries are doing with CONTENTdm, and she is looking forward to workshops focusing on the International Image Interoperability Framework (IIIF) at the upcoming [CONTENTdm Users Group meeting](#) on August 1 – 2 in Columbus, Ohio.

Have your CONTENTdm collections featured on the CONTENTdm website

Interested in highlighting your unique CONTENTdm collections and sharing them with your fellow CONTENTdm users and the library community? Send a message to [Julie Seward](#) with the link to your collection to have it considered for inclusion with our [featured collections](#) in the coming months. Selected collections will also be highlighted on the OCLC Facebook and Twitter pages.

[Submit your collection](#)

Need help with CONTENTdm?

Are you a CONTENTdm user who needs assistance? Contact OCLC Support at support@oclc.org or +1-800-848-5800 (US).

