Shared Preservation and Digitalization
The example of ARALD

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ARALD (1993)

- Actions on the Rhône-Alpes area (8 French departments)
- Targeting book professionals: authors, publishers, booksellers, librarians,
- Funds provided by the « Région Rhône-Alpes » and the State (Culture Department, Regional Directorate of Cultural Affairs in Rhône-Alpes – DRAC Rhône-Alpes)
In the field of libraries

Actions of preservation and valorisation of the written heritage

Two actions target the press:
- *The Plan of Shared Preservation of Periodicals*
- *The Campaign of Safeguarding and Valorisation of historic press*
The Plan of shared preservation of periodicals

Purpose

In the Rhône-Alpes area, distribution of the conservation of “paper” periodicals (currently in libraries) among different institutions
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Operating Principles

Working on the basis of thematic corpuses made up of current titles, today:

- there are 7 corpuses made up of 898 titles
- 3 new corpuses are underway
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Operating Principles

- Multiple partners: public, university and specialized libraries, departments of archives, documentation services (53 institutions)
- Positioning of the institutions as “preservation poles” and/or “associated institutions”
- Commitment agreement with ARALD
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Operating Principles

- Reporting of the collections preserved in the national database of SUDOC-PS
- Compliance to the documentary policy of the different institutions
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Steering Committee

- Composed of members representing the different types of institutions and ARALD
- 3 to 4 meetings a year
- Selection and definition of the corpuses, determination of the distribution between the institutions, consideration of the stakes and the tools used...
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The tools used in the Plan
http://www.arald.org/periodiques2.php

- An online database: search by title, by ISSN, by corpus, by institution
- A mailing list: for donations and research (1,000 messages a year)
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Evolution

Creation of a Plan for the libraries of the PRES (Research and Higher Education Pole) in Lyon/Saint-Etienne:

- integrated in the existing plan (which will be put on line in June 2012)
- titles that still exist and titles which have disappeared (10,000 titles)
- 14 institutions
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Priority of professionals

Preservation of the collections of the general information press published in Rhône-Alpes in the 19th and 20th centuries
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Purposes

- Creation of alternative documents (microfilms, then digital documents and/or microfilms as from 2001)
- Making the general public aware of the riches of the press preserved in the institutions in the Rhône-Alpes area
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Operating

- Setting up the plans at the level of the departments (8 plans)
- At least 2 institutions participate in the plan: public libraries, department or municipal archive services
- Pooling collections and budgets (with financial assistance from the DRAC)
- Steering and coordination by ARALD
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Results

- About 60 titles processed, among which 40 have been digitalized
- In 2012: 4 departments are concerned
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Valorisation

- 2 exhibitions in 2001 and 2002
- In 2009, press titles digitalized in text mode will be put on line on the portal Mémoire et actualité en Rhône-Alpes
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Valorisation in 2012

- The full text of 35 titles will be accessible on line (400,000 pages taken from newspapers dated from 1807 to 1944)
- Tools for the search and visualisation of the results by title, geographical area, period, type of newspaper…
- Thematic files set up on the basis of titles available on line
- Digital mediation via Twitter: @memactu
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Valorisation in 2012

www.memoireetactualite.org
Résultats de votre recherche

- La Croix de la Drôme - 21 avril 1912 page : 3
- La Croix de la Drôme - 28 avril 1912 page : 1
- La Croix de la Drôme - 28 avril 1912 page : 3
- La Croix de la Drôme - 09 juin 1912 page : 1
- La Croix de la Drôme - 07 juin 1914 page : 4
- La Croix de la Drôme - 23 mai 1915 page : 4
- Le Journal d'Annonay - 17 avril 1912 page : 2
- Le Journal d'Annonay - 24 avril 1912 page : 2
- Le Journal d'Aubenas - 19 août 1939 page : 1
- Le Journal de Pliusas - 06 décembre 1930 page : 2
- Le Journal de Tournon - 31 mai 1914 page : 1
- Le Journal de Vienne - 10 janvier 1931 page : 1
- Le Journal de Vienne - 10 janvier 1931 page : 6
- Le Moniteur Viennois - 10 janvier 1931 page : 3
- Le Stéphanais - 25 octobre 1910 page : 1
- Le Stéphanais - 17 avril 1912 page : 1
- Le Stéphanais - 17 avril 1912 page : 3
- Le Stéphanais - 18 avril 1912 page : 1
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- Le Stéphanais - 19 avril 1912 page : 1
La Catastrophe du ‘Titanic’

675 passagers et 193 membres de l’équipage sauvés

La “Touraine” avait prévenu le “Titanic”
Le “Carmania” faillit sombrer, 675 passagers et 193 membres de l’équipage se seraient perdus.
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Problems encountered

- Orders by segments and not by complete titles
- Fast evolution in needs, techniques and file formats:
  - Reprocessing of the digital files created between 2001 and 2007 (indexation by day, OCR allowing for a search in full text...)
  - Roles of the national and international bodies?
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Problems encountered

- Preservation of the digital files in the long term:
  - Technical and legal matters
  - Preservation procedure set up by ARALD in 2007 for the 1,900,000 files concerned
- Need to consider the issue at national level in order to take it into account in the framework of the policies of heritage preservation
Information

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