

Arca Actions & Achievements 2024

Key Numbers from 2024

- In 2024, Arca members collectively avoided \$2.9 million in costs.
- 30 participating Arca sites saved a combined 37,278 staff hours thanks to centralized administration.
- Via Arca, local and global researchers have access to 263,717 digital items in 1,672 collections; these items include newspapers, theses, performance art, oral histories, articles, maps, and photographs.
- Visitors from 207 countries increasingly engaged with Arca in 2024:
- 94,965 searches were conducted in 2024; up from 74,997 in 2023.
- There were 394,662 pageviews in Arca in 2024; up from 254,931 in 2023.
- \$500,000 in critical funding from the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills ensures minimal impact on Arca sites during the migration to Islandora 2.0.

“Digital repositories have such an advocacy power. They allow communities to shape their narratives.” Sasha Han, Arca Migration Specialist

2024 Accomplishments

Growing membership: Welcomed Okanagan College as a new member and introduced a policy to allow non-library organizations, such as museums and historical societies, to join Arca.

Migrating to a new platform: Progressed on the migration to Islandora 2.0 by developing a detailed action plan, establishing technical infrastructure, and standardizing metadata across member sites. A dedicated Migration Specialist supported local administrators, while coordination with Discovery Garden and SFU Cloud hosting ensured smooth implementation.

Improving metadata standards: Established new shared metadata standards across all member sites, improving interoperability, discovery, and long-term sustainability. Thousands of repository items were updated to meet migration standards, significantly enhancing metadata consistency and accessibility.

Representing Arca's needs: Joined the Local Contexts Early Adopter program and the Islandora Foundation Leadership Group, ensuring Arca's needs were represented in repository development.

On the horizon in 2025...

- Migrate all sites to the new Islandora 2.0 platform.
- Release the Local Contexts Integration to enable the display of TK Labels.
- Launch Islandora Workbench documentation and a new ticketing system to streamline repository administration and Admin Centre support.

2024-25 Financials (Projected)

The Arca budget is approved by the [Advisory Committee](#).

Arca's revenue streams:

- Member Service Support (includes additional storage and support fees): \$188,291
- PSFS Arca Migration Capital Funding: \$160,000
- BC ELN Contribution: \$10,000

Note: Start of year balance: \$98,145

Arca's categories of expenditures:

- Migration Service Provider: \$192,924
- Staffing and Coordination Infrastructure: \$109,399
- Migration Staffing: \$87,042
- Vendor Support: \$23,266
- Software and Technology Infrastructure: \$12,555
- Islandora Foundation and DataCite Membership: \$4,114
- Admin, Communication, Governance: \$1,791

Note: End of year balance (projected): \$25,345

About and Contact

Visit the Arca repositories: <https://arcabc.ca/arca-repositories>

Learn more about the Arca Digital Repository: <https://bceln.ca/services/shared-services/arca-digital-repository>

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