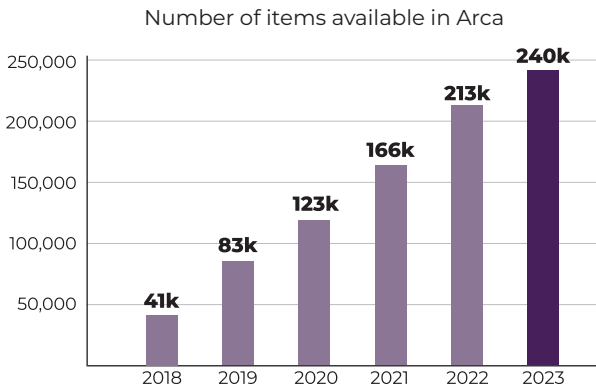




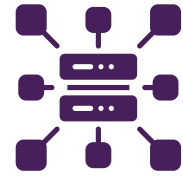
ACTIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS 2023



The number of digital items in Arca continues to grow. As of 2023, there were

240,312

items - including research papers, historical photos, newspapers, and more.



29

member sites belong to Arca. Sites benefit from shared infrastructure, administrative support, and an active community of practice.



75,000

searches were conducted in Arca in 2023.



Arca participating sites collectively avoided

\$2,692,173

in costs in 2023 thanks to sharing a platform, storage, and coordination.



Visitors from 207 countries viewed

255,000

pages in Arca in 2023.



In 2023, central administration collectively saved members

39,000

hours. Staff are able to devote time saved to other organizational priorities.



By joining Arca, members avoid

77%

in costs compared with setting up an individual Islandora installation.



Arca Sites as of 2023:

- Athabasca University
- BC History Digitization Program *
- BC Regional Digitized History *
- Brandon University
- Camosun College
- CAPER-BC
- Capilano University
- Coast Mountain College
- College of New Caledonia ~ via Loupe *
- College of the Rockies
- Douglas College
- Emily Carr University of Art + Design
- Justice Institute of British Columbia
- Kwantlen Polytechnic University
- Langara College
- Mount Royal University
- Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
- North Shore Digital Libraries *
- Red Deer Polytechnic
- Selkirk College
- Thompson Rivers University
- Trinity Western University
- UBC iSchool
- University Canada West
- University of Northern British Columbia
- University of the Fraser Valley
- Vancouver Community College
- Vancouver Public Library
- Yukon University

* = Denotes a "hub" site, where member site contains multiple community site collections.

2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Secured \$500,000 from the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills to migrate Arca’s technical infrastructure – which is reaching end-of-life — to Islandora 2. This critical funding ensures that Arca’s digital collections are preserved and openly accessible. The new infrastructure will improve the Arca experience for both member sites and visitors.

Made significant progress in preparing for the migration to Islandora 2, including standardizing metadata fields across all repositories and implementing shared vocabularies. BC ELN also successfully negotiated a contract to work with discoverygarden, the vendor for Arca’s technical support and maintenance, on the migration.

Expanded to encompass five additional BC ELN institutions within Arca. Arca now comprises 29 member organizations, of which 22 are partner libraries affiliated with BC ELN. Arca membership has steadily increased since 2017, with an average number of 5 new sites joining each year. This continual expansion serves to enhance the Arca community of practice, introducing fresh voices and diverse perspectives into the collaborative network.

Looking ahead to 2024...



On the radar for the service in 2024:

An Arca Migration Specialist starts work in January, helping coordinate metadata standardization efforts across member sites during the migration.

Arca staff will meet weekly with a discoverygarden project manager to finalize the planning phase that will guide the migration work going forward.

A new, scalable and sustainable deal has been worked out with SFU’s Cloud Services team, to provide Arca with the infrastructure it needs for the long term.

2023-24 FINANCIALS (PROJECTED)

