



## **DLF Board annual review: May 2006-April 2007**

### **Project accomplishments:**

- Awarded \$816,000 from the Mellon Foundation for *DLF Aquifer Development for Interoperability Across Scholarly Repositories: American Social History Online*
- Hired staff for project team
- Expanded harvested collection scope from Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War to American culture and life and harvested additional MODS metadata for 34 sets from three libraries for access to over 230,000 digital objects
- Published two D-Lib articles, one covering the overall project scope (May 2006) and the other providing in-depth information about “asset actions” (October 2006)
- Completed an architectural framework for DLF Aquifer
- Completed the *Digital Library Federation/Aquifer Implementation Guidelines for Sharable Metadata*
- Completed a study of obstacles libraries face in supplying sharable metadata
- Completed focus group interviews with Aquifer participant libraries
- Redesigned Aquifer web pages

### **Aquifer Director activities:**

- Visited six Aquifer participant libraries and one DLF member library interested in learning more
- Explored funding options, wrote grant proposals and attended workshops held by funding agencies (NSF, Hewlett, IMLS)
- Spoke about Aquifer at ALA, a metadata workshop at Emory University, the Center for Studies in Higher Education at UC Berkeley and DLF Forums
- Served as interim DLF Executive Director for two months

### **Program for the coming year:**

- Launch *DLF Aquifer Development for Interoperability Across Scholarly Repositories: American Social History Online*
- Continue to add collections to metadata harvest
- Evaluate funding opportunities for additional DLF Aquifer facets—metadata remediation and enhancement and tools development
- Evaluate DLF Aquifer’s strategic value within DLF as the DLF vision is revised under new leadership