Presidential Libraries

- 13 official, administered by National Archives and Records Administration
- Documents and artifacts of early presidents are scattered in libraries, museums, and private collections
- TR Center is gathering TR’s papers “virtually” – equivalent of a presidential library
- Letters, diaries, scrapbooks, speeches, essays, photographs
- “Writingest” president
Theodore Roosevelt Digital Library

- Library of Congress – largest TR collection
  - 250,000 documents (485 reels of microfilm)
- National Park Service
  - Birthplace, Sagamore Hill, Inaugural
  - Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Theodore Roosevelt Island, Mount Rushmore
- Harvard University – 2nd largest collection
  - More than 70,000 documents
THEODORE ROOSEVELT, President, was born in New York City on October 27, 1858; entered Harvard College in 1876 and graduated in 1880; took up the study of law, but in 1881 was elected to the Legislature, and was twice reelected; in his second term in the Legislature, was the candidate of his party for Speaker, the majority of the Assembly however being Democratic; during his third term served as Chairman of the Committee on Cities and presided over the sessions of an investigating committee whose report led to the enactment of a number of laws remedying gross abuses in the government of New York City; was a delegate to the State Convention in 1884 to choose delegates to the Republican National Convention, and was selected as one of the four delegates at large from New York to the National Convention; later in the same year
he went to North Dakota, and remained there for a few years on a ranch, engaged in raising cattle; in 1886 returned to the East, and became the Republican nominee for Mayor of New York City; from 1894 to 1898 was a member of the Eighth Regiment N.G. N.Y., and captain in the regiment.
Interactive Kiosks

- Theodore Roosevelt National Park
- Bowman Regional Public Library
- Bismarck State College Library
- Grand Forks Red River High School
- Future sites
  - Mount Rushmore
  - Sagamore Hill
  - U.S.S. Roosevelt
Cyberinfrastructure for TRDL

- Storage for the documents > 4.5 TB to date
  - Permanence
  - Security
  - Partnership with ND ITD
- Storage for the digital asset database and the web site
- Bandwidth
  - Volunteers and interns working around the country
  - Users to access the collection (new web site)
A Revolution...

• ...in the way historians conduct research, in the way history gets written, in the connections we’ll be able to make that we likely never could have seen before, in the way teachers teach students about our nation’s past, in the way we understand TR.

• ...that goes far beyond TR—historians and students and interested people will use the TRDL to learn more about Panama, the U.S. navy, American diplomacy, New York state government, conservation, third-party politics...and on and on.

• ...that goes beyond North Dakota—because people will access this site in Amsterdam and in Algeria, in every place where there’s a computer and access to the worldwide web—and the web design will make plain that the site is the creation of people in North Dakota; in Dickinson; at Dickinson State University.

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