

The George Meany Memorial Archives go online with Eloquent

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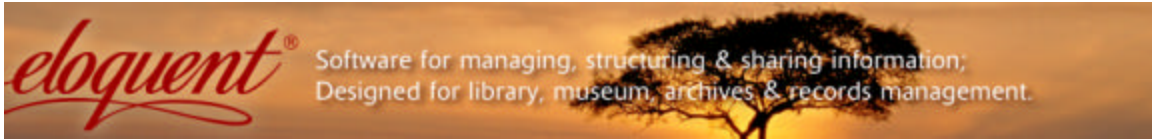
We welcome The George Meany Memorial Archives (GMMA) to the growing list of Eloquent WebSuite customers. To accommodate the workflow at GMMA, the Eloquent consultants integrated components of the WebArchives and WebRecords applications. The database is now hosted on the Eloquent server, making it available to the GMMA staff and the public from anywhere on the Internet.

The American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) established The George Meany Memorial Archives in 1980 to honor the memory of George Meany, its first president, and to provide a program to preserve its historical records and make them available for research. GMMA - located in Silver Spring, Maryland, on the campus of the National Labor College - holds the records of the AFL-CIO, including administrative and staff departments, constitutional trade departments, and some federation-sponsored programs. Dating from the earliest days of the American Federation of Labor (1881), but offering almost complete records from the founding of the AFL-CIO (1955), the collections provide rich resources for historians, political scientists, trade union activists, and undergraduate and graduate students who want to examine a wide range of twentieth-century American political and social issues.



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Sarah Springer, a GMMA archivist, worked with Stan Khaloupny, an Eloquent consultant, to complete Phase I of the project. The objective of this phase was to transfer the data from an old DOS software package to the new Web-based technology and create a public search interface. A second phase of the project will enhance the application to capitalize on the many benefits of the Web-based technology. It has the potential to become a valuable research tool for the public. Various links can be added to the detail displays to guide researchers as they



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navigate through the database. Also, images and other types of content may be linked to the meta-data.

The public access search is available at the George Meany Memorial Archives website: <http://www.georgemeany.org/archives/home.html>

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