Offline internet:
extending the reach of digital libraries

AGENDA

Purpose

To advance collaboration around agreed principles for the future of offline internet – systems and services designed to bring internet content to people and places without live network access.

Objectives

- *During the workshop:* acquire a better understanding of the actors of offline internet, their technologies, and the existing and possible synergies between them, which are prerequisites for future collaborations; identify non-participants to approach for inclusion in next conversations.
- *Mid-term:* Consolidate a consortium of actors to design and implement common projects, align technologies and practice, and build an instrument to expand fundraising capacities for offline internet solutions.
- *Long-term:* Develop global standards for offline internet, covering all the domains that require alignment.

Wednesday, 31st January	
Time	**Topic**
8:30 – 9:00	*Welcome of participants*
9:00 – 9:15	**Welcome words and introduction** Jim O'Donnell, Arizona State University Jeremy Lachal, Libraries Without Borders
9:15 - 10:30	**Round of presentations** | Lightning Talks Each participant will have 3 minutes to introduce visually their organisation and provide an overview of its offline internet solution, theory of change, strengths and weaknesses, as well as the participant's expectation for the summit. THREE MINUTE LIMIT WILL BE ENFORCED!

10:30 – 10:45	*Coffee Break*
10:45 – 12:30	**Defining the needs – Introduction (**10 minutes) **Setting up standards for offline internet** Following a presentation of the rationale underlying the summit by Libraries Without Borders (25 minutes), this session aims at identifying the potential for development of global standards. Table discussion (25) **Building the consortium/coalition** Discussion of who the known players are and how to identify others, then of how to organize from the summit to make contact and add others to the working group. (45 minutes)
12:30 – 1:30	*Lunch*
1:30 – 3:00	**Round 1: Breakout sessions** ● **Software** What are the different domains in which global standards would favor synergy and solve current issues? What are the requirements for the definition of these standards? How can each organization contribute to the development of these standards and their dissemination? What are the steps forward? ● **Operations** What are the main challenges encountered in the deployment of offline digital libraries? How has each organisation dealt with these challenges? Are there any potential partnerships that would increase collective global impact? What are the steps forward? ● **SHORT REPORTS at 2:45**
3:00 – 3:30	*Break*
3:30 – 5:00	**Round 2: Breakout sessions** ● **Hardware** What are the main challenges encountered in the use of existing hardware for offline internet or the development of new solutions/adaptation of existing solutions? Main successes? How has each organisation dealt with these challenges? How can each organisation contribute to global efforts on hardware to support offline digital libraries? What are the steps forward?

	● **Content** What are the main challenges encountered in the curation of quality content? Main successes? What would a standard for the indexing of content look like? What would a global content access strategy look like? How can each organisation contribute to the global content curation efforts? What are the steps forward? ● **SHORT REPORTS at 4:45**
5:00 – 5:15 6:15	**Wrap up** **Dinner:** offsite at Tempe waterfront, casual and quiet atmosphere

Thursday, 1st February	
Time	**Topic**
9:00 – 10:00	**What we have learned** Further review of breakout sessions and active discussion of progress so far and issues identified.
10.00 - 10.15	*Coffee Break*
10:15 – 12:15	**Framing the ways forward** Following the in-depth exploration of the 4 themes (software, hardware, content, operations), this session aims at defining the next steps for the group: ● Identification of thematic working groups ● Objectives and timeline of each working group ● Identification and recruitment of other organisations ● Communication and collaboration strategies for the consortium.
12:15 – 12:30 12:30	**Wrap up** **Lunch** (sandwiches for takeaway for those who must depart)