

Music in space and time: Using data visualization to understand a local music collection

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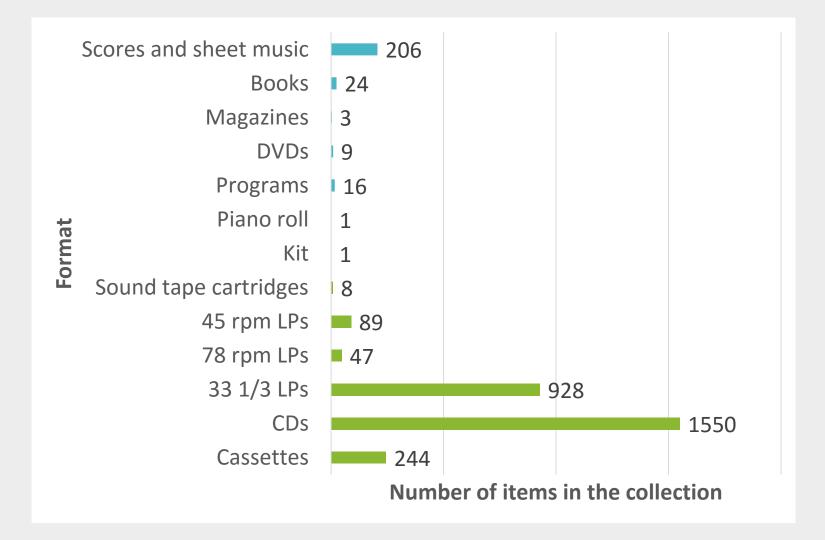
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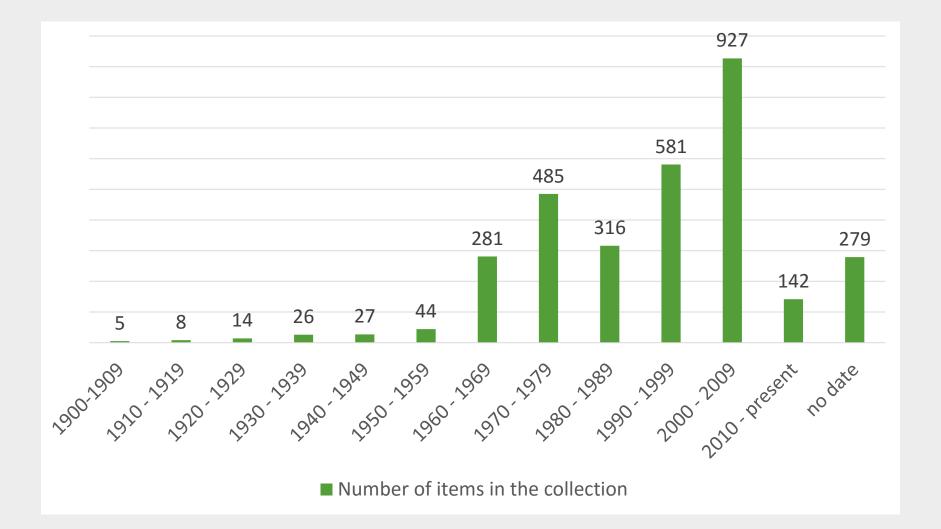
- Introduction
- The Saskatchewan Music Collection
- Why make a map?
- Workflow
- Proof of concept examples
- Future directions
- Discussion

THE SASKATCHEWAN MUSIC COLLECTION

- Collection strengths:
 - Sound recordings
 - Sheet music
 - Aboriginal music, popular music, & music from local ensembles







SMC HISTORY

1997 Physical
collection
established
in the
Education &
Music
Library

2010 -Digitization project started 2015 Online
access in
Saskatchewa
n History
Online
(Islandora)

2015 -Collection website launched

2016 – geospatial visualization

"Metadata representations cannot be grouped, merged, decomposed, or transformed in any other way, and once a collection is catalogued, it is treated as a monolith that is not to be subject to any changes. Additionally, static metadata representations do not allow users to gain awareness of transitional processes in spaces."

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CHALLENGE

How can we create a more intuitive way to browse the collection?



"Richer interactions can be found in the space-timetopic-centered visualizations, which help users understand transitions associated with space, time and topics in collections. The merit of this type of interface is that it shows interrelationships among three ontological properties of documents: geographic space, time and topics and a change in any of these properties is reflected in the other properties."

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WHY MAKE A MAP?

- Put the Saskatchewan Music Collection in spatial context
 - Where was music related to Saskatchewan published over time?
- Other questions we could ask:
 - Where were the artists born? Where did they die?
 - Who influenced who? Are there spatial patterns?
 - Are there stories that we can tell by looking at where artists lived and played/composed?
- •Examples:
 - BC Newspapers from UBC Open Data:
 https://open.library.ubc.ca/collections/bcnewspapers

Saskatchewan History Online - First World War Linked Open Data Prototype:

http://rdf.usask.ca:8082/SaskLOD/

WORKFLOW

- Consultation
 - Kristin's Confessions!
- •What data was interesting and unique in representing this collection, based on the MARC data from the catalogue?
 - Artist/album title (245)
 - Locations in the Publication fields (260)
 - Subject Headings (650)
 - Publication date (260)
 - Format (300)

WORKFLOW

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Obtain MARC records

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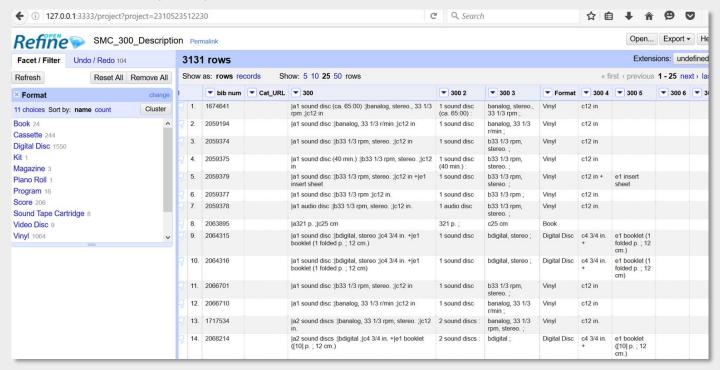
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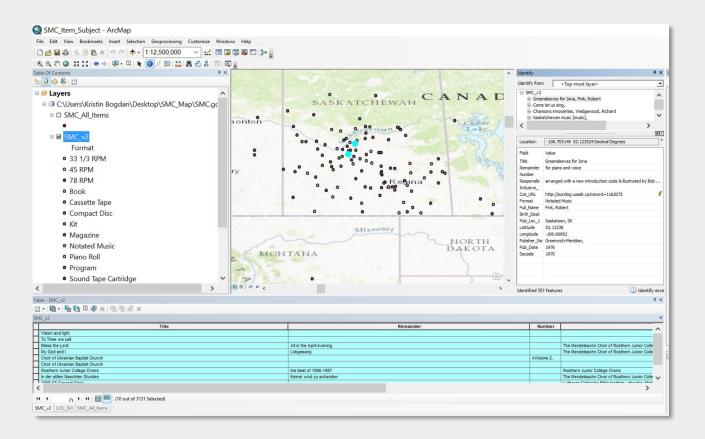
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WORKFLOW

Data clean-up (OpenRefine)



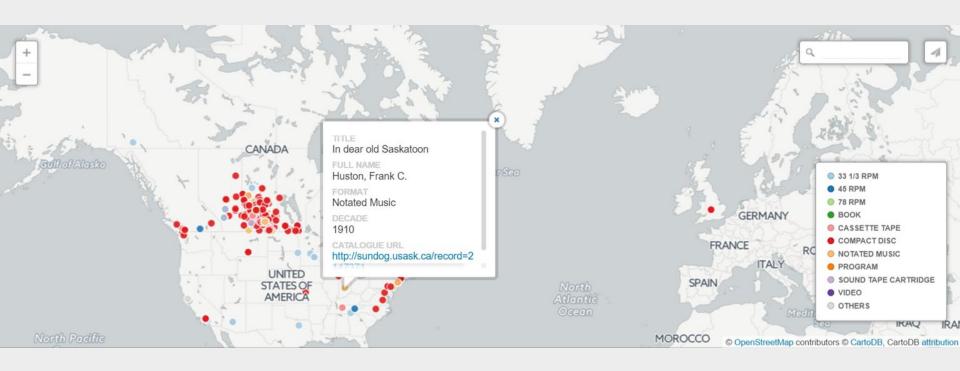
PROOF OF CONCEPT - ARCMAP DESKTOP



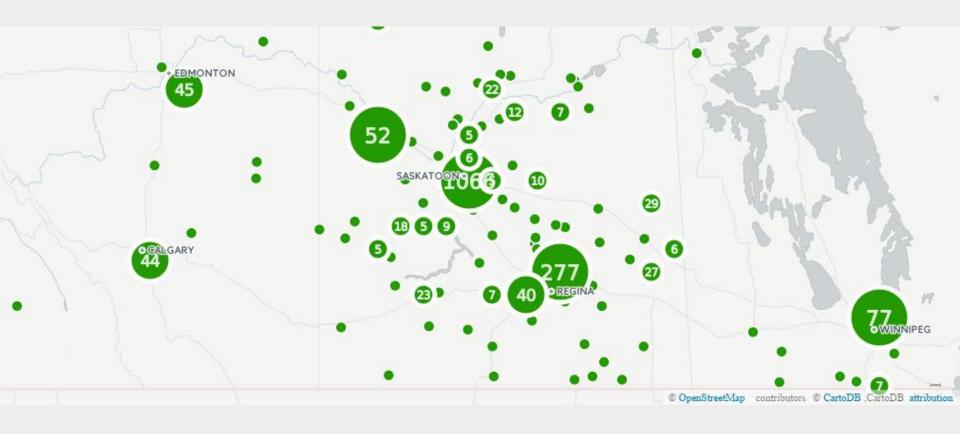
PROOF OF CONCEPT - CARTODB WEB MAP

- <u>SMC All Items:</u> All items in the collection, symbolized by format, only the top item at each location is visible.
- SMC All Items: Everything published at a location listed in a text box
- <u>Total Items Clustered by Location:</u> The total number of items published at a location
- <u>SMC Format over time:</u> Shows the variation in formats over time and the place of publication

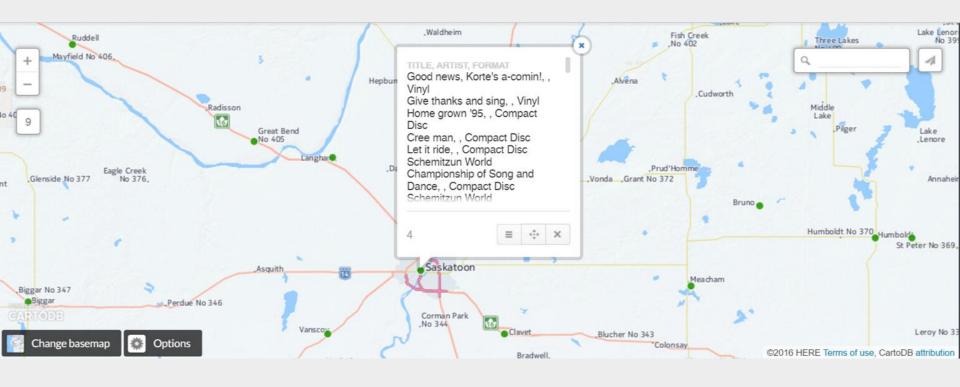
SMC - ALL ITEMS



SMC - CLUSTERS IN CARTODB



SMC - ALL ITEMS, LIST IN POPUP



FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- Further development of map functionality
- Adding additional data
- Making the visualization accessible on the website
- Archiving the data

RELATED RESOURCES

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- Saskatchewan Music Collection dataset: https://kristinbogdan.cartodb.com/tables/smc_all_items/public
- Saskatchewan Music Collection Website: smc.usask.ca
- Proof of concept maps: https://kristinbogdan.cartodb.com/maps



QUESTIONS?

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