

Electronic Literature Showcase at the Library of Congress Impact Report

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The Electronic Literature Showcase was a three-day event hosted by the Library of Congress. It featured numerous scholarly and creative events, including an exhibit entitled "Electronic Literature and Its Emerging Forms;" literary readings by authors of electronic literature; a book display of 20th century artists' books along with older forms of experimental printing and bookmaking; a special exhibit by the Rare Book and Special Collections Division; a keynote address by noted hypertext author and literary scholar Stuart Moulthrop (University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee); and a panel discussion by Matthew Kirschenbaum (University of Maryland), Nick Montfort (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Kathi Inman Berens (University of Southern California & Marylhurst College), and Dene Grigar (Washington State University Vancouver).

This Impact Report captures data beginning with the event from its launch and covers reviews, articles, and blog posts; press and promotions; and participation and attendance about and at the event. It serves as evidence of the event's important contribution to scholarship of the field.

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3. Attendance & Participation

- Visitors to the exhibit, April 3-5, 2013: 751
Attendees to the Keynote Address and Panel Discussion: 55
- Visits to Electronic Literature & Its Emerging Forms Archive (dtc-wsuv.org/ELIT/ELIT-LOC), from 20 Mar. 2013- 12 Apr. 2013
Total Visitors: 4058, from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, France, India, Italy, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand Norway Poland, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, UK, and US
- Electronic Literature & Its Emerging Forms *Facebook* Page:
205 Total Likes, from US, Canada, Poland, UK, Australia, Norway, and France
17,046 Friends of Fans, from US, Canada, UK, Spain, France, Japan, and Italy
84 PeopleTalking about This, from US, Denmark, Italy, Australia, Switzerland, Norway, and Canada
2494 Total Weekly Reach
- Posted also at the Electronic Literature Organization Facebook Page, *I ♥ E-Poetry Facebook* Page

