



Summer 2022 Newsletter

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2022 TRAIL Annual Meeting - Recap

We would like to thank those TRAIL members who were able to join us for the 2022 TRAIL Annual Meeting that occurred on May 24-26, 2022. The meeting was presented remotely out of the utmost concern for the health of our members. The hosting, including the excellent puzzles and games specifically created for this meeting, was superbly done by TRAIL member Kari Kozak from the University of Iowa. Between 30-40 TRAIL members joined us each day during the meeting.

The overall structure of the meeting consisted of different presentations and discussions covering the work that TRAIL has done during the previous year for Day 1, more in-depth presentations on the processing, distributed cataloging,

and digitization work for Day 2, and brainstorming sessions with the TRAIL membership to help guide the work of TRAIL in the coming years on Day 3. If you cannot remember a certain presentation, want to see how Central (University of Arizona) or UNT (University of North Texas) help TRAIL, or were not able to attend the meeting, you are in luck!

Please see [Annual Meeting Workspace](#) for all the presentations, discussion notes, and other details from the meeting.

TEAM 2 BRAINSTORMING AREA

1 Duplicate stickies

2 Duplicate stars/stickers

3 Move ideas under favorite ideas and provide topic #hashtags

yellow sticky

green

sticky note

orange sticky

pink sticky

#TRAILcat

provide letters of support for T&P

encourage newer people to take leadership rows

continue to expand distributed cataloging

people retire, die: need a best practices on our response

Promise & vision of preservation of material.

TRAIL provide internships with ISchools for distributed cataloging, scanning, and other archival TRAIL work. Remote work guided by ischool programmers.

#TRAILblazing

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#longTRAIL

FAVORITE IDEAS

Added from chat follow: "Deacc guidan deposi would pieces longer Deacc II about i somet"

Support and guidance from TRAIL for deaccessioning, participation, and membership.

#talkingpoints

#decanting

TRAIL could consider legal counsel to help with copyright issues related to contractor reports. Could we work with someone on this? - work with GPO collections guidelines

#legaleagles

If we want to think big, consider hiring a TRAIL FT coordinator.

Team 2
Daureen
Courtney
Sarah
Teresa

BRAINSTORMING AREA

#partnerships

Legal counsel to help with copyright issues

approach Linda Hall Library re: membership &/or distributed cataloging

More partnerships or joint ventures with federal agencies

Look at grants for funding

develop backup plans for UA and UNT #successionplanning

Continue looking at Internet Archive collaboration. virtual distributed cataloging institutions.

virtual tour of the workflow stages

Better communication across the WGs

Review the workspace for better usability

If we want to think big, consider hiring a TRAIL FT coordinator.

#people

In-Kind TRAIL membership in exchange of work performed

encourage newer people to take leadership rows

Internships with ISchools

Using new UNT procedure for institutions scanning their material locally to get new collections (e.g. unclassified LANL reports) rather than just gap-fill.

Support and guidance from TRAIL for deaccessioning, participation, and membership.

update benefit pages

A "Value of TRAIL to your institution" survey. #ROI

Is it possible to get institutional use statistics?

#access

continue work with discovery layers

Promise & vision of preservation of material.

continue to expand distributed cataloging

Prioritize cataloging of scanned reports waiting for full cataloging.

#collection

continue with gap fill projects.

Pursue Reading Room Collections (i.e. Univ. of NM)

Recruit GPO Preservation Stewards for print preservation copies

Investigate acquiring CDC Human Radiation Experiments from the Reading Room at UNM

TRAIL Series Gap Fill Project

Kudos to Courtney Crummett and the MIT Libraries for being the big donor in the first two gap fills calls (both for content in series produced by the U.S. Bureau of Mines). MIT was able to provide over 500 reports from the first gap fills call, and several dozen from the second call. Only a few other offers were received, and those were for just a handful of reports. Please consider reviewing your print collections when you receive future gap fill emails and offering content to fill holes in the TRAIL digital collections.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Now over 100,000 reports!

TRAIL has now processed over 100,000 reports (pardon us while we give ourselves a quick pat on the back). Not all of those reports are publicly searchable and accessible yet, since inventorying and cataloging/metadata creation (the "processing" part at the University of Arizona) happens BEFORE digitization and addition to our repositories. But it shouldn't be too many months before we reach 100,000 searchable and accessible reports.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Congratulations Dan!

Dan Barkley (Central) won the James Bennett Childs Award!

The James Bennett Childs award honors an individual who has made a lifetime and significant contribution to the field of documents librarianship. Contributions may be based on stature, service, and publications in any or all areas of documents librarianship. The award is given by the Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) of ALA. Congratulations, Dan and a big thank you from TRAIL for your wealth of knowledge, which we benefit from daily.

IN MEMORY: Michael Culbertson



We are sad to announce that Mike Culbertson, former Engineering Librarian and Government Documents Librarian, Colorado State University Libraries, passed away recently after a long battle with Parkinson's. Mike was TRAIL's representative from Colorado State for several years prior to his retirement and served on both the Collections WG and the Steering Committee. Mike will be remembered as an active member of TRAIL who always contributed to the work at hand. We are grateful for all of his good work for TRAIL.

Processing Update

Dan Barkley and Sharon Knowlton have been preparing another pallet of TRAIL reports to ship to Google for digitization. That shipment likely will have gone out by the time you're reading this.

Lynne Carmody, a recently retired technical services employee who worked at the University of Arizona Libraries for 42 years, is being hired by TRAIL to process material, including creating catalog records. Lynne will start in August and will be working 16 hours per week. Welcome, Lynne!

Additional processing news relates to the fledgling microcard project distributed cataloging effort. Central has coordinated distributing responsibility for creation of basic metadata records for some TRAIL materials to three processing partners: the Colorado School of Mines, Stanford, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Records created by those partners will be upgraded to full MARC records, then reviewed by TRAIL Central staff before being submitted to OCLC.

Tech Report Highlight

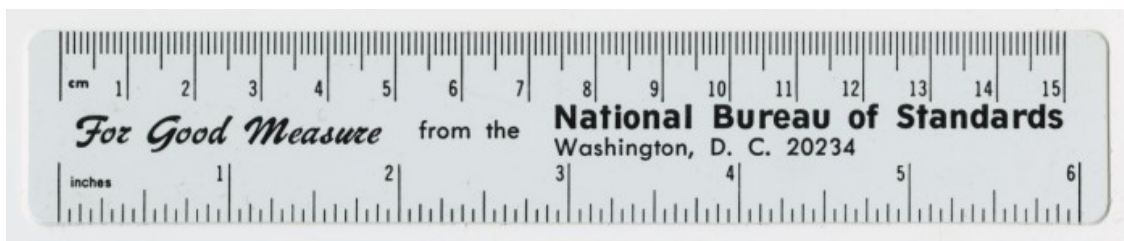
For Good Measure

National Bureau of Standards Special Publication 376 - Issued in December 1972

<https://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc123540/>

In 1968 Congress authorized the [U.S. Metric Study](#), a three-year study of systems of measurement in the United States, that concluded the U.S. would eventually join the rest of the world in the use of the metric system of measurement, NBS issued this special publication, which is not a print document at all, but a 6 inch ruler with centimeters on the other edge and some rough Metric to English conversions included on the back. The ruler was later included in the NBS Metric Kit

(<https://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc67329/>), which was compiled to support the Metric Conversion Act, signed in December 1975.



Get to Know TRAIL Member: Kari Kozak



Kari Kozak

**Director, Lichtenberger Engineering Library
University of Iowa**

How are you involved in TRAIL? I am currently the co-chair of the Communications Working Group since 2022 and have been the University of Iowa Rep and a member of Communications since 2016. I've also helped co-host the virtual annual meetings from 2020-2022.

Favorite TRAIL moment? The in-person conferences! Love the easy-going atmosphere of this group.

Favorite Technical Report? The processing and recovery of Jon Thomas--cool cat by Troy Marceleno. This 1972 report by the EPA was written as a “somewhat” children’s book to teach about what happens at a solid waste treatment plant. Luckily, Jon the cat has 9 lives! <http://technicalreports.org/trail/detail/73549/>

What is your favorite part of your job? My favorite part of my job is the variety and working with the students, researchers, and faculty, whether it is in the classroom and helping them one-on-one. You never knew what they are up to and need help with. I also really enjoy getting to play with new technology and finding ways to embrace it through projects in the library.

What is your “typical” work week like? My typical week varies greatly depending on the time of the year. During the school year, my week revolves around meetings with a wide variety of people, going into classrooms, when possible, event and activity planning, collection management, space planning, answering reference questions, a little bit of paperwork and forms, and lots of hallway conversations where most of the work gets done.

What are you reading now? [The Stray Shopping Carts of Eastern North America](#): A Guide to Field Identification by Julian Montague. (Thank you, Laura Sare, for the suggestion! It has been very helpful!)

What are your favorite non-work activities? Being part of a curling league and traveling to as many parts of the world as I can.



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