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FROM THE CHAIR

TAMMY WONG

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Greetings, MAGIRT Community!

The Cherry trees are the stars of springtime in Washington, D.C. The nation's capital is accented in light pink and white everywhere. The delicate Cherry blossoms are at their peak bloom this week. I enjoyed a pleasant walk around the Tidal Basin and the Jefferson Memorial one early morning this week.

I would like to extend a special welcome to our six new members (Adele Merritt Bernard of Kingston, Jamaica; James Cox of Jersey City, NJ; Harriett Green of St. Louis, MO; Carol Sevin of Manhattan, KS; Michael Walsh of Baltimore, MD; Brigitte Widmer of Genève, Switzerland). We look forward to seeing you at meetings and events, whether virtual or in-person.

We would like to present the schedule for our upcoming ALA Conference in Washington D.C. The meeting room assignments will be available around April 15th. You can also access the full schedule in the ALA Scheduler:

<https://www.eventscribe.com/2019/ALA-Annual/>.

I hope you can make it to our Executive Board/membership meeting in June. One of the topics the Executive Board has been discussing is the future of LibGuide. MAGIRT will move away from the LibGuide sites in favor of ALA Connect. The LibGuide will remain accessible until March 2020. The Online Presence Oversight Committee is working on archiving the content on LibGuide.

Iris, our Vice Chair is organizing a MAGIRT tour and the Honor Awards Dinner during the Annual Conference. The plan is to have an open house at our Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, and the dinner at a nearby restaurant.

We will be seeking volunteers for the MAGIRT Coordinators and Liaisons for the term after the Annual Conference. If you're interested in serving MAGIRT in some capacity, please stay tuned for the announcements of those opportunities. One thing I enjoy most about being an officer is the opportunity to serve on the MAGIRT Executive Board with a group of really enthusiastic colleagues.

In closing, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Hope to see many of you in D.C. in June!



MAGIRT Schedule
ALA Annual Conference Washington, D.C.
June 20 to June 25, 2019

ALA Scheduler - <https://www.eventscribe.com/2019/ALA-Annual/>

Day/Time	Meeting/Event	Location
Friday, June 21		
Afternoon 3 - 5 pm	Geography and Map Division Open House	G&M Division, Library of Congress
Evening	MAGIRT Honors Award Dinner	TBA
Saturday, June 22		
8:30-10:00 am	Using Innovative, Map-Based Outreach Programs to Reach Students of all Levels	TBA
10:30-11:30 am	MAGIRT Membership and Marketing Committee/Online Presence Oversight Committee Meeting	TBA
1:00-2:00 pm	MAGIRT/GODORT GIS Discussion Group	TBA
2:30-3:30 pm	MAGIRT Geographic Technologies (GeoTech) Committee Meeting	TBA
4:00-5:00 pm	MAGIRT Map and Geospatial Collection Management Discussion Group	TBA
Sunday, June 23		
8:00-10:00 am	MAGIRT Cataloging Cartographic Resources Interest Group and Cataloging & Classification Committee Meeting	TBA
2:30-3:30 pm	MAGIRT Membership/Executive Board Meeting Sessions I	TBA
4:00-5:00 pm	MAGIRT Membership/Executive Board Meeting Sessions II	TBA



ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

TAMMY WONG

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Library of Congress BIBFRAME Progress

ALCTS organized a webinar on *Library of Congress BIBFRAME Progress* on March 27, 2019. The recording is available on the ALCTS YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YltipGeoJ5Q&feature=youtu.be>. The webinar looked at the complexities of moving from MARC to BIBFRAME, and from BIBFRAME back to MARC. Although many libraries are experimenting with BIBFRAME as the new standard for recording bibliographic data, many institutions will require MARC data for their cataloging needs for years to come. The webinar also looked at other notable areas of progress at the Library of Congress as part of its BIBFRAME initiative.

Learning Objectives:

Participants will come away from this webinar with an understanding of:

- The challenges presented by mapping from MARC to BIBFRAME
- The challenges presented by mapping from BIBFRAME to MARC
- BIBFRAME progress at the Library of Congress

Presenters:

Sally McCallum is the Chief of the Network Development and MARC Standards Office at the Library of Congress. The Network Development and MARC Standards Office manages the Library of Congress BIBFRAME initiative.

Judith Cannan is the Chief of the Cooperative and Instructional Programs Division at the Library of Congress. The Cooperative and Instructional Programs Division is responsible for BIBFRAME training at the Library of Congress.

Paul Frank is Cooperative Cataloging Specialist, LC BIBFRAME trainer, and BIBFRAME Editor profile contact at the Library of Congress.

Kevin Ford is Digital Project Coordinator in the Network Development and MARC Standards Office at the Library of Congress.

Who should attend:

Data providers, catalogers, technical services staff, programmers, coders, and ontologists are invited to attend this webinar.

Webinar Slides: http://downloads.alcts.ala.org/ce/UPDATED_BIBFRAME_Progress_Slides.pdf

Questions/Answers Log: http://downloads.alcts.ala.org/ce/BIBFRAME_Questions_Answers_Log.pdf



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Greeting all. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to the readership/membership two new columnists to *base line*. First, is Jo Klein, from the University of North Carolina- Greensboro, who will be writing the “New Maps and Cartographic Materials” column previously written by David Bertuca. Her first column appears in this issue. I know you will enjoy reading it. The second new columnist is Carolyn Hansen from Stony Brook University, who will be writing the newly retitled “Digital Mapping” column. This column will resurrect the old “Electronic Mapping” column that had been dormant for many years. I know you will enjoy reading her future columns in the pages of *base line* starting with the June issue. Both new columnists will introduce themselves as you read through this issue. If you have comments, suggestions, etc. for them, please contact them or myself directly through the contact information in the front matter of this issue.

I would like to thank them both for volunteering to write these columns and I’m sure we can expect informative insights to many new map and geospatial resources and enjoy their presentations in the future. Please welcome them to *base line*.



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<https://connect.ala.org/magirt/home>



Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) - Bibliographic Standards Committee (BSC)

This is an addendum to Cataloging Column from page 5 of the February 2019 issue of *base line*.

<http://www.ala.org/rt/sites/ala.org/rt/files/content/publicationsab/baseline/BL40-1.pdf>

The committee has set up a Program Planning Group to encourage more technical services-related programming at the RBMS annual conferences because the members feel there hasn't been enough. For the [Baltimore 2019 meeting](#) (theme "Response & Responsibility: Special Collections & Climate Change"), there will be a workshop initiated by the BSC group, "Introduction to Rare Materials Cataloging for the Non-Cataloger." Workshops and seminars at the conference are not required to fit with the theme of the conference, as opposed to other kinds of programs. The group has solicited ideas for other programs to sponsor in the future, and they have gotten some good feedback. One idea is a seminar or panel on "culturally competent re-description" or something regarding biases in cataloging.

Here are some added news topics from the Bibliographic Standards Committee meeting, excerpted from BSC chair Francis Lapka's report to the RBMS Information Exchange, because I missed making a note of them myself:

- *By ALA Annual 2019, BSC hopes to publish Examples to Accompany Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Serials) in Cataloger's Desktop.*
- *BSC is exploring how best to integrate and revise its two standards for cataloging manuscripts, Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Manuscripts) and Ancient Medieval Renaissance and Early Modern Manuscripts (AMREMM). This work has just begun.*
- *BSC remains devoted to ensuring that the successor to MARC, i.e. BIBFRAME, accommodates the needs of the special collections community. To this end we have successfully formed a joint task force with the Society of American Archivists and the Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA) to continue development of the Art and Rare Materials (ARM) ontology extension to BIBFRAME.*

The 2020 RBMS conference will be in Bloomington, Indiana, with a theme of "Power, Resistance and Leadership."

The RBMS Technical Services Discussion Group met at Midwinter and discussed interdepartmental relationships and workflow integration.

Nancy Kandoian



Crossing the Borders: Information in the Age of Analog and Digital Cartography

ALA Annual Conference – 2019
Friday, June 21, 2019, 3:30-5:00 PM

(include tours of the Geography and Map Division)

A brief program that will featuring an overview of both the analog and digital cartography collections in the Geography and Map Division and several Story Maps, “Maps that Changed the World” and ‘Surveying the South,” and a quick demo of an interactive GIS Map. The G&M staff presenting includes; Paulette Hasier, Katherine Hart, Timothy St. Onge, Julie Stoner. Tours of the Kislak Collections will be provided by John Hessler and the Geography and Map Division by Ed Redmond and Rene Sayles.

Iris Taylor



ALA Virtual Membership Meeting

MAY 9, 2019 1:30-2:30 pm CDT

The 2019 Virtual Membership Meeting will take place on Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm CT. Virtual Membership Meetings are an important way in which personal members may affect what ALA does. VMM is an annual online forum where ALA leaders present information about topics of interest to the general membership. All ALA personal members may register for and participate in the meeting. Virtual Membership Meetings are part of ALA's ongoing efforts to reach out interactively to members about its strategic direction, budget priorities and topics of interest.

Registration for the 2019 Virtual Membership Meeting is now open! [Please register here](#)

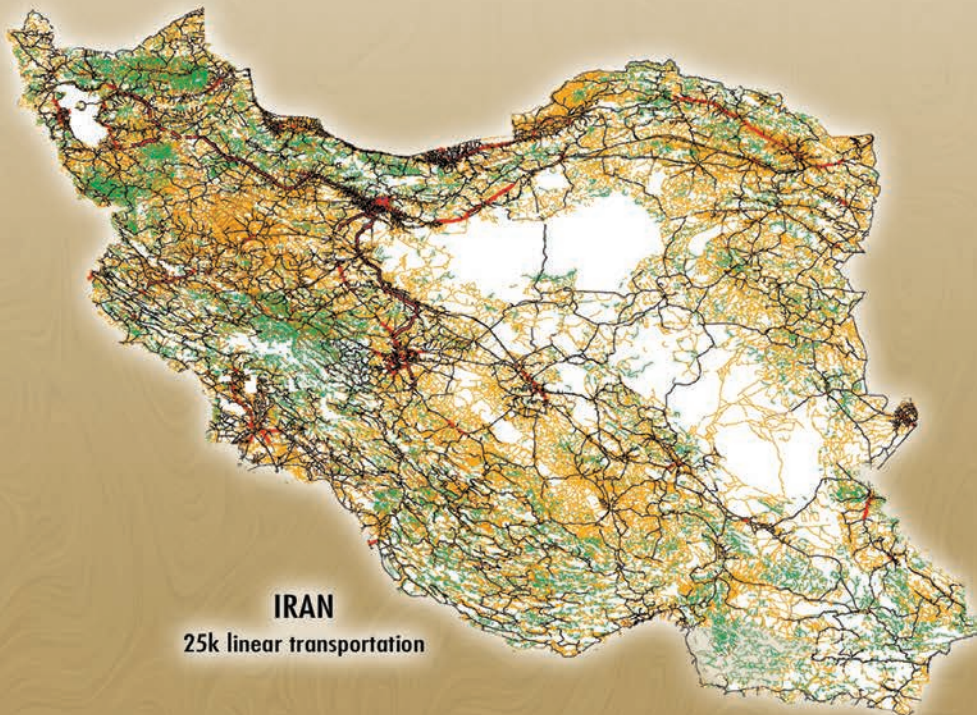
Link to find more information about this year's Meeting here. <http://www.ala.org/membership/vmm>



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Minutes

MAGIRT Executive Board/Membership Meeting

January 27 2019

Time: 2:30-3:30 and 4:00-5:30 PM

Location: WSCC Room 208 (Washington State Convention Center)

Members/Officers present: Iris Taylor, Katherine Rankin, Chris Kollen, Bruce Godfrey, Mike Smith, Carol McAuliffe, Ryan Mattke, Nancy Kandoian, Cathy Hodge, Paige Andrew, Emily Augerman, Anne Hedrich, Danielle Ponton, Leslie Wagner.

1. Call to order

2. Call for changes to Agenda (Tammy)

3. Minutes from October 2018 (Tammy) – Minutes are posted on Page 10 of Dec. 2018 issue of base line - <http://www.ala.org/rt/sites/ala.org/rt/files/content/publicationsab/baseline/BL%2039-6.pdf>

4. Announcements – MAGIRT needs a liaison for the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee. Please contact the Chair Trio if you are interested in this position.

5. Officer Reports

a. Chair (Tammy)

- i. Updates for 2019 ALA Annual Conference, Space request form, time adjustments.
- ii. Updates for 2019 ALA Annual Program
 - Our Annual Program “Using Innovative, Map-Based Outreach Programs to Reach Students of all Levels” will be held on Jun 22nd, 8:30-10 am. After the program is finalized, Tammy will forward the information to Megan and Mike to promote the program.
 - The hard deadline for submitting audio-visual equipment information for meetings at the Washington Annual Conference is Feb 15. I asked all officers and group leaders to think about whether their meeting will need audiovisual equipment.

b. Vice Chair (Iris)

- i. Plans for 2019 ALA Annual fieldtrip/social gathering –
 - We had a well-attended and interesting tours of the Kroll Map Company (17 attendants) and of the University of Washington Library Map Collection and GIS Lab (25 attendants) on Friday afternoon, Jan. 25. Following the two tours, we gathered at Thackery for a pay-your-own-way dinner (12 attendants).
 - Eventbrite invitation brings in guests outside of MAGIRT to our tours.
 - Our field trip during ALA Annual will feature a panel of speakers to our group in one location, followed by an open house in G&M.

c. *Treasurer* (Bruce)

- Bruce distributed and discussed the draft FY2020 budget. Speaker/guest expenses were suggested as a just-in-case item for FY2020. Another idea was refreshments during our Annual Program since it will be held 8:30 am on Saturday, either through vendor donation or through MAGIRT funds. For getting new MAGIRT promotional items, Danielle suggested that we look for them on our own, send her the bill, and she will take care of the payment. Marguerite has some creative ideas to spend our surplus fund in the next few years. More discussion to come.
- Libguide: The subscription of Libguide by Springshare costs more than \$1,000 per year. Some officers feel that Libguide is not an effective tool for MAGIRT. Now that we have our ALA Connect webpage <https://connect.ala.org/magirt/home> up and running, may be OPOC can evaluate our new tool, and whether it can replace the various functions of Libguide, and for functions that cannot be covered by Connect, propose alternatives. Another great tool at our disposal (mainly for repository) is MAGIRT ALAIR.

d. *Past Chair* (Leslie) – Status of 2019 ballot: Chair-Elect, Assistant Treasurer/
Treasurer-Elect, Secretary

- We have received nominations for Chair-Elect, Assistant Treasurer, and Secretary. We have an unusual circumstance in that a candidate has submitted nominations for all three positions. This is not permitted, and Leslie is reaching out to this candidate. Leslie has sent out an announcement soliciting nominations for the Honors Award by Feb. 28th.

6. Old Business

- a. *Archived MAGIRT materials* (Mike) – Materials are in process for archiving purposes. Will send some materials e.g. archival copies of *base line* to ALA Archives at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Will offer extra copies to interested parties. We have multiple issues of *Occasion Papers* (20+ copies for each one). One option is to digitize them if they are not already online.
- b. *Status on various MAGIRT listservs*; Problems and issues in using MAGIRT Connect (Tammy)
- Danielle will work with Maggie to include new members for inclusion to the MAGIRT listserv roster regularly http://lists.ala.org/sympa/d_read/magirt/
 - Maggie has posted the MAGIRT Core Competencies Document 2018 on the MAGIRT Public Resource page in our Connect site. Click on Browse—MAGIRT Public Shared Files (239 members) to view it.
 - There will be a training session on “Using ALA Connect”, 8:30 am on Monday at the Washington State Convention Center (WCC) Room 214.
 - Maggie Long has sent out reminders to us to check our email address in our membership profile in Connect to make sure that it is current and that it is our preferred email address (work vs. personal). Go to your membership profile

to review your contact information. After you login to the MAGIRT Connect webpage <https://connect.ala.org/magirt/home>, under the *Shortcuts* tab, click on *My Profile*, then under *My Account* tab, click on *Email Preference*.

- c. *Emerging Leaders Program* (Carol) - Carol and her group (the Online Guide Task Force) have submitted an Emerging Leaders program proposal, but it was not selected for the upcoming year. This is a case where the project does not have enough participants who selected it. Each class of participants is different, and it was suggested by ALA that we may find that the next class will have people interested in working on this project. They will consider a possible resubmission depending on their progress over the next six months. Chris, Paige, and Carol met during Midwinter Meeting to discuss next steps. Nicole Kong is working with them as well. Their next step might include obtaining a library school intern or student employee to input existing data from the paper guide – *Guide to U.S. Map Resources*. In addition, they are considering setting up “regional coordinators” similar to the regional editors that helped canvas individual map collections within a given state or portion of a state to help collect current information through input on the survey tool they created last year.

7. New Business

- a. *MAGIRT Membership Committee Welcome Letter* (Maggie, in absentia)

Maggie Long has drafted a welcome letter and sent to Executive Board for approval. The letters will be sent to new members of MAGIRT via email. Also, her group is working on three other types of letters: Reasons why to join MAGIRT (What are the benefits, etc.), thank you letters for renewal of membership, and letters to members who drop MAGIRT membership.

- b. *Round Table Coordinating Assembly Meeting* (Iris, Tammy)

- ALA is conducting a serious review of the future of Midwinter and the current options are to: 1) keep Midwinter as is; 2) cancel Midwinter altogether; and 3) cancel Midwinter and replace with differently configured event. The ALA Executive Board is in support of cancelling the current meeting and replacing with another event. Any members who have an opinion about this matter should attend one of the Town Hall Meetings listed below.
- Regarding the “three options”, if changes were to occur, they could take effect as early as Philadelphia in 2020.

There will be several opportunities for members to explore these options at ALA discussion of four questions:

- What do you think is the most important thing to do to improve ALA’s effectiveness?
- What are your thoughts about a possible shift from a structure based on standing committees to one that would largely be based upon as-needed groups, with a core of standing committees?
- What if ALA had a much stronger relationship with State Chapters/State Associations – one that would be supported by an effective structure?

- What do you think about the possibility of a different governance structure, one in which there might be a different Executive Board/Council composition/structure/relationship?

The ALA Conference Committee has received a potential model for a “new event” to replace the Midwinter meeting in 2021 from Conference Services. The committee plans to discuss it at their meeting on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 10:30 to 12:30 p.m. at the Convention Center, Room 3B so they can provide Conference Services with feedback.

They have also scheduled two Town Hall Meetings so the model can be discussed more broadly than just at the ALA Conference Committee level. These Town Hall forums are being held on:

- Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Sheraton Hotel, Cedar Room
- Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel, Cedar Room

Both Conference Services staff and Conference Committee members will be present at the Town Halls.

8. Committee/DG/IG Reports

a. *Cataloging & Classification Committee* (Iris) –

The minutes have been posted on page 5 of Feb. 2019 *base line*: <http://www.ala.org/rt/sites/ala.org.rt/files/content/publicationsab/baseline/BL40-1.pdf>

b. *Education Committee* (Andy, in absentia) – No report

c. *GeoTech Committee* (Nicole, in absentia) – Wangyal held the GeoTech/GIS DG on Saturday morning. There were 21 participants. Highlights of discussion topics include a survey of geospatial portals used in various institutions represented by participants (Geobacklight was popular), different types of services from geospatial data, scanned images were discussed, experiences on GIS day were shared, including poster sessions, discussion sessions. Esri discussed their data products, e.g., Landsat datasets that provide global coverage of population data, and the Global Census Archive. Recently Esri acquired Japanese census online data 1995-2015, which updates every 5 years.

d. *Membership & Marketing Committee* (Maggie, in absentia) – See above under New Business. There will be a joint meeting of MMC and OPOC during the Annual Conference.

e. *Online Presence & Oversight Committee* (Megan, in absentia) – There will be a joint meeting of MMC and OPOC during the Annual Conference. The OPOC Committee does not yet have any representatives from the Membership & Marketing, Publication or Education committees. If anyone from one of those committees would like to join, please let Megan know. They are splitting social media update into six month shifts. Mike Smith will be doing the updates through Midwinter, Megan through Annual Conference.

- f. *Publications Committee* (Abbey, in absentia) – Abbey is reaching out to ALA publishing in regard to John Olson’s new online publication “Mapping and Geospatial Resources from the Federal Depository Library Program.”
- g. *Cataloging of Cartographic Resources IG* (Tim, in absentia) – The IG report is found here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1z90xrplZo8aDzdU80MG17pkY62uK05NqEbGCXFdgngk/edit>
- h. *Map Collection Management DG* (Carol) – There was a good turn-out of 25 participants for the Map Collection Management DG on Saturday during Midwinter. Topics of discussion included visualization, how to support digital humanities, metadata concerns and issues, copyright issues, use of scanned images and thumbnail versions, and the acquisition of Omni maps. Carol’s position as the Chair of the Map Collection Management DG will end after Annual. Please contact Carol if you are interested in the position.
- i. *MAGIRT/GODORT (GIS) DG Coordinator* (Joy, in absentia) – Wangyal held the GeoTech/GIS DG on Saturday morning. See above for the report. MAGIRT GODORT GIS DG will hold a meeting during the Annual Conference in DC. It is usually held before the GeoTech Committee Meeting.

9. Liaison report

WAML Report to MAGIRT for Midwinter 2019 (Katherine Rankin)

- WAML’s annual meeting was held in San Diego on September 12-15th, 2018. The hosts were Lisa Lamont and Mike Smith. On September 12th, there was a preconference on online map indexes held at the University of California, San Diego. The rest of the conference was held at San Diego State University. Speakers presented topics such as the Office of Strategic Services mapping program, remapping of the Grand Canyon, classifying maps of imaginary places, autonomous mapping of deep sea features, making fire insurance maps available to researchers through a vendor, maps and the Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway in Arizona, Python for GIS librarians, and the geography of wine, which included a wine tasting. The field trip was a walking tour of Tijuana. WAML gave two scholarships to this meeting. There were thirty applicants.
- WAML paper publications are being digitized and archived as there is not much demand for paper copies. The digitized copies will be available to members and will also be in the Stanford IR. WAML will be giving scholarships for members to attend the Grand Canyon mapping conference on February 28th-March 1st at Arizona State University. WAML has a Twitter account. Susan Powell was elected vice-president/president-elect, Julie Sweetkind-Singer was re-elected secretary, and Chris Salvano is now the WAML archivist. Tom Brittnacher is the president of WAML now.
- The WAML bylaws have been amended. The term of the treasurer’s position has been extended from two to three years, and Texas has been added to the principal region. That means that the members no longer have to vote to allow a meeting to be held in Texas.
- The next WAML meeting will be held at the University of Nevada, Reno, in September and will be hosted by Chrissy Klenke. In 2020 the annual meeting will be held at the University of Idaho and will be hosted by Bruce Godfrey.



Draft Minutes

MAGIRT Executive Board Meeting

March 2019

Time: March 12, 2019 3 PM Eastern Time

Location: Zoom meeting

Members/Officers present: Iris Taylor, Bruce Godfrey, Marguerite Ragnow, Megan Rush, Tim Kiser, Maggie Long, Joy Suh, John Olson, Abbey Lewis, Colleen Cahill, Louise Ratliff, Carol McAuliffe, Paige Andrew, Susan Moore

1. **Call to order** – Quorum at EB meeting shall consists of 2/3 of the EB members. 2/3 of twelve is eight. Shall we need to vote on something, we do not have quorum today.
2. **Call for changes to Agenda** (Tammy)
3. **Minutes from January 2019** (Tammy) – The draft minutes were sent out this morning. Thanks Paige for reviewing it. The minutes will be posted on our Connect website. Please send comments or feedback by this Friday.
4. **Announcements**
5. **Officer Reports**
 - a. *Chair* (Tammy)
 - i. Updates for 2019 ALA Annual Conference, space request form, time adjustments.

Preliminary schedule:

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ii. Nomination Process for MAGIRT vacant position:

In the past year, I have received inquiries about our Nomination Process for MAGIRT vacant position. I would like to make clear and spell out the official process so that it is transparent. The Nomination Process is found on page 5 of MAGIRT Organization Manual.

- For committee or discussion group leadership vacancies, the outgoing chair or discussion group coordinator will determine if there are any interested candidates for leadership amongst their committee or discussion group membership. If so, they will forward their candidates to the Chair of the Nominations and Award Committee, who will then forward them to the Executive Board. If candidates are not available, the Chair of the Nominations and Awards Committee will advertise for candidates via the usual MAGIRT and ALA communication channels.
- All candidates for leadership positions must:
 - be personal members of MAGIRT at the time of nomination,
 - be willing and available (physically or virtually as necessary) to commit to a specific term (i.e. 2 years),

b. *Vice Chair* (Iris) – Plans for 2019 ALA Annual Conference fieldtrip/social gathering is underway. The tentative plan includes remarks from Paulette Hasier, Chief of Geography and Map Division, Kathy Hart, Team Leader of Reference Team. Also included are G&M story maps, and presentation by John Hessler, Cartographic Specialist.

c. *Treasurer* (Bruce/Marguerite) – We discussed proposed FY2020 Budget in the Midwinter meeting. Based on input at the Midwinter meeting, Bruce has allocated \$500.00 to 5340 Speaker/Guest Expenses. Tammy sent out an email for review of the proposed budget and for a vote by this Friday. Results will be sent to Danielle. Marguerite would like to form a task force to come up with proposals on possible fund expenditures. Ideas include travel funding for MAGIRT representation at major map conferences, travel funding for attending ALA for MAGIRT meetings. This will promote MAGIRT and possibly bring new members, and bring back old members.

d. *Past Chair* (Leslie, in absentia) – Positions needed for the 2019-2020: Chair for Cataloging Cartographic Resources Interest Group and Chair of Map Collection Management Discussion Group. Please get in touch with Tim and Carol if you are interested in those positions.

6. Old Business

- MAGIRT Spotlight Desk in ALA Lounge - Worked well in Midwinter meeting. Each round table has only one hour. We had a positive experience, will continue during the Annual Conference. The Spotlight Desk is highly visible, located next to ALA café and ALA bookstore. Maggie with membership committee would like to staff the ALA Lounge during the Annual Conference.

7. New Businesses

- a. *Updates on Libguide.* Can Connect replace functions in Libguide? Discussion on alternatives. Steps to take before migrating to another platform (Megan and Tammy).
- Some officers feel that Libguide is not an effective tool for MAGIRT. Now that we have our ALA Connect webpage (<https://connect.ala.org/magirt/home>) up and running, we can start having discussion on how do we can make use of this new tool, and whether it can replace the various functions of Libguide. Another great tool that we have for our use (mainly for depository) is MAGIRT ALAIR.
 - I believe one of the reasons is that Libguide is quite costly: \$1,000 a year. I checked with Danielle. The only other round table that has a subscription of Libguide is GODORT, and they just renewed its subscription. You can see that they have 80 Guides and the Guides are quite heavily used.
 - As you know, Libguide is a content management system, providing access to library resources. Some of our members spent a lot of effort collecting good and useful resources for our use. There is a wealth of valuable information there on map librarianship and very useful resources for our every day's work and references as geospatial librarians.
 - There are 97 resources in the asset libraries that need to be reviewed.
 - I know there are others in MAGIRT that has used Libguide in the past, and if you have something to share, we would like to hear from you, please send your suggestions to Megan
 - We will evaluate those ideas as a group. OPOC consists of its members, a member of the Chair Trio, and representation from Membership, Education, Publications committees, & the Webmaster.
 - As you can see, this is no small undertaking. It is a beginning of a conversation to review our web presence in light of the new ALA Connect, ALAIR, website, and Libguide, how we can effectively utilize all of our tools and resources. Eventually we come back to Executive Board and make a proposal for our updated web presence and workflow in light of our new tools.
 - Megan suggested that we archived any documents that are no longer in use in ALAIR, and any documents that are still relevant in ALA Connect. Megan already started the automated process of backing up files, downloading html webpage from Libguide. Louise suggested that we come up with a list of high-level categories in ALAIR and ALA Connect, which called them collections, such as *base line*, minutes, agendas etc. She reminded us that there is good support in ALA in using ALA Connect. Pam Atkins can help us doing things in the backend, such as change file structures and add new folders. We don't have to feel overly constrained by their existing structures.
 - There is a home page tracking tool in Libguide, we can investigate on the usage of individual pages in Libguide.

- b. *ALAIR documents posted to MAGIRT Members Library* (Louise) – completed with submission procedures, metadata best practices, and an instruction video of how to submit documents. Officers please make sure of them.
- c. *John Olson’s Mapping and Geospatial Resources from the Federal Depository Library Program* (John and Abbey)
 - John Olson has completed the *Mapping and Geospatial Resources from the Federal Depository Library Program*, which would be our MAGIRT Electronic Publications #14. https://drive.google.com/open?id=18thCvy34X_vGOMzekAlbpDQP4V2qmuCK
 - Abbey has reached out to ALA Publishing and John followed their suggestions of giving a new title. John cited the original document *A Guide to the Cartographic Products of the Federal Depository Library Program* and made sure that there are differences in the format and body of the new work.
 - John and Abbey has provided the document in the agenda. The next step would be to get the word out to MAGIRT membership and other map or government interest groups.

8. Committee/DG/IG Reports

- a. *Bylaws & Governing Documents/Nominations & Awards Committee* (Leslie, in absentia)
- b. *Cataloging & Classification Committee* (Iris) – Tim will replace Iris as Chair after the Annual Conference.
- c. *Education Committee* (Andy, in absentia)
- d. *GeoTech Committee* (Nicole, in absentia) - working with the “*Guide for U.S. Map Resources*” task force on the technology selection and interface testing.
- e. *Membership & Marketing Committee* (Maggie) – MMC reinstated Ryan Mattyke’s membership in MMC. Completed on letters to MAGIRT members who reinstated membership, completed on letters to members who dropped membership. Obtain feedback on why they drop MAGIRT membership. Will host a meeting with OPOC during the Annual Conference. Will work on getting promotional materials.
- f. *Online Presence & Oversight Committee* (Megan) – Discussed the future of libguide, see above under New Businesses
- g. *Publications Committee* (Abbey) – Reached out to ALA Publishing in regard to John’s *Mapping and Geospatial Resources from the Federal Depository Library Program* in copyright issues. John is looking for a new editor on “New Maps and Cartographic Materials” column in *base line*.
- h. *Cataloging of Cartographic Resources Interest Group* (Tim) – If you are interested in serving as the Chair of the IG after the Annual Conference, please get in touch with Tim.
- i. *Map Collection Management DG* (Carol) – Nothing to report
- j. *MAGIRT/GODORT (GIS) DG Coordinator* (Joy) - Nothing to report



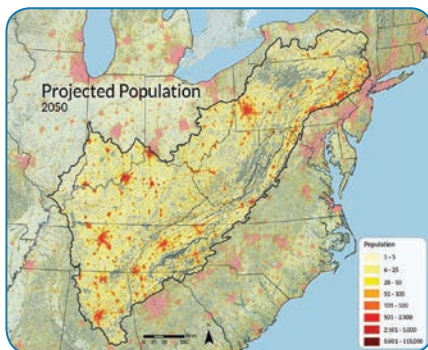
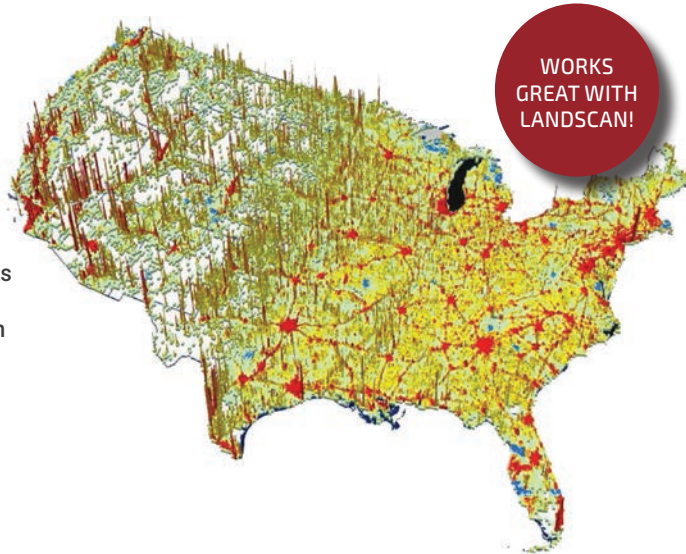
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DIGITAL MAPPING

Carolyn Hansen

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Welcome to Digital Mapping! My name is Carolyn Hansen and I will be curating and writing this new column for *base line*. I currently serve as the Head of Cataloging & Metadata Services at Stony Brook University, where I specialize in cataloging print and digital cartographic resources. Over my career, I have cataloged map collections at many wonderful institutions, including the American Geographical Society Library in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the Brooklyn Historical Society in Brooklyn, New York, and the University of Cincinnati, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Although I'm not formally trained in Geography, I have always loved maps, particularly the unique combination of scientific, historical, and artistic information that they impart. In my opinion, adding new computing technologies to the mix only makes the mapping world more exciting and (hopefully) inclusive and accessible. The purpose of Digital Mapping will be to explore and identify valuable mapping websites, GIS software, and geospatial databases and datasets that can be of use to a wide variety of users. I hope that this column will provide helpful information and I am always open to suggestions of resources to review or ways to make the column more useful. I can be reached via email at carolyn.hansen@stonybrook.edu. Thanks for reading!

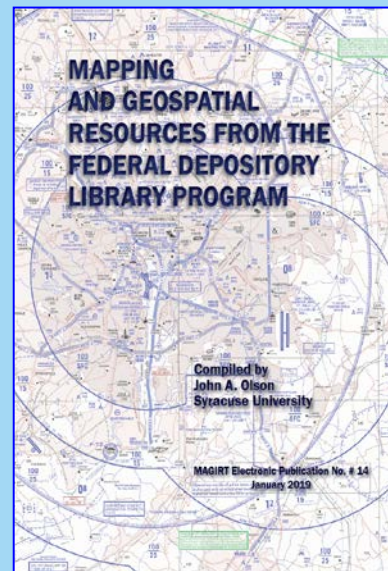


Announcing MAGIRT E-publication #14

Mapping and Geospatial Resources from the Federal Depository Library Program, 2019, by John A. Olson. Now available as a free PDF download from the MAGIRT publications webpage.

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This new title is a replacement for MAGIRT Electronic publication #6. The content has been updated and organized to help better identify specific cartographic and geospatial depository titles available from the Federal Government.



NEW MAPS AND CARTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS

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"A road map always tells you everything except how to refold it" --unknown

Hello everyone, and welcome to my first attempt at tackling the "New Maps" column!

First, a big thank you to David Bertuca for all his hard work in making this column a reality for the past 14 years. From thought-provoking quotes to insightful reviews (and the occasional chuckle), he's provided a fantastic resource for all of us. I have big shoes to fill!

A little about the shoes I'm currently filling: I'm the one and only GIS and Data Visualization Librarian at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG), where I've provided resources, consultations, training, and other services since early January of this year. Previously, I worked for two and a half years as a contractor for Oak Ridge Associated Universities with the US Environmental Protection Agency, where I conducted lab analysis and began my professional foray into the world of GIS. At the same time, I studied for an MLIS degree, which I earned from UNCG in 2018.

Early on in my studies at UNCG, I had the crazy idea to merge my personal passion for maps and GIS data with my professional life, through what I called "map librarianship." What a relief it was when I later learned that map librarianship as we know it has been around since at least the 1940s, if not earlier, and I hadn't in fact invented anything new. The hubris of 20-something-year-olds is...something. I'll grow out of it eventually.

Of course, the world of geospatial information is always changing – much like the weather in North Carolina this spring season – and with it changes what it means to be a map librarian working with this information. In *Map Librarianship: A Guide to Geoliteracy, Map and GIS Resources and Services*, Susan Elizabeth Ward Aber and Jeremy Abe refer to my kind of librarianship, involving proficient use of "web-mapping tools, open-source data, and GIS technologies" but without "formal background in geography and cartography," as "NeoMap Librarianship."

While I don't think NeoMap Librarian has caught on as a term yet, this definition does highlight a gap in my skillset. As a hiker and traveler, I've used my fair share of paper maps to supplement GPS, and I've gathered a small personal collection of interesting historical atlases from \$0.25 book sales over the years, but my realm of professional experience is mostly digital geospatial data and tools. I'm a firm believer in breaking down information silos and opening connections for more effective research and discovery, but it's difficult to do that with only one half of the whole.

David's "New Maps" column was a godsend for me and helped me explore cartography, maps, and atlases and break out of my GIS bubble. I aim to return the favor and continue providing you all with a bounty of great new maps and cartographic materials. David

had something good going, so I don't intend to bring too many changes to the format of this column; I'll continue the tradition of the cartographic quote and try to follow David's example in keeping reviews both entertaining and insightful. One change you might notice will be a shift in content; with the resurrection of the "Electronic Mapping" column, now called "Digital Mapping", which will be written by my fellow new editor Carolyn Hansen, "New Maps" will focus on maps and atlases in print or E format. I leave the web maps, geospatial data, and GIS resources in Carolyn's capable hands!

One last thing before we get started: as a new librarian, I have a lot to learn. Let's learn together – if you have suggestions for materials, format, sources, or themes or any other feedback, send them my way at ejklein@uncg.edu.

This issue, we'll take a quick break from the new to look back at seven of my favorite previously-featured resources from the past few years. I'll include highlights from David's past reviews and will add comments of my own. Let's jump right in!

Atlases

1. Atlas of the near East: State Formation and the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1918-2010

Atlas of the near East: State Formation and the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1918-2010. Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2017 (ISBN: 9789004344297). 138 pages: color maps, tables.

From *base line* 39 (4): 26, August 2018

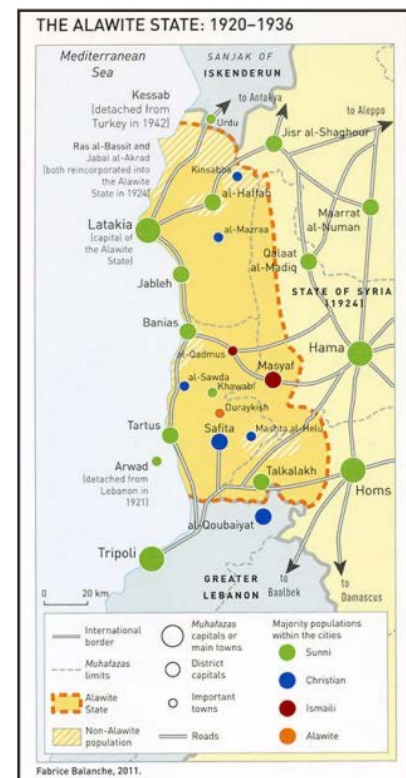
Highlights from David's review:

"Conflict in the Middle East has a centuries-old history and generally, maps are located individually in books on specific periods, or in atlases. A small number of atlases devoted to this aspect of the region exist, but very few cover a larger span of time.

This atlas provides a full range of maps and description for the Middle East Region, with context to the population, environment, and other factors that create the struggles for existence." ...

"This work will be useful to research in political science, history, Middle Eastern studies, economics, and other fields. The maps and text are concise and clear, the maps have a uniform style, making comparisons and visualizations possible.

The Atlas would be useful for high school through adult learner, with emphasis on college and professional researcher. It is an important work for any collection supporting studies on the Middle East and current history."



Why it's on my list:

One of my favorite maps is a 1947 map of Middle Eastern countries that I found hidden in a used book shop. It's fascinating to look back at places that have been changed so drastically over 70+ years, and to think about what caused those changes. This atlas takes that map one step further and adds context, connecting multiple facets such as economy, environment, and population to dive deeper into the story. One of the purposes of a map is to represent a part of the whole so we can see it more clearly and understand where it fits in the larger picture. This atlas does that and more, and is extremely useful for learning more about the Middle East and the conflicts that arise there.

2. Third Coast Atlas: Prelude to a Plan

Ibañez, Daniel, Clare Lyster, Charles Waldheim, and Mason White. *Third Coast Atlas: Prelude to a Plan*. New York: Actar, 2017 (ISBN: 1940291917). 342 pages: illustrations (chiefly color), maps (chiefly color), plans.

From *base line* 39 (1): 14, February 2018

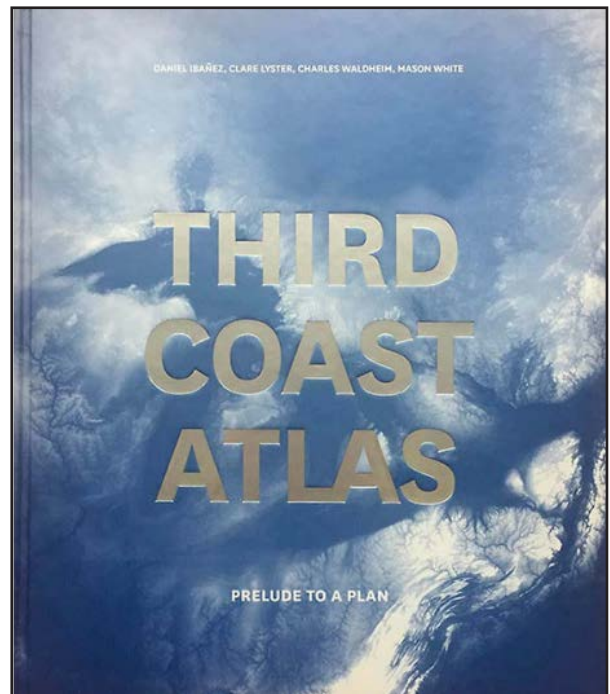
Highlights from David's review:

"The Third Coast Atlas is a work relating to urbanization in the Great Lakes region, specifically describing the current state of cities and their use of the drainage basin. As stated in the preface, this description does not deal with analysis or evaluation of the conditions of the region; "this atlas aspires to simply describe" the Great Lakes as a basis for performing urban analysis.

The atlas uses "maps, plans, diagrams, timelines, and photographs, as well as speculative design research projects and critical texts" to provide a full visualization of the Great Lakes ecosystem and its interrelation with cities and the surrounding population. The research leading to the publication of this work comes from urban planners, architects, from North America and Europe." ...

"This work took me a long time to analyze and develop a description. It is dense with data and concepts (and physically heavy), plus the writing is sometimes more abstract and requires interpretation. As such, not all parts will be understandable to all readers.

However, this atlas provides good visualizations that will suit all levels of user, from high school through adult learner, while also providing college and professional level



research material. The maps and illustrations are very good; the creative plans and urban descriptions can be inspiring for most readers, and the text will be useful to professionals.”

Why it’s on my list:

The way this atlas is organized has me itching to tidy up my desk. In addition to profiles of individual cities it gives us sections with satellite imagery (“NASA”), facsimile maps and charts, comparative visualizations of coastlines and lakes, planning projects and creative concepts, and so much more. Information is to this atlas as water is to Lake Superior. It is “dense with data and concepts” as David put it, and I found it hard to understand fully, but with so much contained within something is bound to stick with the average reader. The expert or professional will find this atlas indispensable as a source of information, while the rest of us enjoy the imagery and learn about the relationship between people and the “Third Coast.” All around, a great addition to any collection.

Books

1. Cartographic Grounds: Projecting the Landscape Imaginary

Desimini, Jill, and Waldheim Charles. *Cartographic Grounds: Projecting the Landscape Imaginary*. New York: Princeton Architectural Press, 2016 (ISBN: 9781616893293). 271 pages: illustrations (chiefly color), color maps.

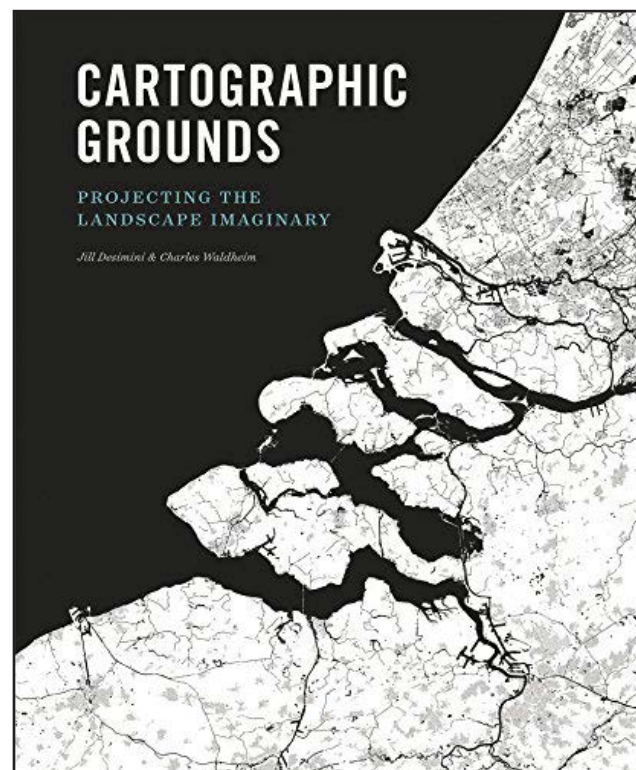
From *base line* 38 (5): 13, October 2017.

Highlights from David’s review:

“During most classes that I instruct, when speaking of maps, I point out that maps are usually two-dimensional representations of a three-dimensional universe. Also included is the statement that maps are abstract renditions of this landscape and that cartographers employ many techniques and conventions to provide the user with a good representation of reality.

The purpose of this book is to discuss traditional conventions for mapping, as well as to inspire readers wanting to find methods for representing the terrain as well as possible.” ...

“The chapters are more than just the physical description of space and place;



each goes into more interpretive concepts and gives the reader creative inspiration. The examples are cited, with coordinates, and they are visually appealing to view. References are provided throughout the work to aid the reader in gathering more on the topics.

This book is geared toward architects, artists, cartographers, planners, and anthropologists. It is also visually enjoyable as a map book on its own. It would be at home in collections for college and adult learner, as well as for professionals.”

Why it’s on my list:

This book introduces concepts of topography and cartography in a beautiful way, and nods to the creative and visual design aspects of mapping. I’m a sucker for visually appealing and well-cited examples, and from the sample that I read, David’s review is spot-on. This one has been on my coffee-table collection wish list for a long time.

2. S. E. Grove’s Mapmakers Trilogy

Grove, S.E. *The Glass Sentence* (Mapmakers; 1). New York, New York: Viking, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA), 2014 (ISBN: 9780670785025). 489 pages, maps.

_____. *The Golden Specific* (Mapmakers; 2), 2015 (ISBN: 9780670785032). 501 pages, maps.

_____. *The Crimson Skew* (Mapmakers; 3), 2016 (ISBN: 9780670785049). 428 pages, maps.

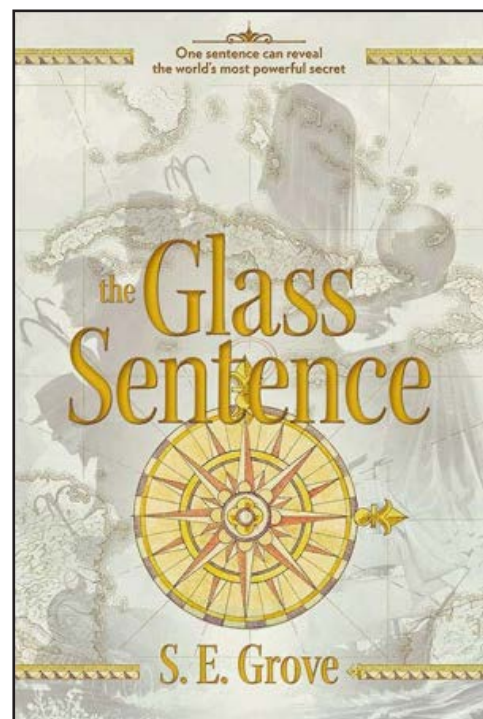
From *base line 37* (4): 28, August 2016.

Highlights from David’s review:

“It is rare that cartographers are the main subject of a work of fiction. When I saw this series recently, I was drawn to it. The Mapmakers series is a set of juvenile works that feature a world where maps are important.

The books begin in 1891, though the world is not all in the same time period. In 1799, the “Great Disruption” threw the continents into different time periods, causing the various lands to be in the past, present, or future, in relation to one another.

Sophia Tims, niece to Shadrack Elli, Boston’s foremost cartographer, starts on a series of adventures through various times and places. Cartology is the process of making maps, but the maps are more than just paper renditions. There are maps drawn on almost every substance that have extraordinary features. Maps can be made that hold memories of those who lived in the time the map was drawn. Further, various maps are made as individual layers (similar to GIS), where each layer can be overlaid on the others to draw a more complete map of a place.” ...



“The drawing of maps in the books is a fascinating process and it offers some vivid and magical concepts on how maps might be. To have a map that, for example, you can visualize by putting your finger on the surface, and then seeing in your mind, memories of those who were there at the moments that were located there; that is a complex idea. Throughout the books, maps are vital characters, around which, humans function. The author gives maps the credit they deserve and defines maps as more than just way-finding devices.

For young readers, this will be good reading. It introduces maps and cartography, which might inspire future geographers. For adult readers, this is good reading and thought-provoking. These books would be worth reading by anyone.”

Why it's on my list:

The concept of a dynamic map that you can interact with to learn more about a time and place is a fictional idea in these novels and a very real possibility in today's world, using webmaps and augmented reality! One of my first ventures into digital GIS librarianship was with an idea for a guided tour featuring augmented reality and local historical society collections. This trilogy nods to this intersection of the humanities and maps, where other books that feature maps and GIS-like things usually involve geography and other STEM fields. I can see these novels inspiring young readers to learn more about maps, and I wonder how many future map librarians will start their journeys in these pages. It's interesting to see unique examples of maps incorporated into fiction (J.K. Rowling's Marauder's Map is the only other obvious example I can think of), and I'm looking forward to finishing the series.

3. Map Librarianship: A Guide to Geoliteracy, Map and GIS Resources and Services

Aber, Susan Elizabeth Ward, and Jeremy Ward Aber. *Map Librarianship: A Guide to Geoliteracy, Map and GIS Resources and Services* (Chandos Information Professional Series). Amsterdam: Boston, 2017 (ISBN: 9780081000212). xv, 278 pages: illustrations (some color), maps (some color).

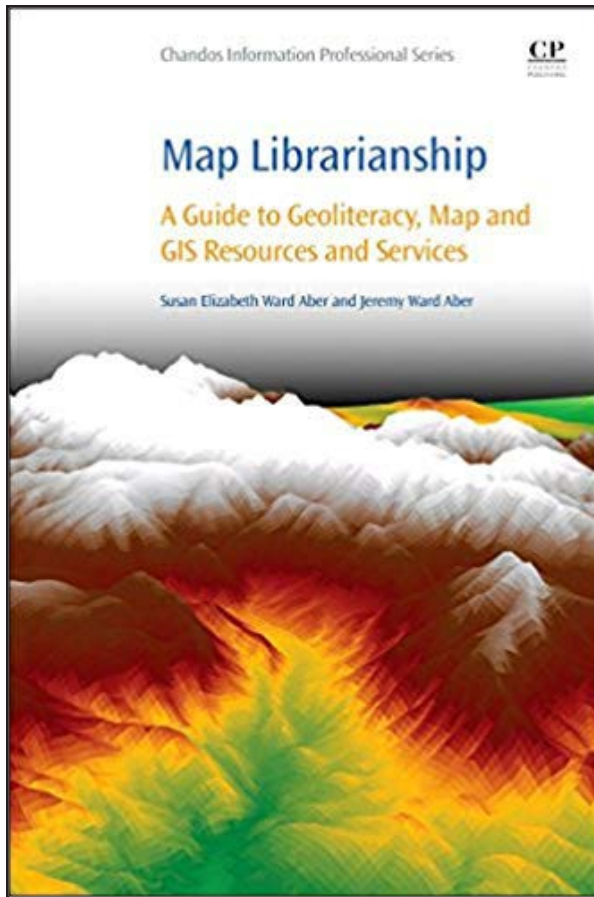
From *base line* 38 (3): 15, June 2017.

Highlights from David's review:

“The authors designed the book to provide the necessary skills needed to begin as a map librarian. They also prepared the work to teach geo-literacy to anyone who needs it. This is also a good book for reference librarians needing to understand enough to be able to assist patrons in accessing and using maps and geospatial data.

In addition to traditional maps, this book also discusses digital maps, GIS and spatial datasets, and related topics. It is easy to follow and does not require prior knowledge to understand the concepts being taught.” ...

“Overall, this is a good instruction tool for training map librarians, for improving map reading skills, and for explaining all aspects of maps and geospatial data. It is



a good reference for any collection and is also good for teaching other librarians about map librarianship.

The work is geared toward college and graduate level learners, but is also useful to anyone who needs to understand how to read and use maps and spatial data.”

Why it's on my list:

This is the book that I turned to after meeting my first map librarian in graduate school. How lucky for me that it came out just months before! It opened my eyes to not only the world of map librarianship, but also GIS and geospatial data concepts. It approaches concepts from the librarian's point of view, so it provides information relevant to librarians, unlike so many other books geared towards geographers. GIS and geoliteracy concepts can seem overwhelmingly technical, but as David said in his review, this is useful to *anyone* with an interest in reading and using maps and spatial data. It also gives a thorough summary

of the history of MAGIRT, which was interesting to read about as a new member.

4. Atlas Obscura: An Explorer's Guide to the World's Hidden Wonders

Foer, Joshua, Dylan Thuras, and Ella Morton. *Atlas Obscura: An Explorer's Guide to the World's Hidden Wonders*. New York: Workman Publishing, 2016 (9780761169086). 470 pages, color illustrations, color maps.

From *base line* 37 (6): 15, December 2016.

Highlights from David's review:

“When I first saw this title in a store, I wrote it down to locate more details on what it contained. The name is slightly misleading; this is not an atlas filled with maps. There are some general maps representing the continent, country, or group of states that is being discussed in each chapter.

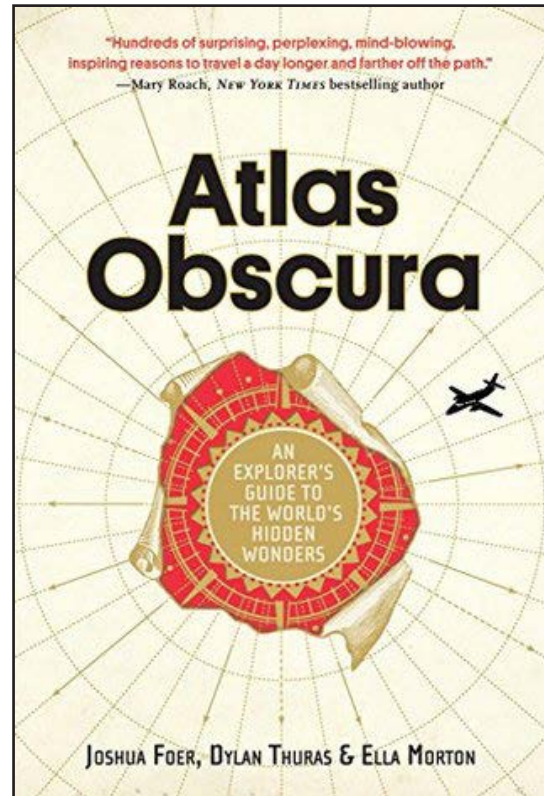
What the *Atlas Obscura* is however, is a book of unusual places and things in the world. It is a book of geographic curiosities that cover the earth. Some of these are familiar, but many are unique to their locale and unusual in nature. Included are natural and man-made features, flora and fauna, phenomenal events, and other wonders. ...

“Some entries describe a specific place while others cover special museums or regions of interest. The authors have researched hundreds of places and the articles are interesting and colorful. While more of a register of the strange and unusual, this work does have a place in geography and anthropology collections. It will be useful for studies of regional culture and the diverse variety in the world.

This book is readable at any level. It can be useful to encourage upper level grade school through high school students to learn geography. It will also provide adult learners with a work on cultures and places. The traveler will enjoy the book for ideas when journeying to these regions. It is also a good book to give as a gift.”

Why it's on my list:

I used to browse the oddities on the Atlas Obscura website obsessively when I first learned about it. David was right – it is a useful and fun way to encourage an interest in geography and maps, and great for travelers or odd-geography aficionados. The Atlas Obscura is also an exercise in how maps could be used to supplement and improve such books; while I would personally browse the Atlas with Google Maps up in another window to get more geographic context, having an actual atlas to accompany this book would be so great! The second edition, coming soon in October 2019, will have a full-color fold-up road trip map, complete with an itinerary, making this a bona fide travel guide. I'm curious to see what this road trip map will look like!



Maps

1. Map of Early Modern London:

Jenstad, Janelle, and Kim Mclean-Fiander, editors. *Civitas Londinvm. The Map of Early Modern London*, edited by Janelle Jenstad, U of Victoria, 07 Jun. 2018, <https://mapoflondon.uvic.ca/index.htm>.

From *base line* 37 (2): 14, April 2016.

Highlights from David's review:

“In 1561 a bird's-eye view of London was cut into woodblocks and printed. This detailed map offers a unique view of the city at the beginning of the British Renaissance. This website offers a representation of the original map (from a 1633 edition).” ...

“This is a valuable tool for mappers (as a model) and for anyone studying London during the Elizabethan and Stuart reigns. Work is still ongoing, but the amount of data and links are dense. This resource will fascinate historians, city planning studies, cultural studies, and many other interests. It is useful for any level learner, but would be perfect for high school through adult learner the most.”

Why it’s on my list:

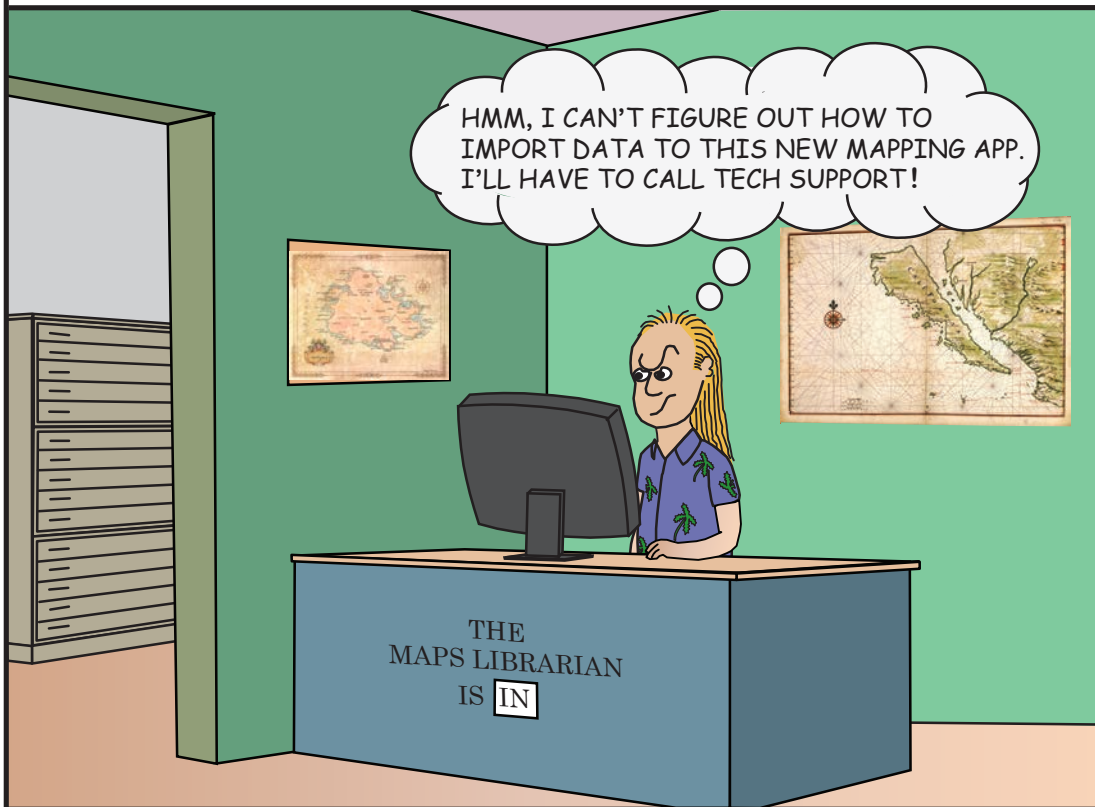
I know, I know, I said I’d leave the GIS and data resources to Carolyn, but this map is too great to pass up! The Agas Map is fascinating, both in its digitally-reincarnated form and as the original woodblock-printed map. It was digitized lovingly, with great resolution and detail available to zoom in on. The design of the original map is also remarkable as a predecessor to the maps we have today; I wonder how many tourist-information maps used the Agas Map as a model, with street names but also geometrical shapes and landmarks to help depict a place without words. Using the shapes formed by roadways and landmarks, this map is a good example of representing a place using what you have. Can’t read the road signs? No problem! Turn left at the curvy-walled garden, under the covered walkway, and keep going until you reach the river.



Anyone could spend hours looking at this map and still learn something new, about how the people dressed, traveled, and did their laundry, what livestock they raised, what weapons they used, and overall, how London was designed.



GREAT MOMENTS IN MAP LIBRARIANSHIP by Jim Coombs



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