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I am pleased to say I returned mentally refreshed from ALA Annual 2017 in Chicago. I truly enjoyed our workshop – cosponsored with RUSA – on Applying Descriptive Cataloging for Rare Materials (Cartographic) and will be introducing many of the concepts to our map cataloging trainees here at The University of Texas at Arlington Libraries. I greatly appreciate having a print edition of the manual, even if it weighed me down – just a little – on my return trip home. Thanks so much to our workshop presenters: Nancy Kandoian, Todd Fell, and Manon Theroux.

My special thanks to Taylor Hixson and her colleagues at the University of Chicago for providing us with a fun and informative field trip. We were all pleased with the impressive facilities of the Mansueto Library and the broad selection of maps pulled for us from the Map Collection; I can still recall the fun details of a 1930s campus map and the ethnic neighborhoods shown on a Chicago “Ganglands” map. And I must add that the University of Chicago has a beautiful campus.

Our field trip was followed by our annual MAGIRT Honors Award Dinner, held at Maggiano’s Little Italy. Their tiramisu was fabulously delicious! To the point, however, Paige Andrews presented this year’s well-deserved MAGIRT Honors Award to Hallie Pritchett, letting us know just a few of the highlights of Hallie’s awesome accomplishments.

As for Saturday’s activities, I was delighted with our program double feature. I took mandatory training classes at our library using ArcGIS; I even took the ArcGIS workshop at the 2015 WAML meeting in Redlands, California. And as much as I learned, what I learned didn’t quite apply to the genealogical research I have been doing on my own. And while most of us have a pretty good idea of how useful maps are in all kinds of research, creating a digital map, especially for us old-fashioned print-map aficionados, can be daunting. I extend my thanks to Ryan Mattke for finally lighting up the dim bulb over my head with his presentation, “Georeferencing Historical Maps: A Tutorial.” I also want to thank Rebecca Lowery, Philip Sutton, and Jen Baldwin for their roles in our enlightenment with their presentations for our program, “Mapping the Generations: Visualizing Family History with Maps.”

As summer is nearing its end, particularly, for the academic world and many of us will soon be hard at work again, both on the job and for our profession. And my thanks to Past Chair Louise Ratliff and Vice Chair Tammy Wong – and to all our committees and their leadership – for working together on MAGIRT to accomplish our mutual goals.

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Iris Taylor, Chair of the CCC, called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. She welcomed all the attendees to the CCC meeting. There were 19 attendees in total. Members present: Paige Andrew, Catherine Hodge, Nancy Kandoian, Tim Kiser, Susan Moore, Iris Taylor, Jay Weitz, Laura Ramsey, Tammy Wong, and Min Zhang.

1. Call to order (Iris Taylor)

2. Welcome and introductions
CCC members and guests introduced themselves.

3. Baseline cataloging editor report (Tammy Wong)
The minutes from CCC meeting held at ALA Annual, in January, 2017, were approved as published on page 5 of the February 2017 baseline. See http://www.ala.org/rt/sites/ala.org.rt/files/content/publicationsab/baseline/BL38-1rev.pdf

4. AACCCM report (Paige Andrew)
Mary Larsgaard handed over the Secretariat’s duties to Susan Moore in September 2016. There is one task remaining for the AACCCM group members, and that is to decide what to do with funds generated (royalties) from the sale of Cartographic Materials: A Manual of Interpretation for AACR2, Second Edition. I believe they total about $3,000. Some time ago members of the AACCCM agreed that we should aim to spend these funds on some kind of project or educational opportunity that benefits map cataloging/catalogers wherever they may be in some way, so that is the scope we will work with to make a determination. Once the funds are allocated the AACCCM will be formally disbanded.

5. ALCTS CaMMS/MAGIRT Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group report (Iris Taylor)
ALA Annual Conference, Chicago, Sunday, June 25, 2017

Iris Taylor stated that LC started participating in Phase 2 of BIBFRAME on June 1, 2017. The cartographic participants are Seanna Tsung, Tammy Wong and Iris Taylor. The following are highlights with BIBFRAME editor 2.0.
- BIBFRAME 2.0 Editor profiles have been created and are being used by BIBFRAME 2.0 pilot participants that worked with in Phase One
- Profiles have been created for authorities
- ILS Voyager database has been converted to BIBFRAME 2.0 and is being tested
- Pilot participants are currently inputting their BIBFRAME 2.0 description in a region that will be discarded
- Shortly after ALA Annual, trained BIBFRAME 2.0 participants will commence inputting their descriptions into the converted BIBFRAME 2.0 database
- Authority work for agents: families, persons, corporate bodies, and jurisdictions will be done in the BIBFRAME 2.0 database
- All work done in the BIBFRAME 2.0 database will be repeated in the LC ILS Voyager which continues to be the master file
- New members to the BIBFRAME 2.0 Pilot participants pool will be trained in July
- LC intends to provide access to the BIBFRAME 2.0 database. No date has been set yet for the release

Open Discussion

The scale statement for a born digital resource does not fit into any of the current scale phrases, such as “scales differ,” “scale varies,” “scale not given,” or “not drawn to scale.” Regarding statements for scale of born digital resources, the cartographic and GIS communities will need to continue the discussion.

The use of a new phrase was discussed “Scale not determined,” which is used when you cannot figure out the scale that is presented on the resource. This phrase is defined in the DCRM(C) manual.

During the meeting we revisited a previous discussion from the ALA Mid-Winter meeting on linking fields, 76X-78X, especially for maps that have been separated from atlases. Nancy Kandioan previously used the MARC tag fields 580 and 787. Robert Bremer from OCLC agreed to use 580/787 versus using the 773 host entry and a 500 note because the descriptive cataloging is based on the item in hand as the original. Robert said, Chapter 3 instructs you to add an issue/piece, which has been extracted or detached from the resource with a citation. A Linking Field task force (Nancy Kandioan, Tim Kiser, Maggie Long, Catherine Hodge, and Iris Taylor) was created to determine the best practice.

OCLC has implemented UNICODE completely now, which brings up the question of which special characters to use for minutes, degrees, and seconds. In Connexion, the special characters are difficult to make and are not being consistently used. The use of lowercase x for measurements of map will also need to be examined. LD4-P (CM) project is looking at modeling coordinates, not to display those special character elements for future systems.

The discussion continued with the advantages and the disadvantages of entering coordinates in both MARC tag fields: 034 (machine manipulation) and 255 (display-human readability). Two related questions were discussed on coordinates: Should we keep $c coordinates information in MARC tag 255 field? Majority of people in the group did not feel that the information
following $c$ in the MARC tag field 255 did not need to be recorded, but rather optional. Should we propose to record decimal coordinates versus standard coordinates (degrees, minutes, and seconds)? There are automated tools to convert standard coordinates to decimal. There was no preference from the group. However, the key is getting coordinates in the record in a formatted and controllable way. Further discussion was deferred to the Cataloging and Classification Committee meeting for a decision.

**Update(s)**

Marc McGee mentioned that the LD4P-CM group continues to coordinate projects for linked data for cartographic resources. In conjunction, with the LD4P-CM project, Harvard is working on a related project called Linked Data for Libraries Labs. Harvard is currently testing records with Cornell’s VitroLib. The project aim is to launch the VitroLib editor 2.0 in Fall 2017. Harvard plans to request an extension of the grant as well. For further information or to volunteer contact Marc McGee, Geospatial Metadata Librarian, Harvard University, at: mmcgee@fas.harvard.edu. Tammy Wong informed the group on an update on Demographic Group Terms. MARC tag field 521, which will be used in bibliographic records with special terms associated with the field. Continue to wait on the implementation from LC’s Policy Standards Office.

6. **CC:DA report (Min Zhang)**

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   Cataloging and Metadata Management Section  
   Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access  
   January-July 2017

MAGIRT liaison Report  
Submitted by Min Zhang

**Report from the Chair**

1. Due to the RDA Steering Committee’s (RSC) 3R Project, CC:DA has had no discussion papers or proposals to work on since ALA Midwinter 2017.

2. In April 2017, the CC:DA R3 Task Force was formed and charged with providing feedback to the ALA Representative to the RSC on the proposed changes to the RDA Toolkit and the RDA instructions. The new RDA governance model is intended to be in place by 2019.

**Report from the Library of Congress Representative Dave Reser:**

1. **LC Guidelines Supplement to the MARC 21 Format for Authority Data:** In April 2017, the LC Guidelines were expanded to include fields and subfields for which no implementation decision has been made yet. These fields and subfields contain instructions not to use them with the additional text “implementation decision not yet made.” They will be updated to reflect implementation decisions when appropriate.
2. **Cataloger’s Desktop:** Over the past six months, the focus on Cataloger’s Desktop development has been on enhancing search and retrieval through two major projects. The first project, called “Related searches,” enables Desktop to provide the searcher with suggested searches that may more precisely reflect the information they are seeking without reference to the search keywords. This service is based on a machine analysis of all successful searches performed over the past three years. For example, if the searcher types in “uniform title,” suggested related searches include “6.2.2” and “130.” A search for “part” suggests “LC-PCC PS 2.1” and “multipart.”

The second project, called “Classification Web integration,” enables subscribers to both Cataloger’s Desktop and Classification Web to search both resources simultaneously within the Desktop search environment. A search for “music biography” will provide hits in the Subject Headings Manual, LCSH, and the LC Classification schedule. Additionally, links in Classification Web to Subject Headings. Manual instruction sheets will be live hyperlinks instead of merely text references. As of late May 2017, it is projected that this important enhancement will be available in late June or early July.

3. **Cataloging Distribution Service:** The Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS) worked with Library Services and OCIO to make 25 million records in the Library’s online catalog available for free bulk download at URL [loc.gov/cds/products/marcDist.php](http://loc.gov/cds/products/marcDist.php). This is the largest release of records in the Library’s history. Produced from 1968 through 2014, the records will also be easily accessible at URL [data.gov](http://data.gov), the open-government website hosted by the General Services Administration (GSA). Until now, these bibliographic records have only been available individually or through a paid subscription. The new, free MDSCConnect service will operate in parallel with the Library’s fee-based MARC Distribution Service, which is used extensively by large commercial customers and libraries. In addition to their traditional value to libraries, the rich data included in these records can be used for a wide range of cultural, historical and literary research.

4. **Bibliographic Framework Initiative:** This initiative is an investigation of the emerging Linked Open Data environment for sharing of bibliographic descriptions that currently use the MARC Format. Documentation of the project is available from the BIBFRAME web site, URL [http://www.loc.gov/bibframe](http://www.loc.gov/bibframe).

Based on findings of the 2016 BIBFRAME pilot at LC and feedback from the linked open data community, NDMSO revised BIBFRAME extensively and published BIBFRAME 2.0 in March-April 2017. An upgrade to the MarkLogic datastore server software to MarkLogic Version 8 was installed and data conversion to BIBFRAME 2.0 began. This upgrade enables the inclusion of native handling of RDF triples in the database and security updates. In June 2017, ABA began training the 40 former pilot participants in BIBFRAME 2.0. In July, an additional 27 cataloging staff will be trained in BIBFRAME 2.0. By August, the BIBFRAME Pilot will resume with approximately 65 catalogers and copy catalogers using BIBFRAME 2.0. In contrast to the 2016 pilot, the BIBFRAME 2.0 phase will feature a simulated dynamic BIBFRAME environment, achieved by converting all bibliographic and authority records in the Library of Congress Online Catalog to BIBFRAME 2.0. The new phase of the BIBFRAME Pilot
will test: input of bibliographic data using BIBFRAME 2.0 vocabulary; name authority work (using RDA as the cataloging standard) with MODS vocabulary; and non-Latin bibliographic description in native scripts. Participants will create descriptions of each resource in both MARC 21 and BIBFRAME 2.0. To encourage experimentation with BIBFRAME by the community, BIBFRAME 2.0 and all BIBFRAME tools developed at LC are made available for download on the software sharing site, GitHub.

Report of the ALA Representative to the RDA Steering Committee: Glennan

RDA Toolkit Restructure and Redesign (3R) Project: This project started in 2016 and will end with the rollout of a new RDA Toolkit in April 2018 that will include significant improvements to both the standard and to the Toolkit.

- The “old” Toolkit and the “new” Toolkit will have different versions of RDA.
- The “old” Toolkit will not be updated.

An overview is available on the Toolkit website http://www.rdatoolkit.org/3Rproject. In addition to providing greater flexibility in the display of instructions, improved functionality for editors and translators, and better tracking of revision history, the 3R Project will also bring the site into compliance with current accessibility standards and improve its readability on mobile devices.

The RSC discussed the restructuring of the RDA content itself. The RSC established general principles for this work: to generalize existing instructions where possible, to clarify the transcription and recording of data in the context of the 4-fold path (unstructured description, structured description which includes authorized access points, identifiers, and linked data URIs), and to expand RDA’s scope to cultural heritage communities.

The following decisions have been made.

- RDA will be edited to bring it in compliance with the IFLA-Library Reference Model (LRM). More on RSC’s plans related to LRM is available on their website.
- RDA Toolkit data will be converted to the data model DITA, and the current file structure will be broken up at the element level. This will allow for greater modularity and flexibility in the display of RDA instructions and other Toolkit content.
- RDA Toolkit’s reporting of revisions and changes to RDA will be expanded and enhanced to include reports for every release and for each language version. The 3R Project will explore the inclusion of “track changes” versions of affected text in a release in these reports as well as a brief explanation of the reason for the change.
- The User Group and others have expressed the need to better integrate the content of the Toolkit. The 3R Project will work with UX (user experience) experts to determine a presentation of instructions that is instructive for the user and brings together national, local and personal notes without requiring users to click to multiple locations on the site.
- Along with integration of content, personalization has emerged as a priority for the 3R Project. The goal is to allow users to set preferences for the documents they want most readily available and to set preferences for how the display space is used.
IFLA Library Reference Model

The RSC agreed to adopt the draft IFLA Library Reference Model (LRM) with the goal of developing the RDA text by the April 2018 release of a restructured RDA Toolkit. Glennan presented some of the new entities that will be added to RDA (Res, Place, Time-span, Nomen, and Collective agent) and changes to some of the existing entities in RDA (Person, Work, Expression, and Manifestation) in 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta in January.

Discussion of proposals and discussion papers

The RSC discussed 23 proposals and discussion papers plus responses from communities and other groups. The documents represented a wide diversity of topics and included 14 proposals or discussion papers from five of the ten RSC working groups. Changes to RDA approved by the RSC during the meeting appeared in the April 2017 update of RDA Toolkit, or at http://rda-rsc.org/newrscdocs.

Aggregates

RSC/AggregatesWG/1 and RSC/ALA-CCC/Discussion/1 will be folded into an aggregates work package in the 3R Project. The clarification in LC/1/rev was accepted.

Rare resources

Four of the six proposals from the RSC Rare Materials Working Group were accepted, some with revisions. RSC/RareWG/3 and RSC/RareWG/6/rev were withdrawn as active proposals by Francis Lapka, Chair of the group; they will be referred for consideration as part of the 3R Project.

Relationships

RSC approved changes #1 and #2 in RSC/Relationship/1; the other changes in that document and RSC/Europe/2 were referred to the RSC Aggregates Working Group and the RSC Relationship Designators Working Group for consideration as part of the 3R Project.

JUNE 26, 2017: The CC:DA held a special discussion session sponsored by the RDA Steering Committee on Monday morning. RSC gathered information and recommendations from members of specialist cataloging communities (cartographic, A-V, archival, etc.) about RDA’s coverage of their types of materials. Paige Andrew, Louise Ratliff, Tammy Wong, Min Zhang and other MAGIRT members of cartographic cataloging community presented a draft document of suggested changes and additions to RDA for the 3R Project. Based on MAGIRT CCC discussions, Paige Andrew summarized the suggested changes in scale, coordinates, projection, prime meridian, and relief.

7. LC Geography and Map Division report (Paulette Hasier)

MAGIRT REPORT for 201706
Chief, Dr. Paulette Hasier

A total of 45,854 cartographic items were acquired by the Geography and Map Division including 22,351 maps, 3,645 atlases, 3,705 computer data files containing over 16,000 maps, and 144 publications.
To increase the number of foreign-produced cartographic items acquired for G&M “maps” and “geographic atlases” will be included, starting in FY 2018, in all LC general approval plans with foreign vendors.

G&M updated the Library of Congress Collection Policy Statements (CPS) pertaining to cartography and geography, creating a new “Digital Geospatial Materials” CPS and updating the “Geography and Cartography” and “Analog Geospatial Materials” CPSs.

G&M also continued the acquisition initiative to collect the technical and personal papers of leading cartographers and geographers involved in the earliest development of GIS and computer cartography. Important archives acquired this year include the papers of Dr. Duane Marble and Barbara Bartz-Petchenik.

G&M’s online map* website was visited 269,121 with 112,510 downloads and 97,684 unique visitors. Four G&M social media sites were accessed this past year including: Philip Lee Phillips Map Society of the Library of Congress Online Publications www.loc.gov/phillips; “Places in the News”; G&M’ Twitter account (“LOCMaps”) and Worlds Revealed: Geography & Maps at the Library of Congress Blog http://blogs.loc.gov/maps/.

* In May 2017, the Library of Congress placed online more than 23,600 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, which depict the structure and use of buildings in U.S. cities and towns. Maps will be added monthly until 2020, for a total of approximately 500,000. The collection is available at www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/about-this-collection/.

Social Media Twitter Account: @LOCMaps posted 705 tweets since June 2016 that garnered 2,521,100 total Impressions in that time. The number of average monthly impressions since June 2016 is 240,100. The account has collected 17,520 Total Followers since its launch.


- 100,837 Total Lifetime Page Views since launch
- 79,378 Total Lifetime Visits since launch
- 6,124 Total Lifetime Subscriptions since launch

New maps online total by June, 2017 from the collections of the Geography & Map Division of:

- Maps Online: 43,267
- Sanborn Maps: 20,927
- Total Online: 64,194

Work on scanning historic maps continues under the G&M’s Third-Party Digitization Programs. The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency project is focused on large scale set maps of Africa. Those maps that are in the public domain will be added to the Maps online (https://www.loc.gov/maps/collections/). The Minneapolis environmental data research firm, Historical Information Gatherers (HIG), has been delivering the files for the estimated ½ million fire insurance maps they completed scanning in 2016 to the Division and this process is expected to be completed by Fall of 2017. The Division is ingesting and processing these images and currently has maps
online for Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Kentucky, Michigan, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming. More states will be loaded as the files are completely ingested and reviewed.

Three G&M senior cataloging specialists continue to participate in Bibliographic Framework (BIBFRAME) Pilot Phase II on June 1, 2017, including 6 months of intensive format specific training and working in BIBFRAME 2.0. They will continue doing double cataloging using BIBFRAME 2.0 vocabulary and profile, creating data and describing each cartographic resource they handle twice, first in the BIBFRAME Editor and next in the ILS Voyager database. BIBFRAME 2.0 version will allow catalogers to save and retrieve data, and have more robust authority control.

The G&M Cataloging Team continue to participate in Linked Data for Production (LD4P) project. LD4P Project is a multi-institutional effort that explores applying LOD (Linked Open Data) models, including the BIBFRAME, to natively describe library resources. The LD4P Cartographic Materials sub-project focuses on evaluating ontologies and vocabularies best suited to the description of cartographic resources with the aim of establishing a set of library community shared best practices.

Cartographic Resources Manual (CRM): The G&M Cataloging Team has been working on appendixes and chapter 8 on reproductions. Next quarterly updates on the Catalogers’ Desktop will reflect the new revisions.

G&M initiated an EAD finding aids program to describe the history, scope, and contents of over 500 special cartographic items in unprocessed collections. Nine collections were processed that control some of the following: Hammond Map Collection (65 archival boxes), Neil Sheehan Vietnam Maps (73 maps/6 folders), Peyton March WWI Maps (22 maps/7 folders), William Rea Furlong WWI Maps (5 maps/1 folder), Aaron Schoen WWI maps (8 maps/1 folder), Everett Strait Hughes WWI maps (4 maps/1 folder), George Sabin Gibbs WWI maps (7 maps/1 folder), John Leonard Hines WWI maps (186 map folders), Wallace Atwood Jr. WWII military map models (262 maps/1 storage box).


Two major conferences were sponsored or cosponsored: Cheryl Fox presented her paper on Phillips’ First Acquisitions Trips on February 22, 2017. Peter Doyle, geologist and military geographer, lectured on the Gallipoli Campaign and other events in WWI on May 25, 2017.

8. **OCLC report (Laura Ramsey)**

Laura Ramsey distributed the full OCLC report to the committee members and guests. Excerpts from the report of OCLC of interests to map catalogers appear below.
Cataloging and Metadata

Job Posting: Consulting Database Specialist, OCLC, Dublin, Ohio

OCLC is seeking a Consulting Database Specialist to join the Metadata Quality team to work with WorldCat bibliographic data. The Consulting Database Specialist is responsible for complex evaluation, modification, and maintenance of data throughout its lifecycle, following appropriate standards and policies. Main responsibilities include:

- Provides product management for projects to maintain and improve data quality by developing data quality initiatives.
- Assesses and corrects individual and batch collections of records.
- Provides consultant-level operational and technical support on cataloging policy for WorldCat users.
- Consults with Metadata Quality staff on bibliographic database development and maintenance.

This position is located at the OCLC Headquarters in Dublin, Ohio, within the greater Columbus metropolitan area. For full position responsibilities, qualifications, and to apply, please visit the OCLC Careers Posting https://oclc.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/OCLC_Careers/job/Corporate-Office---Dublin/Consulting-Database-Specialist_R0000491. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nathan B. Putnam, Director, Metadata Quality, Global Product Management, OCLC +1-614-764-6480 or putnamn@oclc.org.

OCLC-MARC Update 2017

The 2017 OCLC-MARC Update will implement MARC 21 Bibliographic, Authority, and Holdings format changes announced in MARC 21 Updates No. 23 (November 2016) and No. 24 (May 2017) including:

- New code “n” in Bibliographic Leader/18 (Descriptive cataloging form; “Desc”) is defined for “Non-ISBD Punctuation Omitted.”
- Bibliographic format Score 008/20 (Format of Music; “FMus”) has new code “p” for “Piano Score;” code “b” redescribed and renamed “Miniature or Study Score;” and codes “l” (Condensed score), “k” (Vocal score), “l” (Score), and “z” (Other) redescribed.
- Bibliographic field 028 has been redefined and renamed “Publisher or Distributor Number,” has First Indicator renamed “Type of Number,” has First Indicator code “1” (Matrix Number) redescribed, has First Indicator “3” renamed to “Other Music Publisher Number,” has First Indicator code “4” renamed “Video Recording Publisher Number,” has a new First Indicator code “6” for “Distributor Number,” has subfield $a renamed
“Publisher or Distributor Number,” and has subfield $b (Source) redescribed.
- Bibliographic field 382 (Medium of Performance) has new subfield $3 (Materials specified) defined.
- A new set of Authority fields -- 147, 447, 547, 747 -- has been defined for “Named Event.”
- New Holdings field 347 “Digital File Characteristics” is defined.

Additionally, OCLC will validate MARC codes announced in fourteen LC Technical Notices
http://www.loc.gov/marc/marcginf.html#naa issued since the most recent OCLC-MARC Update was installed in August 2016. All details will be available in an upcoming OCLC Technical Bulletin. We plan to install the OCLC-MARC Update 2017 during the second half of calendar year 2017 and will make announcements widely through the usual discussion lists and Connexion logon greetings.

**LAC to Move Catalogue to WorldCat, Use OCLC WMS as its Platform**

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) has entered into an agreement with OCLC to use OCLC WorldShare Management Services as its library services platform and move its National Union Catalogue to WorldCat. These moves are designed to make Canada’s documentary heritage more widely accessible and available to library users in Canada and around the world. OCLC was determined to be the only organization that was able to meet all of LAC’s requirements. Under this agreement, current union catalogue data will be loaded and maintained in WorldCat, the most comprehensive union catalogue that currently represents the collections of hundreds of Canadian libraries and thousands of libraries around the world. A subset of WorldCat will be created to produce a Canadian view of the catalogue, and a link to this subset will be available on the LAC website. There are currently more than 122 million holdings from Canadian libraries represented in WorldCat, and as many as 10 million unique items are held by Canadian libraries. More Canadian libraries will be able to join OCLC to take full advantage of services offered. Many Canadian libraries already subscribe to OCLC interlibrary loan and copy cataloging services. LAC’s transition to OCLC will not affect these libraries. As a provision of the agreement, LAC will support small public libraries and small libraries at post-secondary institutions. As part of the unique features OCLC will offer to LAC, OCLC will continue maintaining the LAC French-language name authority file using WMS. Once these authority records are migrated to the WMS platform and WorldCat, LAC will use WorldShare metadata management applications to create and update French name authorities. LAC French-language authority data will be integrated into OCLC’s cataloging services and continue to be freely accessible through the Virtual International Authority File https://viaf.org/. More about this agreement, services offered and the transition schedule is on the LAC website at http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/services/library-system-renewal/Pages/introduction.aspx.

9. **MARC Advisory Committee report (Susan Moore)**

The MARC Advisory Committee met twice during the annual conference. Proposal no. 2017-08 to use $0 for authority record Uniform Resource Identifiers and $1 to capture Uniform Resource Identifiers that link to websites that directly identify the Thing itself passed with revisions.
Proposal 2017-09 passed with revisions and adds field 758 that will provide a field to record an identifier for a resource that is either the resource described in the bibliographic record or a resource related to the resource described in the record. Also passed was Proposal 2017-10, which allows field 257 to be used to record non-country regions to be recorded as areas of production. This came from OLAC so that they can record regions that aren’t countries but have definite film production histories (like Hong Kong). Proposal 2017-11 to add new fields to record accessibility content was tabled. Proposal 2017-12 added $u, $r, and $z to field 777 passed.

Discussion Paper 2017-DP06 was the joint paper from MAGIRT and the Canadian Committee on Metadata Exchange to explore the addition of codes to better accommodate digital cartographic resources. The discussion was very helpful and a proposal will come back at Midwinter. The last two discussion papers (to make $s (Version) repeatable in a number of fields and $d in fields X11) were both converted into proposals and passed.

10. RBMS/DCRMC report (Nancy Kandoian)

RBMS/DCRM(C) and preconference workshop

The June 2017 preconference, sponsored by MAGIRT and RBMS, on “Applying Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Cartographic),” for an audience of experienced modern map catalogers, was a successful event, with 17 registrants. Presenters Todd Fell, Manon Théroux, and Nancy Kandoian, from the DCRM(C) editorial group, were gratified by the positive feedback on the evaluation forms, and appreciate the assistance we had in organizing the event from Louise Ratliff and Iris Taylor. One surprising thing from the evaluation forms was the interest in practice on mathematical data conversions, which we had thought would not be as important to the experienced map catalogers as the rare materials issues of transcription and transposition.

Shortly before ALA in June, there was a change in an authorized genre term that may be of interest to catalogers of rare cartographic materials. The term *Composite atlases* should now be used in preference to Atlas factice. This change was proposed thanks to background research and persistence by our DCRM(C) keeper-of-the-text, Manon Théroux.

11. Old businesses

Updates on Demographic Group Terms (Tammy Wong)

*Library of Congress Demographic Group Terms* (LCDGT) is intended to describe the creators of and contributors to resources, and also the intended audience of resources. Terms may be assigned in bibliographic records and in authority records for works.

The demographic group terms will be incorporated in our bibliographic records. Our team has evaluated the needs for the heading, and is waiting on the implementation from Policy and Standards Division.

Status of “Guidelines for Cataloging Cartographic Resources Using RDA” (Susan Moore)

The decision of making subfield c in 255 an option will be considered to be included in the
document. Susan is in consultation with the Chair of Online Presence Oversight Committee to post the document in the appropriate MAGIRT website.

12. **Announcements**

Report on MAGIRT program: Mapping the Generations and How to put Your Family History on the Map: Georeferencing and Geocoding Historical Information (Louise Ratliff)
The two program held on Saturday, June 24 were very successful and well attended. There were 85 people in attendance. Useful handouts and Powerpoint slides were posted on the ALA Connect website at: [http://connect.ala.org/node/268284](http://connect.ala.org/node/268284)

As ALA is reducing the numbers of programs and streamlining of venues and logistics, there is a chance that the CCC and the cataloging interest group will be merged, since there is so much overlap in content between the two meetings, to be effective next year 2018/19. There will also be the merger of Membership & Marketing and Education Committees.

OCLC – Linking fields (Laura Ramsey)
Resulting from a previous discussion from last meeting in Mid-Winter, CCC decided to establish a Linking Field task force with the following members: Nancy Kandoian, Tim Kiser, Maggie Long, Catherine Hodge, and Iris Taylor. The group is charged to explore the best practice to catalog maps that have been separated from atlases. Options include using 500/773 host item entry and 580/787 MARC tag fields.

3R Project (RDA Toolkit Restructure and Redesign (Paige Andrew)
Members of the Cataloging and Classification Committee were invited by Judy Kuhagen on June 10th to attend a RDA Steering Committee updating/enhancing meeting to be held on Monday morning, June 26th. Louise, Min, and I were initially contacted and we reached out to other CCC members to assist. This meeting will allow members of format-specific communities to share what they see as needed changes or additions to RDA. The RDA Steering Committee is in the midst of its “3R Project” (or RDA Toolkit Restructure and Redesign Project). Monday’s meeting is intended as a sharing/discussion session, in the coming weeks we will be working on necessary details about specific elements needing attention with the Steering Committee and as part of the process we will also ask fellow catalogers for comments along the way.

13. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Wong
MAGIRT and GODORT letter written in response to the 2018 Federal Budget for USGS

We sent this letter to GODORT for their endorsement, however, at the same time the ALA Washington Office sent a letter to Congress, so they did not use ours. Thank you to the many people who collaborated on the MAGIRT letter. It is printed here in full here so that it can be on the record.

Louise Ratliff
MAGIRT Past Chair

Letter to ALA Washington Office with regard to the 2018 Federal Budget for the USGS

Dear ALA Washington Office,

The Map and Geospatial Information Round Table (MAGIRT) and the Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) of ALA strongly endorse the attached letter which urges Congress to provide continued funding for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Library. We ask that you act on our behalf to convey to Congress our support of this vital national library service which consists of over 1.5 million volumes and 3 million maps, photographs, and field records.

The consequences of shutting down vital USGS library services would be widespread and devastating not only to students and scholars, but also to corporations, businesses, and private citizens. Students use USGS resources to reconstruct past geographies and examine changes in shorelines and wetlands over time; archaeologists locate stream beds and former settlements; members of the public find historical information about geologic fault locations. At New York Public Library, according to librarian Nancy Kandoian, “Many students and professionals interested in the infrastructure of New York City are especially excited to find the information on landfill and waterpipes that appears on the Bedrock and Engineering Geologic Maps of Bronx County and of New York County from the USGS Miscellaneous Investigations Series. Over many years, we had contract workers doing background research for the Second Avenue subway in the Map Division, with frequent reference to USGS resources.”

In another case, Craig Haggit of Denver Public Library explains, “A couple was involved in a legal case involving their property in western Colorado,
and wanted to see detailed maps that showed their general area. In addition to showing them our historical USGS topos (various years and scales), I also showed them how to access these maps (and others we might not have) online at: https://ngmdb.usgs.gov. They weren’t cadastral maps of course, but they were extremely happy with what the maps showed, and it made a huge difference to them.”

Several years ago, a researcher visited the American Geographical Society Library at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to review old USGS topographical maps in order to identify brownfield sites. According to University of Iowa librarian Cathy Hodge, who worked there at the time, “She used the printed topos going all the way back to the earliest edition of each map to see what industries, companies or towns utilized a piece of land. People or companies currently interested in a site needed to know whether heavy industry took place there and what contaminants or heavy metals might be buried in the ground that would require clean up. She was determining whether there was a potential “Love Canal” on the site of interest to the owner or possible buyer of a site.”

Rebecca Lowery, librarian at the Newberry Library in Chicago, describes her experience as a maps and family and local history librarian. She says, “I have always made use of the materials of the USGS libraries. They provide information to ecologists and environmental sciences that I instructed allowing them to understand through the materials the changes in the natural environment. The urban planners and social work and sociologists learn from the materials about the growth and changes in our urban environments. They are essential aids in virtually every discipline in teaching and the enhancement of knowledge. Without them our intellectual institutions of any stripe would be lessened and our knowledge decreased.”

Lastly, Alpine Rescue Team, based in Evergreen, Colorado, conducts approximately 140 search and rescue operations each year in the mountains west of Denver. Wes Brown, President of the Team, reports that the 7.5 minute topo maps produced by USGS, both in paper and digital form, are a staple of its activity. It has hundreds of them in every truck, uses them on lots of missions, and replaces them with purchases directly from the USGS Federal Center in Denver. One might think that GPS has replaced the need for paper maps, but problems with digital mapping in the field abound. Thus the team uses a dual system with both paper and digital maps produced by the USGS for control. Most critical are the occasional map updates produced by the USGS.

These are only a few illustrations of the thousands of ways in which people benefit from USGS library publications and services. Please make our needs known to Congress and urge them to fully fund the USGS Library.
Announcements
Louise Ratliff, MAGIRT, encouraged everyone to become involved with the MAGIRT organization. Louise announced that the ALCTS-CaMMS/MAGIRT Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group is looking for a Discussion Group Coordinator to fill the vacant position (That coordinator’s role is to coordinate and lead the group meetings at Annual and Mid-Winter, report at various meetings of MAGIRT as well as submit reports to *ALCTs News* and *base line*).

Iris Taylor stated that LC started participating in Phase 2 of BIBFRAME on June 1, 2017. The cartographic participants are Seanna Tsung, Tammy Wong and Iris Taylor. The following are highlights with BIBFRAME editor 2.0.

- BIBFRAME 2.0 Editor profiles have been created and are being used by BIBFRAME 2.0 pilot participants that worked with in Phase One
- Profiles have been created for authorities
- ILS Voyager database has been converted to BIBFRAME 2.0 and is being tested
- Pilot participants are currently inputting their BIBFRAME 2.0 description in a region that will be discarded
- Shortly after ALA Annual, trained BIBFRAME 2.0 participants will commence inputting their descriptions into the converted BIBFRAME 2.0 database
- Authority work for agents: families, persons, corporate bodies, and jurisdictions will be done in the BIBFRAME 2.0 database
- All work done in the BIBFRAME 2.0 database will be repeated in the LC ILS Voyager which continues to be the master file
- New members to the BIBFRAME 2.0 Pilot participants pool will be trained in July
- LC intends to provide access to the BIBFRAME 2.0 database. No date has been set yet for the release

Open Discussion
The scale statement for a born digital resource does not fit into any of the current scale phrases, such as “scales differ,” “scale varies,” “scale not given,” or “not drawn to scale.” Regarding statements for scale of born digital resources, the cartographic and GIS communities will need to continue the discussion.

The use of a new phrase was discussed “Scale not determined,” which is used when you cannot figure out the scale that is presented on the resource. This phrase is defined in the DCRM(C) manual.

During the meeting we revisited a previous discussion from the ALA Mid-Winter meeting on linking fields, 76X-78X, especially for maps that have been separated from atlases.
Nancy Kandioan previously used the MARC tag fields 580 and 787. Robert Bremer from OCLC agreed to use 580/787 versus using the 773 host entry and a 500 note because the descriptive cataloging is based on the item in hand as the original. Robert said, Chapter 3 instructs you to add an issue/piece, which has been extracted or detached from the resource with a citation. A Linking Field task force (Nancy Kandioan, Tim Kiser, Maggie Long, Catherine Hodge, and Iris Taylor) was created to determine the best practice.

OCLC has implemented UNICODE completely now, which brings up the question of which special characters to use for minutes, degrees, and seconds. In Connexion, the special characters are difficult to make and are not being consistently used. The use of lowercase x for measurements of map will also need to be examined. LD4-P (CM) project is looking at modeling coordinates, not to display those special character elements for future systems.

The discussion continued with the advantages and the disadvantages of entering coordinates in both MARC tag fields: 034 (machine manipulation) and 255 (display-human readability). Two related questions were discussed on coordinates: Should we keep $c coordinates information in MARC tag 255 field? Majority of people in the group did not feel that the information following $c in the MARC tag field 255 did not need to be recorded, but rather optional. Should we propose to record decimal coordinates versus standard coordinates (degrees, minutes, and seconds)? There are automated tools to convert standard coordinates to decimal. There was no preference from the group. However, the key is getting coordinates in the record in a formatted and controllable way. Further discussion was deferred to the Cataloging and Classification Committee meeting for a decision.

**Update(s)**

Marc McGee mentioned that the LD4P-CM group continues to coordinate projects for linked data for cartographic resources. In conjunction, with the LD4P-CM project, Harvard is working on a related project called Linked Data for Libraries Labs. Harvard is currently testing records with Cornell’s VitroLib. The project aim is to launch the VitroLib editor 2.0 in Fall 2017. Harvard plans to request an extension of the grant as well. For further information or to volunteer contact Marc McGee, Geospatial Metadata Librarian, Harvard University, at: mmcgee@fas.harvard.edu.

Tammy Wong informed the group on an update on Demographic Group Terms. MARC tag field 521, which will be used in bibliographic records with special terms associated with the field. Continue to wait on the implementation from LC’s Policy Standards Office.

The report is respectfully submitted by Iris Taylor, June 28, 2017.
MAGIRT TREASURER’S REPORT FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
JUNE 25, 2017

This report is based on the April 2017 MAGIRT performance report.

Overview:
Total Net Assets for MAGIRT as of April 30, 2017 = $56,384

TOTAL INCOME [Sept. 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017] = $4,959
TOTAL EXPENSES [Sept. 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017] = $1,600
Current balance (income minus expenses 2016/17 ALA fiscal year) = $3,359

Comments:
Total revenues YTD are $4,959. As reported previously, the majority of these funds are from personal memberships, plus some additional sales and registration fees since the last report. We had budgeted for $7,200 for dues and have received $4,329 in dues as of the end of April so dues are down significantly.

Expenses for the same period have not been substantial, totaling $1,600. Thus far, we are under what we budgeted for expenses for the most part. We are $11 over in what we budgeted for order processing and fulfillment (budgeted $30, have spent $41) but under budget in all other expenses.

Susan Moore

For the latest MAGIRT Exec Board minutes and committee reports please login to your ALA Connect account.
http://connect.ala.org/

Also MAGIRT files that are open to all are available within ALA Connect and can be accessed from http://connect.ala.org/magirt

NOTICE!! ALA Connect with start migrating to it’s new system starting August 10th
The MAGIRT Awards Committee is proud to bestow this year’s MAGIRT Honors Award to Hallie Pritchett. The award ceremony was held at Maggiano’s Little Italy Restaurant on Friday June 23, 2017 during the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.

Hallie received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Minnesota and, in 2006, her MLIS from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. While pursuing her library degree she worked in the John R. Borchert Map Library at the University of Minnesota. In February 2007 Hallie was hired as the Map Librarian at the University of Georgia and in 2008 became Head, Map and Government Information Library/Map and Federal Regional Depository Librarian. Since 2009 she has also received a certificate in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) from the University of West Georgia and a Master Internet Technology degree from the University of Georgia.

Hallie had been very active in MAGIRT and has served on the GeoTech committee and has chaired the Publications committee. In 2010 she was elected as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, serving as chair during the year when we changed from MAGERT to MAGIRT in 2011. She is also the designer of our current logo! Hallie continues to be involved in MAGIRT, serving on the task force for the Online Guide to U.S. Map Resources and as our liaison to GODORT.

Hallie has also served the government documents community by serving on the Federal Depository Library Council and was then elected by her Council peers to serve as chair from 2015-2016. She currently serves as chair of the GODORT Legislation Committee.
Hallie has served her library and university extensively by serving on or chairing 26 committees or task forces. She has also written numerous articles and given dozens of presentations. Hallie has also been honored by the UGa Libraries as “Supervisor of the Year” twice, “Faculty Newcomer of the Year”, and has received the University Librarian’s award for “Outstanding Employee of the Year” for Faculty.

The criteria for the Honors Award reads, “The MAGIRT Honors Award is presented annually in recognition of outstanding achievement and major contributions to map and geospatial librarianship and to the Round Table.” The committee had no reservations in determining that Hallie Pritchett is well-deserving of our award. We extend our hardy congratulations to Hallie.

All the attendees of the Honors Award dinner had a great time while eating a fantastic meal and applauding Hallie on her well deserved award. Well done!
Some Photo Highlights from the 2017 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago

Exhibit area at McCormick Place

Two types of urban mountains

The Chicago “Bean” at Millennium Park

Photos by the Editor
Visualizing Family History was a very well attended and informative session. Each speaker provided excellent concrete sources and places to find information about locating and using cartographic resources to assist with family history and genealogy. The three presenters and their talks were:

- Discovering the past by address: Family history where your ancestors lived Rebecca Lowery, Reference Librarian in Genealogy and Local History at Newberry Library, Chicago, IL
- Genealogy and Maps: Digital Initiatives at New York Public Library, Philip Sutton, Librarian at New York Public Library
- Mapping Your Way through Your Family History, Jen Baldwin, Data Acquisition Manager, North America at Findmypast

How to Georeference and use a Historic Map

A fantastic and informative tutorial was given by Ryan Mattke from the University of Minnesota on how to georeference a digital image (map) and create a file for use with ArcGIS Online or Google Earth. Ryan went step-by-step and performed the steps in real time, demonstrating exactly what the handout instructs, beginning with a digital map image and the Map Warper tool.

The program was attended by about 85 people, who enthusiastically thanked Ryan for such a helpful set of tools. Thank you, Ryan, on behalf of MAGIRT!

He provided these links to the documents which are in Google docs.

Slides:  http://z.umn.edu/ALAgeo2017
Guide: http://z.umn.edu/ALAgeo2017guide
Data Examples: http://z.umn.edu/ALAgeo2017data

A “community” on ALA Connect has been created with links to the powerpoint slides used for both programs. In ALA Connect, use the search box in the upper right corner and enter “mapping the generations.” To view more information about the program itself, scroll to the bottom of the page and select “Maps and Family History.”

http://connect.ala.org/node/268284

Louise Ratliff
MAGIRT Past Chair
Volunteer Opportunities in MAGIRT  
Make your mark and help our profession grow

I am happy to report that we have some opportunities for those of you interested in taking a more active role in our organization!

There are openings for two committee chairs and one interest group coordinator. While it may seem intimidating to take on such a responsibility, it’s actually not that difficult or time-consuming; we are a very supportive group of map and GIS geeks, and we help each other out a lot! Most of the work is done via web conferencing and email during the year, and there are meetings at both ALA Midwinter (January) and the Annual Conference (June).

The written descriptions of these three positions seem pretty formal, but in reality they are not that strict or complicated. In the recent past, for example, the Education Committee has focused on providing webinars given by map and GIS specialists in federal government agencies. The Publications Committee has not had an active chair this year, so the Editor of base line has kept that publication on schedule; there have been no other publications recently.

The Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group Coordinator incumbents have been very active for several years by organizing discussions at the two ALA conferences each year, and sometimes by inviting a speaker. This is a great “starter” job in MAGIRT because basically you gather discussion topics from members, and then discuss them. Easy peasy, and a relatively stress less way to meet cataloging colleagues and keep up to date with current cataloging practices and policies.

Also MAGIRT is in need of at least 10 new committee members this year. There are many opportunities to serve, and the time requirement is small. We need people to help with the following committees:

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*Especially a co-Webmaster and social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter) participants*

**Publications**

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*Especially a Distribution manager*

We especially need someone to be a co-web editor, and someone to serve as our publications distribution manager (which mostly consists of housing about 4 shelves of paper publications).

If you are even a little bit interested, please contact either me or the chair of the committee you are interested in. Guaranteed, the time commitment is small!
Passing the Gavel

The smooth and easy transition of power.

At the conclusion of the second MAGIRT Executive Board meeting, which also brought to a conclusion this year’s MAGIRT activities at the 2017 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, MAGIRT Chair, Louise Ratliff, closed the Board meeting and then passed the gavel to Leslie Wagner. Leslie who will serve as the new MAGIRT Chair for 2017-18. Louise will now become the new Past-Chair and Tammy Wong will start her term as Chair-Elect.

Thank you Louise for the leadership you have given the membership of MAGIRT. We also look forward to the programs and projects that Leslie will bring forth as she begins her year as Chair. Thanks you all for your service to our profession.

Please, please, please contact me (or any of the other MAGIRT members) if you have an interest in any type of involvement. We always need committee members too!

You can contact me at lratliff@library.ucla.edu. The 2016/2017 committee descriptions and rosters are available on our web site, here: http://www.ala.org/rt/magirt/committees

We need YOU!

Louise Ratliff
MAGIRT Past Chair
Editor’s note: David’s column is taking a brief vacation and will return in the October issue. I’m sure that David’s next collection of cartographic, books, links and interesting resources will be well worth the wait. Stay tuned.

ONLINE GUIDE TO U.S. MAP RESOURCES

TELL US ABOUT YOUR MAP COLLECTION

After producing three editions in paper, MAGIRT is taking the Guide to U.S. Map Resources online! In order to create the Online Guide, MAGIRT has created a survey to gather information about map collections in libraries and other institutions. MAGIRT needs YOUR help to create the new Online Guide - take the survey and tell us about your map collection!

To add information about your library’s map collection to the Online Guide to U.S. Map Resources, please visit:

tinyurl.com/magirtsurvey

Help MAGIRT create the NEW Online Guide to U.S. Map Resources!

TAKE THE SURVEY TO GET ON THE MAP
It is with great sorrow to inform everybody about the passing of our friend and former colleague Mary Larsgaard. Mary took ill last winter, and passed comfortably on Tuesday morning July 18th. Up until early June, Mary continued to enjoy lunch outings and discussions of her reading list with friends.

Mary arrived at UCSB as map librarian and assistant department head of the Map & Imagery Laboratory in 1988, and for her final year served as department head before retiring in June of 2009.

Mary literally wrote the book on map librarianship, called *Map Librarianship*. Mary penned all three editions: 1978, 1987, and 1998. She was a giant in the cataloging field frequently writing with Penn State’s Paige Andrew, and served for decades on the Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Materials. With Paige, she was a founding editor of the Journal of Map and Geography Libraries.

Mary earned her Master of Arts in Library Science from the University of Minnesota, and holds a second MA in Geography from the University of Oregon. Prior to coming to UCSB, she was Assistant Director for Special Collections at the Colorado School of Mines. She also has the distinction of serving as president or chair of all three major American map library organizations: SLA’s Geography and Map Division, the Western Association of Map Libraries, and ALA’s Map & Geography Roundtable, now called Map & Geospatial Information Roundtable.

Mary is survived by her sister Caroline Thompson. A memorial service is being planned for Friday, August 4, in Santa Barbara, California, which is Mary’s birthday.

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Hey folks, when Mary Larsgaard was Editor of base line in 1982-83, she ran a column called On The Lighter Side. Here are some highlights:

"Pigeon droppings have been accumulating at an alarming rate at USGS HQ in Reston (there are several pointed remarks that could be made here, but since your Editor being a lady, I shant make them). So the manager of the building got 30 blue & gray pigeon hawks from the West Virginia hills. "And now," concludes the article in Pennypower 8(3), Jan. 19, 1982, "workers have to step gingerly to avoid dead pigeons. So how do you get rid of 30 well-fed hawks?" A shadow falls over the enchanted forest ..."

"This year’s SLA was nearly removed from Detroit because of a Grand Prix auto race at the same time, same hotels, streets, etc. Cooler heads prevailed, and SLA will meet there: someone will be giving out bumper stickers that say, "I brake for librarians."

"Those of you who have been in Denver for conventions may recall a place of ill repute called the Prairie Schooner, in Larimer Square - it was the sort of place where the waitresses were high on illegal substances. It’s now respectable and handsome, and called Finn’s. P.S. There are USGS 7.5 minute topos inlaid in the dining tables."

"Doubtless all of you received approximately 50 or so entreaties to take a rare opportunity and enter in sweepstakes contests. Well, I received one addressed to the Map Room, Arthur Lakes Library, etc., with the following header: Exciting news article enclosed about TV’s Ed McMahon ... (the space following to be filled with the lucky person’s name) MAP LAKES. You can’t have any idea of how tempted I was to send it in: heaven knows the Map Room NEEDS a bank roll!"

"Whilst whiling away the idle minutes (approximately 2.735 of them) between meetings at ALA in San Antonio, what to my wandering wondering eye should appear but an enormous stone map of the United States - the centerpiece of the Patio of the States at the San Antonio convention center. Each state cut in (I hope, as a geologist or at least as the holder of a B.A. in geology) an appropriate stone, capital suitably marked. Scale 1" = 3 3/4 miles. Gary North took a photograph of it; contact him at NCIC/USGS if you feel you can’t live without a print of this (proof of this? do you think my imagination is sufficiently fertile to make it up?)."

"Miscellany: Just to prove there’s one born every minute, I’ll be starting a doctorate in geography next March (U. of Denver)."