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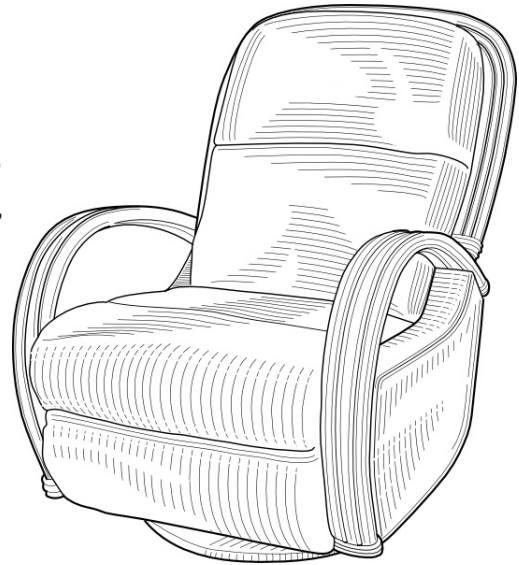


FROM THE CHAIR

TIM KISER

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Greetings from East Lansing! Lake Michigan is a cloud factory at this time of year, and December has brought its customary gloom to Lower Michigan. Despite the gray skies, I am feeling cheerful about recent and near-future MAGIRT activities: In October, Vice Chair Erin Cheever presented a wonderful webinar, "How to Make Your Own Map Librarian Job." In November, MAGIRT joined ALA's Films & Media Round Table, Games & Gaming Round Table, and Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table, for an online Queertacular, celebrating all things LGBTQIA+ in libraries. As part of this event, Erin Cheever, Sierra Laddusaw, and I presented a Worldle-based trivia game and a selection of maps produced by the David James Press for gay tourists in the 1980s.



Looking ahead, all are invited to submit a proposal for a new MAGIRT online conference, which will make its debut on February 29, 2024. This year's event is titled "Leap Into MAGIRT!" and is intended as an opportunity to present on any topic of interest to map librarians. Please join us to share your research, your interesting projects, your successes and challenges, or lead a discussion. The link to submit a proposal is available on MAGIRT's ALA Connect page, or on the MAPS-L listserv; proposals are due January 2 (an extension of the previously published deadline of December 15).

I want to thank outgoing editor John Olson for his years of service to MAGIRT in this role. I hope you'll all thank him as well. Thanks to MAGIRT secretary Laura McElfresh for volunteering to serve as our interim editor, starting with our next issue.

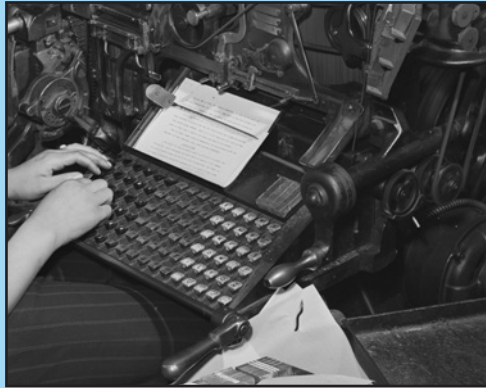
As we discussed at our November board meeting, our newsletter will shift to a quarterly publication schedule starting in 2024, with issues in March, June, September and December. We agreed that this schedule will meet our needs. For updates between newsletter issues, I encourage all MAGIRT members to confirm you are getting ALA Connect updates via email: If you've been getting announcements of executive board meetings in your email, you're all set! If not, I recommend logging into ALA Connect and navigating to "Community Notification Settings" in the "My Connect" menu.

MAGIRT seeks volunteers to serve as our next Vice-Chair (2024-2025) and Chair (2025-2026). Please contact Kevin Dyke at kdyke@okstate.edu for more information.

On behalf of the entire MAGIRT board, I wish you a wonderful holiday season and a happy 2024.



From the Editor's Keyboard



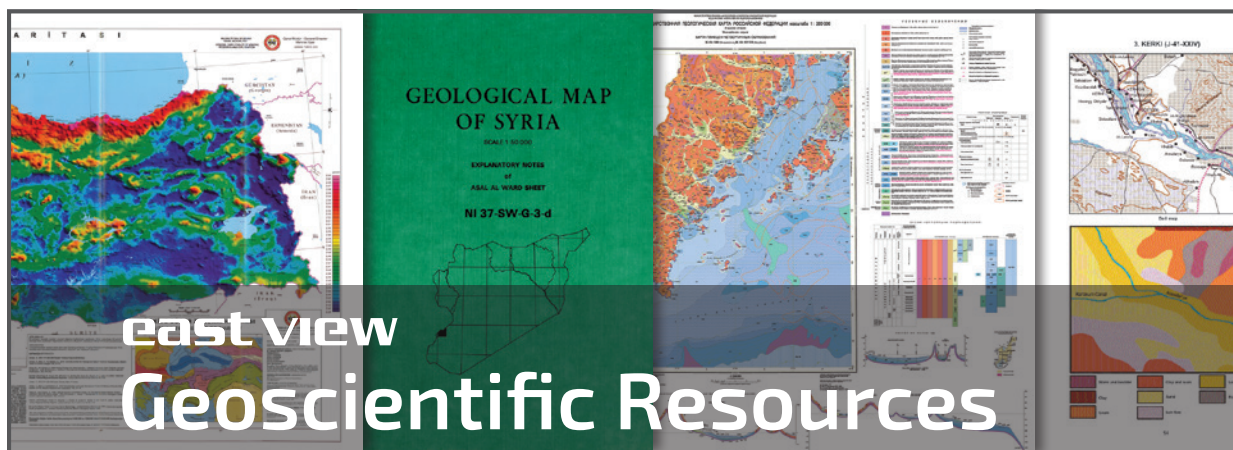
As I write this, I am assembling my last issue of *base line*. It has been a privilege to serve as the editor for the MAGIRT membership and readership of this newsletter over the last ten years. I'd like to thank all the officers, past and present, and all the columnists and contributors for their submissions that make this newsletter the voice of MAGIRT. I must admit that the most enjoyable part is being the first one to see and chuckle at Jim's "Great Moments in Map Librarianship".

I would also like to pay tribute to those Editors that have gone before me in making *base line* available to you.

1981	David Cobb
1982	Mary Larsgaard
1983	Jim Walsh
1988	Carol Collier
1989	Nancy Butkovich
1994	Patricia Seavey
1995	Patricia and Charles Seavey
1997	Mark Thomas
2006	Steve Rodgers

And with this, I would like you to welcome the new interim-Editor of *base line*, Laura McElfesh from the University of Minnesota. You may already know her because she is currently serving as MAGIRT's Secretary. Thank you Laura for your willingness to shepherd this publication into the future. I know you'll do a great job.

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John A. Olson
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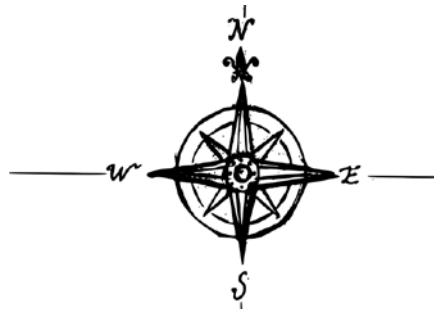
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Harmful Language in Subject Headings

On October 17, Federal Depository Library Program held its virtual Fall 2023 Federal Depository Library Conference. Cataloging policy specialist Melanie Polutta of the Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs (PTCP) Division presented at the conference as a member of the program [Words Matter: Harmful Language and the U.S. Government](#). Two reference librarians, Susanne Caro (New Mexico State Library) and Jennifer Morgan (Indiana University, Maurer School of Law), also presented at the program. They explored dealing with harmful language in resource materials, and Polutta described how to propose changes to LCSH subject headings currently published with harmful language. The recording of the presentation is found [here](#).

AI in Libraries

The [Linked Data for Libraries Users Group](#) of the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services held a virtual panel discussion on October 24. Caroline Saccucci, Chief of the U.S. Programs, Law and Literature (USPRLL) Division of ABA, participated in a virtual panel discussion entitled “Future Applications of AI in Creating and Managing Library Metadata.” Other panel members include Philip Schreur, the Deputy University Librarian at Stanford University Libraries and Robin Fay, an independent metadata and cataloging analyst and instructor. They discussed potential benefits and pitfalls of using artificial intelligence and machine learning in the library data ecosystem. The Collaborative’s Linked Data for Libraries Users Group (LDUG) was formed after a summit held in March 2017. Its purpose is “for libraries to discuss the latest developments in Linked Data for libraries, share experiences, explore new products, and raise awareness.” The recording of the discussion is found [here](#).



JMGL Call for Editorial Board Members

The [*Journal of Map & Geography Libraries*](#) is seeking 10 individuals to join the Editorial Board and contribute to the future directions and success of the journal. We aim to assemble an Editorial Board with a diverse membership in terms of geographic distribution, professional expertise, and lived experience. We welcome applicants from a variety of roles (librarian, faculty, staff), areas of librarianship, and geographic regions, who have interests and expertise in topics relevant to map and geospatial library professionals.

Applicants are asked to provide a brief vision statement indicating why they are interested and what they would hope to accomplish as an Editorial Board member (300 words max.) along with a CV. Please send these materials via email to the journal's Co-Editors - Theresa Quill (theward@indiana.edu) and Joshua Sadvari (sadvari.1@osu.edu) - by **Friday, December 15, 2023** with the subject line "JMGL Editorial Board."

Expectations and responsibilities of Editorial Board members

Editorial Board members will be expected to bring ideas, perspectives, contacts, and enthusiasm to their engagements with the Co-Editors and the board. A level of commitment and willingness to contribute is necessary, as the success of the journal depends on the support of the board.

Board members will be expected to serve for at least three years in their first term, and subsequent term periods can be negotiated. The expected annual time commitment of individual board members is relatively minimal and will consist of the main duties described below.

- To participate in an annual virtual Editorial Board meeting that will be organized by the Co-Editors
- To advise the Co-Editors on current trends and topics relevant to the field, especially as they relate to the scope, strategic directions, and operations of the journal
- To serve as peer reviewers for at least one submission per year and to provide constructive feedback, especially when working with new authors
- To assist the Co-Editors in identifying peer reviewers and to provide second opinions on submissions when requested (e.g., if there is a conflict between reviewers)
- To propose topics for special issues and to assist in identifying guest editors as appropriate
- To provide content for the journal, including writing guest editorials or submitting manuscripts for review as appropriate
- To identify future possible papers and encourage potential contributors through engagement in professional associations, conferences, networks, etc.
- To act as ambassadors of the journal to authors, readers, and subscribers, and encourage colleagues to submit their best work
- To assist the Co-Editors with other specific tasks when necessary (e.g., serving on the Best Paper of the Year selection committee)

Please direct any questions you may have about serving as an Editorial Board member for the *Journal of Map & Geography Libraries* or the application process to the journal's Co-Editors: Theresa Quill (theward@indiana.edu) and Joshua Sadvari (sadvari.1@osu.edu).

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LibLearnX - American Library Association
January 19-22, 2024
Baltimore, MD

LibLearnX provides learning at the pace you choose in an intimate setting. Customize your learning experience from a broad array of 100+ **education programs** offered in a variety of **learning formats** to gain the knowledge and skills you need most to address today's pressing challenges and prepare for future trends.

Register by November 30th to secure the best rates, start reviewing the **program**, and you'll be ready to plan your LLX experience by favoriting sessions and building your schedule next month.

Take advantage of the wealth of knowledge and inspiration of a navigable conference closer to home. Create meaningful relationships and develop a community of support and expertise through structured and informal networking activities.

Register Today

MAGIRT Virtual Conference

Leap into MAGIRT!

Proposals being accepted now

The ALA [Map and Geospatial Information Round Table](#) (MAGIRT) invites proposals for a new virtual conference, **Leap Into MAGIRT!**, to be held via Zoom on **Thursday, February 29th, 2024**. The conference is intended to promote conversation and collaboration and will be free and open to all who wish to attend.

The planning committee seeks submissions for panels (40 minutes), presentations (20 minutes), and lightning talks (8 minutes).

We encourage submissions on **any topic of interest to map and GIS librarians**. You do not need to be a member of MAGIRT to present at the conference.

Proposals are due by 5pm EST on Friday, December 15th, 2023.

Acceptance notifications will be sent by Friday, January 12, 2024.

[Click here to submit a proposal](#)

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MAGIRT Executive Board Meeting

November 28, 2023

Time: Tuesday, November 28, 3:00 PM Eastern Time via [Zoom](#)

Present: Erin Cheever, Iris Taylor, Kevin Dyke, Laura McElfresh, Min Zhang, Samuel Kim, Susan Moore, Tim Kiser

Regrets:

1. Call to order - 3:02 pm Eastern
2. Call for changes to Agenda - none
3. Secretary--Minutes from Aug & Sep 2023 meetings are in *base line* [October 2023 issue](#)
4. Officer Reports
 - a. Chair - Tim
 - i. Our [CFP for "Leap into MAGIRT"](#) has received one proposal so far. I also plan to submit one myself. Currently the submission period is through 12/15, but we will likely extend through end of year.
 - ii. Chair's Program at ALA Annual: Submission due January 8th. Tentatively a panel on Digital Mapping and Indigenous America.
 - b. Vice Chair - Erin
 - i. Meeting with Danielle — we do have an institutional ALA account and MAGIRT has a login. Waiting to follow up on a couple other things.
 - ii. Two events held since last meeting
 1. Create your own map librarian job - Erin presented. 71 people registered and 36 attended. Might repeat it as a presentation for LIS students.
 2. Game RT Round Table Round Table Queertacular - meeting of the round tables (Film & Media, Games & Gaming, Graphic Novels & Comics, and MAGIRT) celebrating queer culture
 - a. Tim, Sierra, and Erin represented MAGIRT. About 20 people attended both the opening panel MAGIRT participated in and MAGIRT program. Tim presented maps from the David James Press and Sierra and Tim put together our geographic queer trivia game
 - b. There will be another big RT meeting in March (?) and Tim will keep a lookout for it.
 - iii. [MAGIRT LinkedIn account](#) has been more active. Thank you to Maggie Tarmey for his efforts!
 - c. Secretary - Laura
 - i. New top-level container in MAGIRT's Google Drive: "MAGIRT Drive".
 1. This will make it easier to share & set permissions
 2. Please create all new content in this main folder
 - a. Might also want to create subfolders for committees & IGs?
 - b. Everything got dragged in; we still might need to organize it

3. "MAGIRT Drive" folder is visible to anyone with the link; if we need to set up another, private main folder we could do that
4. Link is [posted in ALA Connect](#) so that MAGIRT members can find it
- ii. Laura did basic Drupal training & now has edit access to MAGIRT website
- iii. *base line* interim editor
 1. Laura takes over in January; has received graphics files from John Olson. John will share content for December issue w/ Laura so she can practice putting an issue together.
 2. Frequency — change to quarterly or not? **[DECISION: change to quarterly]**
 - a. Quarterly: fewer issues to have to put out; lines up more nicely with fiscal quarters. (Probably would do March/June/Sep/Dec.)
 - b. Bimonthly: lines up with EB's (roughly) bimonthly meeting schedule; minutes get out faster, as does other news & content
 3. "New Maps & Cartographic Materials" reviews column — are we reframing as a GIS-centered counterpart to book reviews (WAML has books covered pretty well), or putting it on hiatus? May be revived as a regular or occasional column **[DECISION: hiatus for now, revisit later]**
 4. Readership & access
 - a. Danielle was working on getting readership metrics from the web team; was going to send to Erin
 - b. Keep publishing as open access, or publish latest issue as MAGIRT members only? Can do this via Connect or website. **[DECISION: stay fully open]**
 - i. This does raise the question: for the website & publicity, what are member benefits of belonging to MAGIRT?
 5. Iris had a question about process for placing (and billing) ads — Laura & Iris will follow up about it. Might need to get a new process in place.
- d. **Webmaster - Kevin**
 - i. Front page is being updated; nothing else going on at the moment
- e. **Treasurer - Iris**
 - i. Checked with Danielle re: updated report. We do not have one. Latest is July report, based on September 26 of FY-2023.
- f. **Past Chair - Kevin**
 - i. Need candidates for election (2024 Vice-Chair). Next year will be Pete's solo year as Treasurer.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Officer vacancies (Tim) — no new developments
 - b. Programming (Tim) — Erin covered. Next event will be Leap Into MAGIRT
6. **New Business**
 - a. MAGIRT Midwinter ("Leap Into MAGIRT") program [planning document](#)

7. Committee/DG/IG Reports

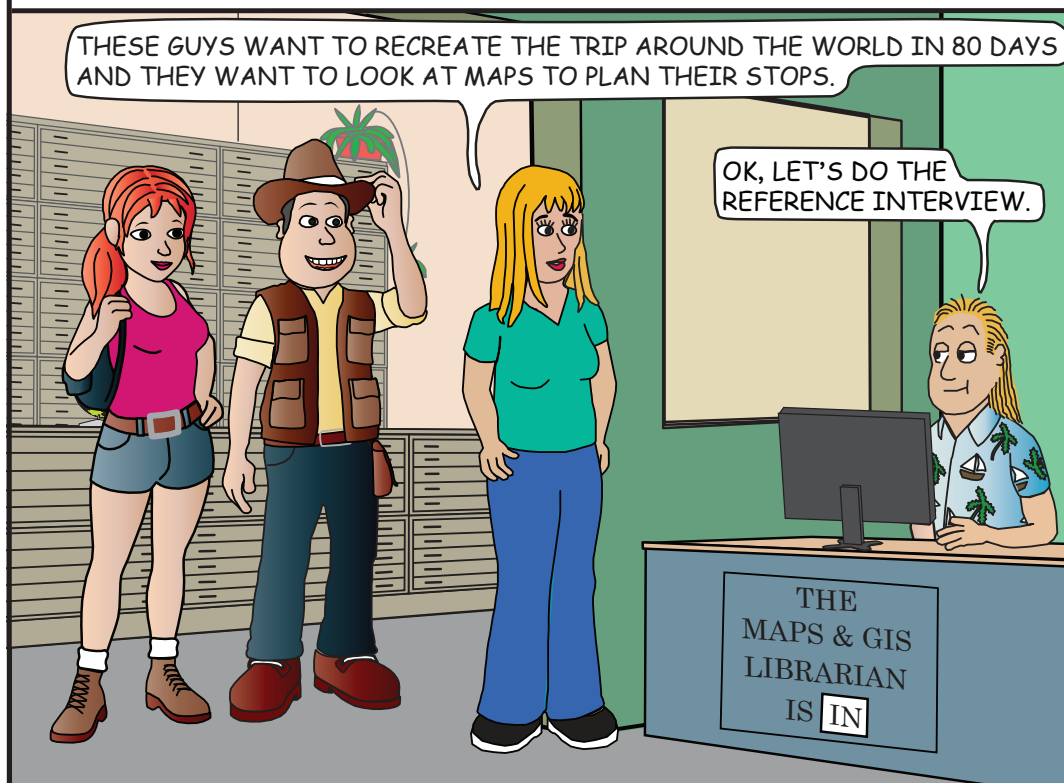
- a. Bylaws & Governing Documents/Nominations & Awards Committee** - none
- b. Cataloging & Classification Committee** - none
- c. Education Committee** - VACANT
- d. Geographic Technologies (GeoTech)/GODORT GIS DG** - not present
- e. Membership & Marketing Committee**
 - i. LibLearnX - hand out swag there & promote Leap Into MAGIRT? Erin hasn't decided if she's going yet. It's in Baltimore. Check with Erin if you need swag to bring.
 - ii. MAGIRT scholarship - bring a student to ALA. Erin & Iris had been discussing this as something we could do
 - iii. MAGIRT coupons on RT dues
- f. Online Presence & Publications Committee (OPPC)** - VACANT
- g. Cataloging of Cartographic Resources IG** - not present
- h. Map Collection Management DG** - VACANT
- i. Freedom to Read Foundation** - none
- j. WAML liaison report** - none
- k. CC:DA Report**
 - i. They are reviewing proposals again! Ten proposals are up for Midwinter review; none from the cartographic cataloging community.
 - ii. We did support 3 of them as being applicable to and useful for cartographic cataloging. The others, we didn't object but didn't have a stake in them either.
 - 1. MARC Proposal no. 2024-C
 - a. Proposes adding subfield \$5 (Institution to which field applies) in linking entry fields 773, 774, and 787
 - 2. MARC Discussion Paper no. 2024-DP-A
 - a. Examines the possibility of adding subfield \$t (Source of Title) to field 245 (Title Statement) to indicate the source of a transcribed title when that title contains harmful language and the title is from a source not readily apparent to general users
 - 3. MARC Discussion Paper no. 2024-DP-C
 - a. Proposes adding subfields \$0 (Authority record control number or standard number) and \$1 (Real World Object URI) to fields 506 (Restrictions on Access Note) and 540 (Terms Governing Use and Reproduction Note)

8. Next meeting: Tuesday, January 30 (2024), 3pm Eastern via Zoom (no December meeting).

9. Adjournment: 3:47 pm Eastern



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