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FROM THE CHAIR

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My fellow MAGIRTers (MAGIRTians?), we have reached my final column as chair of this fine organization. I feel as though I just blinked and a year has gone by. I am looking forward to seeing many of you for ALA Annual in Chicago later this month. As a native of Chicagoland, which is a real word used by those of us from the Chicago metropolitan area, I am excited to attend my first ALA in the city. We have an exciting slate of programming coming up, detailed elsewhere in this fine publication. For myself, I am looking forward to the Friday afternoon tour of the Newberry Library's fantastic map collection.



Looking beyond Annual, Tim Kiser will ascend to the chair position, while I will do what I can from the position of past chair, and Erin Cheever becomes next in line as vice-chair. We are still in need of a new editor for *base line* as well as a new webmaster, so please consider volunteering if you have the interest and bandwidth. Because it is summer and the Oklahoma heat is not yet oppressive, I am going to end this last column early and go take a walk in the sunshine. Wherever and whenever you read this, I encourage you to do the same!



MAGIRT Calendar of Events at ALA Annual 2023 – Chicago

Friday, June 23, 2023		
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Newberry Library Tour/	Off site
	60 West Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610	
4:00 PM – ?	Happy Hour gathering (Dutch treat)	Off site location TBD – near the Newberry Library
Saturday, June 24, 2023		
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM CT	MAGIRT - GeoTech and GIS Discussion Group meeting	Location: Hilton Chicago, Joliet Room
MAGIRT Honors Award (registered attendees only)		
Sunday, June 25, 2023		
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM CT	MAGIRT - Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group	Location: Hyatt Regency McCormick, Jackson Park D
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM CT	MAGIRT - Cataloging and Classification Committee	Location: Hyatt Regency McCormick, Jackson Park D
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM CT	MAGIRT - Executive Board and Annual Membership Meeting	Location: McCormick Place, W475b

MAGIRT Plans Social Events for ALA Annual 2023

ALA Annual MAGIRT social events in Chicago will include a free tour of the Newberry with maps curator David Weimer on Friday afternoon, and the MAGIRT Awards Dinner (free for MAGIRT members) on Saturday evening. [Please complete this survey](#) by Sunday June 18th to indicate your plans to attend any of the events. **The survey will also serve as your registration for the dinner.**

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ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

First PCC Operations Committee Meeting Held

On May 4-5, the [Program for Cooperative Cataloging](#) section (PCC) held its first hybrid Operations Committee (OpCo) meeting. The meeting was organized and hosted by the Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division. PTCP staffers presented updates on the [Subject Authority Cooperative](#) (SACO) program, [LC Genre/Form Terms](#) (LCGFT), and family-name subject access. Other topics discussed at OpCo included privacy and security concerns when creating and modifying name authority records, updates on [BIBFRAME](#), language and script topics, and an RDA Test update. The [agenda and presentation recordings](#) are available on the PCC website.

LC Announces Inclusion of Armenian and Thai Scripts in Bibliographic Records

Armenian and Thai have been added to the list of non-Latin scripts available for use in bibliographic records beyond the traditional MARC-8 repertoire of UTF-8 (Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Perso-Arabic, Hebrew/Yiddish, and Cyrillic), effective May 16. This effort has enabled fuller Unicode functionality in the current MARC/Voyager environment and helped prepare for the Library Collections Access Platform (LCAP) implementation of Unicode, which will improve collection accessibility and services for institutions and Library users worldwide. Please read the full announcement memo from Acquisitions & Bibliographic Access Director Beacher Wiggins [here](#).

Applications open for the Philip Lee Phillips Society Fellowships

The John W. Kluge Center and the Philip Lee Phillips Map Society at the Library of Congress invite qualified scholars to apply for a fellowship to conduct research for two months at the Kluge Center using the Geography and Map Division's collections and resources.

The 8-week residency includes an \$11,500 stipend with the possibility of an additional \$2,000 honorarium for a lecture and publication.

Applications are due September 15, 2023.

Full details can be found on the [Fellowship's web page](#)

For more information about the fellowship, please contact the [John W. Kluge Center](#) by phone at (202) 707-3302, or by email at scholarly@loc.gov.

G&M Blog – [World Revealed](#)

Check out our recent blog posts:

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[Early 20th Century Survey of Egypt Provincial Series Now Online](#)



Call for Articles

The *Journal of Map & Geography Libraries* invites article submissions for two forthcoming special issues on the topics of “**Born Digital Collections in Map and Geography Libraries**” and “**Spatial Humanities: Perspectives from the Library.**” Detailed descriptions and submission instructions for these special issues are provided on their respective journal webpages:

- [Born Digital Collections in Map and Geography Libraries](#)
- [Spatial Humanities: Perspectives from the Library](#)

For both special issues, article abstracts of up to 200 words are due on **June 16, 2023** and can be emailed directly to sadvari.1@osu.edu. Authors will be notified by June 23, 2023 of an invitation to submit a full manuscript. Completed manuscripts will be due by September 29, 2023 and will go through a double-anonymous peer review process.

Please feel free to reach out to sadvari.1@osu.edu with any questions, and we look forward to learning more about work happening in these important areas through your contributions.

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MARC Advisory Committee to Meet

The MARC Advisory Committee (MAC) will be meeting June 28th (and possibly the 29th) to vote on two proposals and five discussion papers.

Proposal [2023-05](#) Attributes of Family in the MARC 21 Authority Format makes changes to fields 371 (Address), 372 (Field of Activity), 374 (Occupation), and 376 (Family Information) to allow the recording of information about these area concerning the family in the authority record.

Proposal [2023-06](#) Defining a New Field for Cluster ISSNs would add field 023 to allow for the recording of cluster ISSNs (an ISSN assigned to a group of continuing resources related to each other) in the MARC bibliographic, authority, and holdings formats. If this passes, the \$l and \$m in field 022 will be deprecated, since the ISSN-Ls that are currently recorded there are cluster ISSNs and would be in the new field.

Discussion Paper [2023-DP05](#) explores the options available to allow \$a to be used to describe all the accessibility features of a resource (currently \$a can be used only for alternative modes of access).

Discussion Paper [2023-DP06](#) expresses the need for the addition of \$3. Materials specified to field 532 (Accessibility Note) as currently the note pertains to the whole resource, even though there may be differing accessibility issues for components of a resource.

Discussion Paper [2023-DP08](#) covers the possibility of adding \$0 (Authority record control number or standard number), \$1 (Real World Object URI), and \$5 (Institution to which field applies) in linking entry fields 760 (Main Series Entry), 762 (Subseries Entry), 765 (Original Language Entry), 767 (Translation Entry), 770 (Supplement/Special Issue Entry), 772 (Supplement Parent Entry), 773 (Host Item Entry), 774 (Constitute Unity Entry), 775 (Other edition), 776 (Additional Physical Form), 777 (Issued With Entry), 780 (Preceding Entry), 785 (Succeeding Entry), 786 (Data Source Entry), and 787 (Other Relationship Entry), and 788 (Parallel Description in Another Language of Cataloging) in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format.

This would bring these fields in line with other similar fields.

The other two discussion papers cover either [musical expressions](#) or the [Dewey call number](#) fields, so I thought there wouldn't be much interest.

If you have any comments on any of these items for MAC, please get them to me by June 16th.

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NEW MAPS AND CARTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS

Your Name Here

MAGIRT NEEDS YOU!

New Maps and Cartographic Materials columnist

An opportunity is open for you if you wish to contribute to *base line*!

We have an opening for someone who would like to write the **New Maps and Cartographic Materials** column.

If you enjoy finding and exploring new atlases, maps and websites and also enjoy writing, then why not combine the two together and write about them. This is a wonderful opportunity to make an impactful contribution to our part of the library profession.

I would like to encourage any MAGIRT member who is interested and wishes to continue this important column in *base line*. It also looks great in that tenure or promotion portfolio. Please contact the Editor if you would like more information or are interested in writing this column.

From the Editor's Keyboard

A new Editor for *base line* is needed

Make a big contribution to the profession by becoming the new Editor of *base line*.

After ten years, I would like to pass the Editor's torch on to another individual that will take this publication into the future and to the next level. I will continue as Editor of *base line* for the remainder of this year until the December issue.

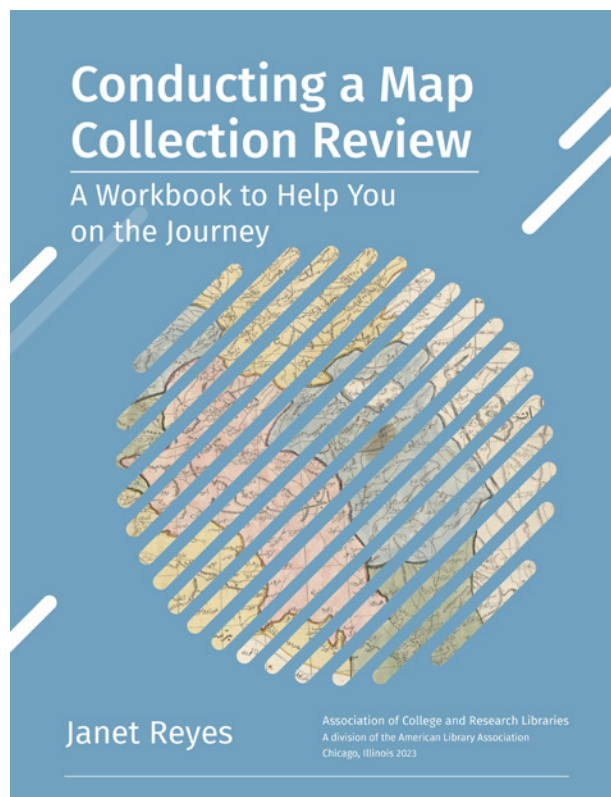
It has been a privilege and honor to serve in this capacity to the membership of MAGIRT and to promote our corner of the library profession.

Being Editor has been a very satisfying challenge and experience for me and I have had the wonderful pleasure of compiling the news and information for the MAGIRT membership as well as communicating with many in the MAGIRT community. So, it's been a great experience for me, but I feel it's now time to turn it over to the next person(s).

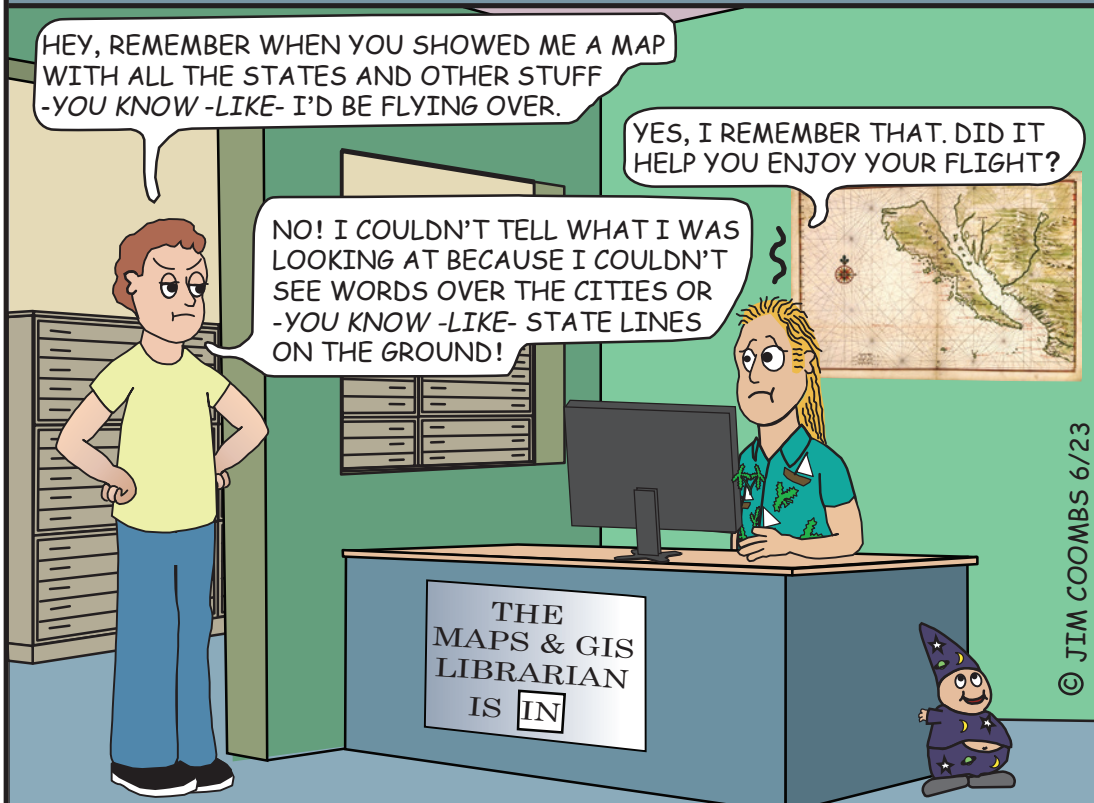
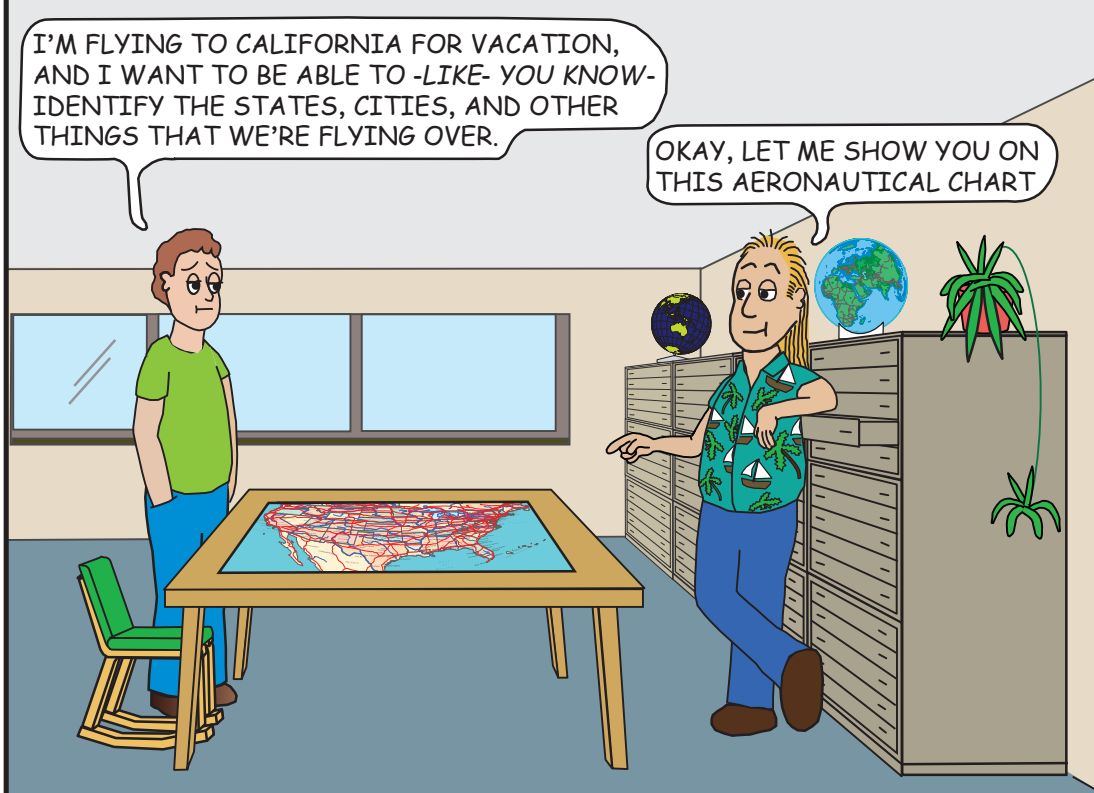
If you are interested, I will gladly discuss with you the duties of this position. Contact John Olson jaolson@syredu

New Publication Alert!

A new, freely available digital publication, [*Conducting a Map Collection Review: A Workbook to Help You on the Journey*](#), by Janet Reyes, Geospatial Information Librarian at the University of California, Riverside, is now available from the American Library Association as a free download. [Read more](#) about this practical and useful publication.



GREAT MOMENTS IN MAP LIBRARIANSHIP by Jim Coombs



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