Digital Libraries Round Table Programs

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Program Information for DLRT Sponsored and Co-Sponsored Events

2020 TLA Conference

NOTE: *Previously planned in-person sessions were cancelled this year due to the pandemic.*

- **Usability Testing Makes All the Difference**
  - **Description:** Libraries are offering increasing amounts of content through digital collections including electronic resources, special collections, archives, and repositories. But how do patrons interact with the digital collections, and are they locating what they need? This panel discusses usability testing approaches, what was learned, outcomes, and tips.
  - **Speakers:**
    - Chassidy Miles, University of North Texas
    - Tricia Boucher, Texas State University
    - Daniel Pshock, University of Houston
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- **Digital Resources from the Lone Star State**
  - **Description:** Institutions and organizations throughout the state are working on digitization projects to make materials freely available online. This panel will showcase new resources that can be used for research, teaching, and outreach.
  - **Speakers:**
    - Nikole Koehlert, Austin History Center
    - Jacob Mangum, University of North Texas
    - Robert Weaver, Texas Tech University
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2019 TLA Conference

- **Using Digital Primary Resource Collections in Instruction**
  - **Description:** Digital collections lead researchers to discover the cultural and historical treasures lurking in archives are effective entry points for discovery in classrooms. Learn about the creative ways these tools and resources are being used to enhance traditional research instruction and bringing primary resource collections to a broader research community.
  - **Speakers:**
    - Monica Babaian, Fort Bend ISD
    - Julie Judkins, University of North Texas

- - ■ Jennifer Stayton, University of North Texas
    - ■ Joshua Wallace, Tarleton State University
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- **Supporting the Open Source Ecosystem**
  - ○ **Description:** As complex open source systems emerge from trend to reality, librarians are increasingly aware that there is no one-size-fits-all solution. Library professionals will gain knowledge about the project management and role requirements, technical skills, and other considerations needed for developing open source code into a thriving ecosystem.
  - ○ **Speakers:**
    - ■ Melanie Cofield, University of Texas at Austin
    - ■ Alyssa Guzman, University of Texas at Austin
    - ■ David Corbly, University of Oklahoma
    - ■ Sean Watkins, University of Houston
    - ■ Nicholas Woodward, Texas Digital Library
    - ■ Laura Waugh (moderator), Texas State University
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- **Rescuing Texas History with Digitization Mini-Grants**
  - ○ **Description:** The Rescuing Texas History (RTH) Mini-Grant Program has helped to digitize the holdings of local and state-level cultural heritage institutions and private owners. Grant recipients and program coordinators will share their insights and participants will gain a roadmap for preserving and providing access to at-risk historical items.
  - ○ **Speakers:**
    - ■ Jill Crane, St. Mary's University
    - ■ Jason Dikes, Round Rock Public Library
    - ■ Ana Jean Krahmer, University of North Texas
    - ■ Marcia McIntosh, University of North Texas
    - ■ Shannon Willis, University of North Texas
    - ■ Richard McKay, San Jacinto College South
    - ■ Madeline Maya, Austin History Center
    - ■ Jacob Mangum (moderator), University of North Texas
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2018 TLA Conference

- **Data Readiness for the Digital Public Library of America**

- ○ **Description:** Get your metadata ready for DPLA. Meet the people who will help you map the metadata for your digital collections to DPLA requirements, including the DPLA standard rights statements.
  - ○ **Speakers:**
    - ■ Albert Duran, Houston Public Library
    - ■ Judith Hiott, retired Houston Public Library
    - ■ Kristi Lynn Park, Texas Digital Library
    - ■ Hannah Tarver, University of North Texas
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- **DIY Digital Collections**
  - ○ **Description:** More and more libraries need to make their archival and special collections available online, but for small libraries (public, academic, or special) this can be quite a challenge. This session will showcase how you can DIY Digital Collections using free to low-cost tools. Review affordable tools such as scanners, cameras, and software to plan and develop digital collections. Presenters also will address challenges faced in digitization projects.
  - ○ **Speakers:**
    - ■ Megan Blair, St. Edward's University
    - ■ Liza Talbot, LBJ Library
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- **Digital Pride**
  - ○ **Description:** Speakers discuss LGBTQ digital initiatives, the process of transforming physical into digital surrogates, as well as successes and challenges faced, both in the process and to materials.
  - ○ **Speakers:**
    - ■ Brian Riedel, Rice University
    - ■ David Taffet, Dallas Voice
    - ■ Morgan Davis Gieringer, University of North Texas
  - ○ **Hosted by:**
    - ■ Digital Libraries Round Table
    - ■ College and University Libraries Division
    - ■ Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table

- **SimplyE Comes to Texas**
  - ○ **Description:** Users seeking ebooks are saddled with multiple vendor interfaces, and SimplyE makes the experience easier for them. The app creates a union catalog across ebook aggregators, while hiding the aggravation of digital rights management (DRM). Discuss its development and implementation in Texas and nationally.

- **Speakers:**
  - James English, The New York Public Library
  - Christine Peterson, Amigos Library Services
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  - Digital Libraries Round Table

2017 TLA Conference

- **#ColorOurCollections: Create Your Own Digital Archival Coloring Book**
  - **Description:** A favorite pastime has returned as a method of stress relief and artistic expression. Libraries are on trend with #ColorOurCollections, highlighting digital archival materials with downloadable coloring pages. Bring your laptop and learn how to create a coloring book to connect with your community in a new way.
  - **Speaker:**
    - Jeanette Claire Sewell, Houston Public Library
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    - Digital Libraries Round Table

- **Grateful Data: Data Cleaning, Digital Humanities, and Deadheads**
  - **Description:** From shared audio to set list statistics, Deadheads were data pioneers. Participants will learn how to acquire publicly available data about the Grateful Dead and normalize it using Open Refine, an open-source application. The workshop will be accompanied with detailed notes and instructions available on GitHub, along with sample datasets.
  - **Speaker:**
    - Scott Carlson, Rice University
  - **Hosted by:**
    - Cataloging and Metadata Round Table
    - Automation and Technology Round Table
    - Digital Libraries Round Table

2016 TLA Conference

- **Texas Digital Library: A Chat with TDL's New Leadership**
  - **Description:** Texas Digital Library's Kristi Park discusses the organization's vision, resources, and future plans.
  - **Speaker:**
    - Kristi Park, Texas Digital Library
  - **Hosted by:**
    - Digital Libraries Round Table

- **Copyright and Digital Collections: Lessons from Astrodome Memories**
  - **Description:** Five Houston archives have partnered with each other and the public to create an online exhibit for Astrodome history and memories. This IMLS-grant funded project includes creating a model for managing copyright concerns. Learn about issues, progress, and a copyright manual that resulted from this work.
  - **Speakers:**
    - Judith Hiatt, Houston Area Library Automated Network
    - Gretchen McCord, Digital Information Law
  - **Hosted by:**
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    - Digital Libraries Round Table

- **Streaming Media: How are Libraries Handling It?**
  - **Description:** Subscriptions to streaming media are becoming more prevalent in libraries, but are we really managing them as best we can? A panel representing public and academic backgrounds will discuss the challenges and best practices in managing these materials.
  - **Speakers:**
    - Richard Guajardo, University of Houston
    - Marianne Lorio, Houston Public Library
    - Jacob Mangum, University of North Texas
    - Michael Saperstein, Harris County Public Library
  - **Hosted by:**
    - Electronic Resources and Serials Management Round Table
    - Digital Libraries Round Table

2015 TLA Conference

- **You are Not an Imposter: Finding Confidence as a Library Professional**
  - **Description:** Despite the recent attention to "imposter syndrome," many amazing professionals still hide in fear of being discovered as frauds. Why do so many librarians and information professionals still chalk up their achievements to everything but their own talent? The speaker examines what makes this mindset so powerful and how to break free from its grip.
  - **Speaker:**
    - Nicholas Means, WellMatch
  - **Hosted by:**
    - Digital Libraries Round Table

- **Innovative Uses of Technology and Social Media in Reference and Information Services: Lightning Talks**

- ○ **Description:** Discover how a variety of libraries are using social media and technology. Take home ideas to energize your reference services. This fast-paced session features a variety of speakers highlighting their experiences.
- ○ **Speakers:**
  - Michael Castellon, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
  - Eric Frierson, Ebsco Information Services
  - Allyssa Guzman, University of Texas at Austin
  - Jenne C. Harte, Sterling Municipal Library
  - Julie Judkins, University of North Texas
  - Arta Kabashi, Amigos Library Services
  - Ashlynn Kogut, Texas Medical Center Library
  - Elizabeth McArthur, Texas Lutheran University;
  - Linda Sappenfield, Round Rock Public Library
  - Chris Sauder, Round Rock Public Library
  - Rachel M. Stout, Houston Public Library
- ○ **Hosted by:**
  - Reference and Information Services Round Table
  - Automation and Technology Round Table
  - Digital Libraries Round Table
  - Library Instruction Round Table, Media and Related Technologies Round Table
  - Public Libraries Division

2014 TLA Conference

- **What Can MarcEdit Do for You? (Ticketed event)**
  - **Description:** Technical Services is constantly evolving, and you need a tool that will evolve with you. MarcEdit is a metadata edit suite of tools that will allow metadata specialists to work with MARC, XML, and non-XML-based data to translate, modify. Learn to create new representations and metadata surrogates necessary for RDA.
  - **Speaker:**
    - Terry Reese, Ohio State University (Columbus)
  - **Hosted by:**
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    - Digital Libraries Round Table

- **Introducing the Digital Public Library of America**
  - **Description:** The Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) brings together the riches of America's libraries, archives, and museums and makes them freely available to the world. It offers cultural heritage institutions opportunities to reach more users, increase access to their content, and collaborate in new ways. Join us and be inspired.
  - **Speaker:**
    - Emily Gore, Digital Public Library of America
  - **Hosted by:**
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    - Archives, Genealogy and Local History Round Table
    - TLA Programming Committee

- **Digital Libraries: Lightning Talks**
  - **Description:** It's YOUR turn! The Digital Libraries Round Table invites librarians to share information about their digital projects in five minutes or less. If you have cool digitized resources, promote them! If you've documented your standards and best practices, share them! We want to hear and see and learn what you've done! *A business meeting follows the program.*
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- **Personal Digital Archiving**
  - **Description:** Managing digital media can be difficult, but preserving and archiving it can seem downright overwhelming. A representative of the Library of Congress will provide resources about personal digital archiving, a common-sense approach to the problem. The presenter will also show you how to host a personal digital archiving event for the public.

- ○ **Speakers:**
  - ■ Butch Lazorchak, National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program, Library of Congress
- ○ **Hosted by:**
  - ■ Digital Libraries Round Table
  - ■ Archives, Genealogy, and Local History Round Table

- ● **Hands-on Omeka (Hands on Lab 5; ticketed, register online only)**
  - ○ **Description:** Omeka is an open-source tool for managing digital content and building interactive online exhibits. The hosted Omeka.net service provides much of the same functionality at low or no cost. Attendees will build a basic Omeka.net site and discover resources to help them put their digital content online.
  - ○ *Seating is limited; Hands on Lab tickets must be purchased by Friday, March 21 through online preregistration only.*
  - ○ **Speaker:**
    - ■ Danielle Cunniff Plummer, Danielle Plummer Associates
  - ○ **Hosted by:**
    - ■ Digital Libraries Round Table
    - ■ Archive, Genealogy, and Local History Round Table

2013 TLA Conference

- ● **Shaping User Web Experience through Usability Research (Ticketed event)**
  - ○ **Description:** Usability research is often overlooked as a step toward satisfying and retaining an audience for a library's website. Understand the concepts behind usability research and learn strategies for assessing your target audience. This workshop will show you how to develop goals for product usability testing, implement a usability study, and incorporate feedback into your library's online presence. (Lunch is not provided).
  - ○ **Speakers:**
    - ■ Tara Carlisle, University of North Texas
    - ■ Ana Krahmer, University of North Texas
    - ■ Kate Crane, Texas Tech University
    - ■ Brian Still, Texas Tech University
  - ○ **Hosted by:**
    - ■ Digital Libraries Round Table
    - ■ Automation and Technology Round Table

- **Digital Public Library of America**
  - **Hosted by:**
    - Digital Libraries of America
    - Digital Libraries Round Table

- **Exploring the Digital Humanities**
  - **Description:** For a new generation of researchers in the humanities, libraries and archives are much more than repositories of books. Come learn about the "digital humanities" and new tools that give us computational access to archival and other digital collections. We will focus on ways that librarians can support the needs of digital humanities researchers and learn about new models of publishing in the humanities.
  - **Speakers:**
    - Lisa Spiro, Rice University
    - Andrew J. Torget, University of North Texas
    - Tanya Clement, University of Texas at Austin
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- **Reflections on John F. Kennedy: A Texas Resource Guide**
  - **Description:** Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of JFK's assassination, The Sixth Floor Museum introduces a web-based resource guide that brings together the rich and diverse JFK collections located at Texas institutions.
  - **Speakers:**
    - Tara Carlisle, University of North Texas
    - Brenda McClurkin, University of Texas at Arlington
    - Elizabeth Sargent, Houston Metropolitan Research Center
    - Ann Serano, Dolph Briscoe Center for American History
    - Betty Shankle, Genealogy, History, Archives, Fort Worth Library
    - Krishna B. Shenoy, Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza
    - John H. Slate, Dallas Municipal Archives
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- **Behind the Scenes at FamilySearch and Ancestry.com: Genealogical Information Digitization**
  - **Description:** FamilySearch and Ancestry.com have changed the archival and genealogical research landscape. Representatives from these organizations discuss digitization efforts and metadata workflow.
  - **Speakers:**
    - Dennis Meldrum, Book Scanning and FamilySearch

- - - ■ Anne Mitchell, Ancestry.com
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      - ■ Cataloging and Metadata Round Table
      - ■ Digital Libraries Round Table
      - ■ Government Documents Round Table

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    - ■ Daniel Alemneh, University of North Texas
    - ■ Roland Lemonius, Houston Public Library
    - ■ Eric Frierson, EBSCO Publishing
    - ■ Danielle Cunniff Plumer, DCPlumer Associates
    - ■ Janet Bailey, Abilene Public Library
    - ■ Karen Ellis, Taylor Public Library
    - ■ Lisa Mullenburg, Del Mar College
    - ■ Tara Carlisle, University of North Texas
    - ■ Cheryl Smith, Plano Public Library System
    - ■ Caroline Castillo, Houston Public Library
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2012 TLA Conference

- **Developing a Large-Scale Digital Archives through a Library Consortium**
  - ○ **Description:** The West Texas Digital Archives, a customized open source repository, contains historical materials including images, text, and video. This program highlights the elements involved in this fruitful collaborative project including the development of content practices, building an online repository, and marketing and sustaining the archive. *A business meeting follows the program.*
  - ○ **Speakers:**
    - ■ Devhra Bennett Jones, Abilene Library Consortium
    - ■ Eddy Smith, Abilene Library Consortium
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- ■ Archives, Genealogy, and Local History Round Table

- **Digitizing Local History: Partnerships and Possibilities**
  - ○ **Description:** All history may be local, as some historians claim, but local history is often overlooked. Join academic and public librarians as they discuss their experiences digitizing local history materials during a multi-year training program. Learn what worked, what didn't, and where you can go for help. *A business meeting follows the program.*
  - ○ **Speakers:**
    - ■ Cindy Boeke, Southern Methodist University
    - ■ Karen Ellis, Taylor Public Library
    - ■ Danny Gonzales, El Paso Public Library
  - ○ **Hosted by:**
    - ■ Archives, Genealogy, and Local History Round Table
    - ■ Digital Libraries Round Table

- **Digitizing Historic Newspapers: What We've Learned**
  - ○ **Description:** Libraries are the primary access points for local newspapers. Speakers outline the Texas Digital Newspaper Program, a partnership among libraries to digitize historical newspapers, and debunk a few myths about digitizing resources. Attendees will find out about resources to help them start and fund their own project.
  - ○ **Speakers:**
    - ■ April Dillon, Hemphill County Library
    - ■ Ana Krahmer, University of North Texas
    - ■ Mary J. McCoy, Lamar State College-Orange
  - ○ **Hosted by:**
    - ■ Digital Libraries Round Table
    - ■ Archives, Genealogy and Local History Round Table

- **Metadata Strategies for Getting Objects Online**
  - ○ **Description:** Does your digitization process always bottleneck at metadata? Do you have a lot of material scanned but a backlog of materials needing metadata? Learn tips and tricks from other librarians who have developed strategies to minimize and reduce the metadata backlog.
  - ○ **Speakers:**
    - ■ Karen Holt, University of Texas at Austin
    - ■ Cecilia Williams, Houston Public Library
  - ○ **Hosted by:**
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    - ■ Cataloging and Metadata Round Table
    - ■ Digital Libraries Round Table

- **Contemporary Collecting: Is Your Archives Keeping up with the Latest Trends**
  - **Description:** In our constantly changing society, archives and cultural institutions should consider collecting materials reflecting modern technologies, trends, and populations. Learn how to develop a selection policy allowing for the acquisition of contemporary materials and to anticipate issues regarding playback mechanisms, migration, and preservation of less common material types.
  - **Speakers:**
    - Caroline Frick, Texas Archive of the Moving Image
    - Loraine A. Stuart, Archives, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
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2011 TLA Conference

- **Digitization Basics (Ticket purchase required)**
  - **Description:** Interested in digitizing your special collections, local history, or genealogical materials? Learn the basics of scanning photographs and documents. Instructors from the University of North Texas will cover basic equipment needs, workflows, and digitization standards.
  - **Speakers:**
    - Jeremy Moore, University of North Texas
    - Mark Phillips, University of North Texas
    - Danielle Cunniff Plumer, Texas State Library and Archives Commission
  - **Hosted by:**
    - Texas State Library and Archives Commission
    - Digital Libraries Round Table

- **Digital Collections: Exposing Oral Histories, Manuscripts, and Video Content**
  - **Description:** This session highlights best practices and lessons learned for expanding digital collections by including resources such as video, oral histories, and handwritten manuscripts. Learn about the panelists' experiences providing digital access and assessing the impact of that work.
  - **Speakers:**
    - Lisa Spiro, Rice University
    - Quinn Stewart, University of Texas at Austin
    - David Todd, Conservation History Association of Texas
    - Marie Wise, Houston Public Library

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- ● **Securing Rights for Digital Works: Case Studies and Methods**
    - ○ **Description:** Managing rights for digital projects is frequently complex and time consuming. Library practitioners will discuss creative approaches to protecting copyright while maximizing access. A variety of formats including books, art, music, oral history, and orphan works will be covered.
    - ○ **Speakers:**
        - ■ Caroline Castillo, Houston Public Library
        - ■ Anne Karle-Zenith, University of Michigan
        - ■ Tim Logan, Baylor University
    - ○ **Hosted by:**
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