

Projects in the Pipeline September 2016

SHARE

SHARE Phase II (October 2015–February 2017) is expanding the number of metadata providers, implementing critically needed automated and manual data-cleaning techniques and processes, and exploring integration of SHARE into institutional repository and research workflows. At its midpoint, Phase II demonstrates a deeper level of engagement from the research and library community through active collaboration between SHARE and related scholarly communication initiatives, such as RMap and VIVO. Based upon current prioritization, the SHARE team intends to have early prototypes of these and other examples by the end of the award period.

Journal Expenditures Survey and Scenarios

On June 13, 2016, ARL distributed to the membership a survey designed by Patrick Burns (Colorado State), in consultation with John Culshaw (Iowa) and Joe Lucia (Temple) of the Coordinating Committee, to gather data on:

- journal subscription expenditures;
- attitudes towards author processing charges (APCs); and
- the areas in which any savings from a collective negotiation might be reinvested.

The survey, which was intended as a follow-on to some of the ARL project discussions held at the Spring Association Meeting in Vancouver, generated 88 responses (71% of the membership) by its closing date of August 8.

Pat Burns will be providing an analysis of the survey at the Fall Association Meeting and will address possible paths forward should ARL wish to strategically collaborate on reducing the collective cost of journal subscriptions. Following the meeting, supporting materials will be made available on the ARL website.

ARL + Wikipedia

At the Fall 2015 Association Meeting, ARL's Innovation Lab hosted an "I've Got A Hunch" session. From this exercise emerged the idea of exploring how ARL libraries and Wikipedia might collaborate at scale. This idea culminated in an ARL/Wikipedia Summit that took place in Columbus, Ohio, on April 18–19, 2016. ARL and Wikipedia convened a

group of 25 librarians and Wikipedians to explore synergies and seek out common trajectories.

The ARL/Wikipedia Summit pushed beyond the current relationship between libraries and Wikipedia and its incremental approach to explore how we might collaborate at scale. Linked open data emerged as one potential area of focus, where data silos can be broken down and “round-tripping” of data could mutually enrich libraries and Wikimedia content. Participants also explored how we might create learning communities for Wikipedians-in-residence and Wikipedia visiting scholars to strengthen and even seek to change Wikipedia culture. Diversity and inclusion in Wikipedia was an overarching theme of the summit—how can libraries help address the gaps in content and the cultural barriers inherent in Wikipedia? And how can we keep up the communication between and among the two entities?

Stay tuned for more on the next steps in this collaboration between research libraries and Wikipedia this fall.

ARL Academy Professional Development for Digital Humanities

A planning meeting to develop a sustainable model for professional development in the digital humanities through the ARL Academy will take place at the ARL office on October 13–14, 2016. Other goals include creating an outline for a learning program and coming to a shared understanding of the characteristics of a community of practice in the digital humanities arena.

Library Management Skills Institute (LMSI) I and II

Eight ARL libraries will partner with DeEtta Jones, DJA Consultants, through the ARL Academy to host sessions in 2017 of the LMSI I and II. These programs support the development of an agile, diverse, and highly motivated workforce. Promoting LMSI I and II through the ARL Academy would facilitate participation and create more diverse learning groups across the ARL community.

LMSI I: The Manager focuses on the individual manager’s role in providing leadership within a complex and changing library organization. **LMSI II: The Organization** is based on the principles of organizational learning, and focuses on the performance of the library as a system and how individuals can create the kind of organization they desire. These programs will assist those ARL library workforce members who are interested in management-level roles to be better equipped with the tools and skills to be successful.

Captioning

On September 30, 2016, a group of ARL member library directors, ARL staff, and other invited colleagues will gather in Washington, DC, to continue the discussion about a potential shared repository of media caption files, a project idea proposed to the membership by David Carlson (Texas A&M University). The principal objectives of the

meeting will be to determine governing policies and standards, to share information about current practices in captioning institutionally created materials, and to scope a project that can be managed by an ARL visiting program officer in the coming months. The group will also review similar projects in the accessibility arena, such as the Tufts University accessible course content planning grant funded by IMLS, https://www.ims.gov/assets/1/AssetManager/LG-72-15-0009-15_Proposal.pdf