

A BRIEF LOOK BACK



Where We Started...

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Transportation Librarians Roundtable Makes Its Debut on October 11, 2007

The first presentation of the Transportation Librarians Roundtable (TLR), a monthly webconference series, will take place on Thursday, October 11, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. EDT.

The topic for the presentation is Engineering a Transportation Information Infrastructure: The Landscape of Information Activities and the scheduled speaker is Amanda J. Wilson, Director of the National Transportation Library (NTL) of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics. She will discuss the new "Networking Information" section on NTL's website and also provide an overview of all the transportation information/library coordination efforts currently underway.

The newly established TLR is co-sponsored by NTL, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), the Transportation Research Board, and the Special Libraries Association's Transportation Division.

The TLR's purpose will be to provide transportation librarians with opportunities to learn more about issues of mutual concern and interest, and also to have a new means of regular communication among members of that community.

The TLR will be held the second Thursday of each month for one hour starting at 2:00 p.m. EDT. Those wishing to participate on October 11 as well as in subsequent TLR sessions can do so by accessing http://fhwa.acrobat.com/translibrarian/. Please visit http://admin.acrobat.com/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm to help ensure that your system is properly configured for participation in the webconference. In addition, the teleconference number for accessing the audio portion of each month's session will be distributed in October.

The following presentations have been confirmed for other future TLR sessions:

- November 8, 2007
 TOPIC: WisDOT iCommons: Creating User-Friendly Spaces on a Budget SPEAKER: John Cherney, Head Librarian, Wisconsin Department of Transportation
- December 13, 2007
 TOPIC: Performance Measurements for Transportation Libraries

 SPEAKERS: Hank Zaletel, Librarian, Iowa Department of Transportation; and Maggie Sacco, Library Services Consultant, Transportation Library Connectivity Pooled Fund Study
- January 8, 2008
 TOPIC: Special Collections in Transportation: Northwestern Airline Menu Collection (an Encoded Archival description project)

 SPEAKER: Paul Burley, Technical Services Librarian, Northwestern University Transportation Library

Our Speakers

Speaker(s) / Moderator(s)

AJ Million x3

Alasdair Cain

Alicia Kehrig

Amanda J. Wilson

Andrew Meier

Andy Everett

Arlene Mathison

Barbara Post

Bernadette Bartlett, Kris Kasianovitz, and Kristina Eden

Bernie Wagenblast

Betsy Aldridge, Sheila Hatchell

Birgitta Sandstedt x2

Bob Cullen x5

Bob Sweet

Bonnie Osif

Dale Thompson, Gene McHale

Dan Morgan

Dennis van den Braak

Diana Sternitzke, Karen Perrin

Diane Brenes

Dr. Bella Dinh-Zarr

Dr. Christa Kelleher

Speaker(s) / Moderator(s)

Dr. George Kotsikos

Dr. Sylvia Spengler

Eileen Boswell

Eileen Boswell, Kendra K. Levine, Karen Perrin

Glenn Cole

Hank Zaletel, Maggie Sacco

Helen Keil-Losch, Alison Labonte

Jacob Speigler, Andrew Seredick

Jake Carlson

Jay Ven Eman, Andy Everett, Rita Evans, Seyem Petrite

Jennifer Klang

Joe Ellison

John Alexis Guerra Gómez

John Cherney

Joseph A. Busch

Josue Rivera-Olds; Megan Tietjen

Joung H. Lee

Joung Lee

Kathy Szolomayer, Leni Oman, Nancy Boyd

Kay Geary , Kendra Levine, Jane Minotti, Leni Oman, and Amanda J. Wilson

Ken Winter

Kendra K. Levine x2

Our Speakers

Speaker(s) / Moderator(s)

Leighton Christiansen x3

Leighton Christiansen, Kendra K Levine, Mary Moulton

Leni Oman, Amanda J. Wilson, Frances Harrison

Lisa Haakon Pogue, Joyce Koeneman

Lisa Loyo

Lorraine L. Richards

Maggie Sacco

Maggie Sacco, Jane Minotti, Laura Wilt

Maggie Sacco, Tia Mastromatto, Lawrence E. Decina

Mary Moulton

Mary Moulton, Megan Tietjen

Meghan Lafferty, Lisa Johnston

Michael LaPlante

Natalie Collier, Jessica Chaiken

Neil Pedersen

NTKN Cooperative Cataloging Working Group

Paul R. Burley x6

Paul R. Burley, Leighton Christiansen

Roberto Sarmiento

Roberto Sarmiento, Jennifer Boteler

Roger Strouse

Rosalyn Alleman

Rosalyn Alleman, David Jones, Roger Garren

Scott Brown

Stephen A. Matthews

Steve Hanson

TLR Topical Themes

- Information sources
- Creative approaches to outreach
- International priorities and programs
- Lessons learned and best practices from broader library and information science community
- Future of transportation library community (e.g, TKNs)
- Exhibits and Transportation Library Programs

- Open forums
- Transportation policy, legislation and trends
- New research tools
- Data management
- Value of transportation libraries
- Digitization
- Cooperative projects
- Bibliographic, information and data analysis and visualization
- Cataloging, metadata, and taxonomy standards and developments

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

TLR Topics and Themes

"Roundtables serve several purposes. They share information about library services such as cataloging, electronic resources, and special collections. They also allow librarians to share best practices about marketing, management, performance measures and advisory committees. They inform the transportation library community about new technologies . . . And, they address some of the pressing issues facing all transportation libraries."

Lisa Haakon Pogue "Building a Transportation Library Infrastructure" Change: Managing It, Surviving It and Thriving on It, Best Practices for Government Libraries - 2009

TLR – Participant Feedback

Value of TLRs

- Information exchange
- Networking
- Further improving our communications with each other and therefore our overall impact
- The informality
- Training without leaving the office
- Cost-effectiveness

Areas for Improvement

- Technical challenges
- Notification lapses
- Problems with the survey
- Some topics more relevant than others to one's work, needs, and interests

New for 2016: TLR Data Management Series

26 April 2016: Enid White & the Wyoming DOT DMP

Other Potential Topics

- Primer on using the DMPTool
- How DOT is thinking about evaluating DMPS for sufficiency
- Walking through different checklists
- Data licensing options
- Understanding DOIs
- Lessons learned training researchers to create DMPs
- Tie in discussion group on UNC Research Data Management and Sharing MOOC (led by Leighton Christiansen)

How shall we shape our next 100 sessions?

INFORMATION SHARING

What do you enjoy most about your work?

What has been your most memorable information research request?

Do you have any past or ongoing projects that have special meaning for you?