

“JUST ONE, I’M A FEW”:

lone arranging when you wish you
could clone yourself

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INTERNAL MANAGEMENT

"I'm not in control of the muse."
- Alison Hendrix

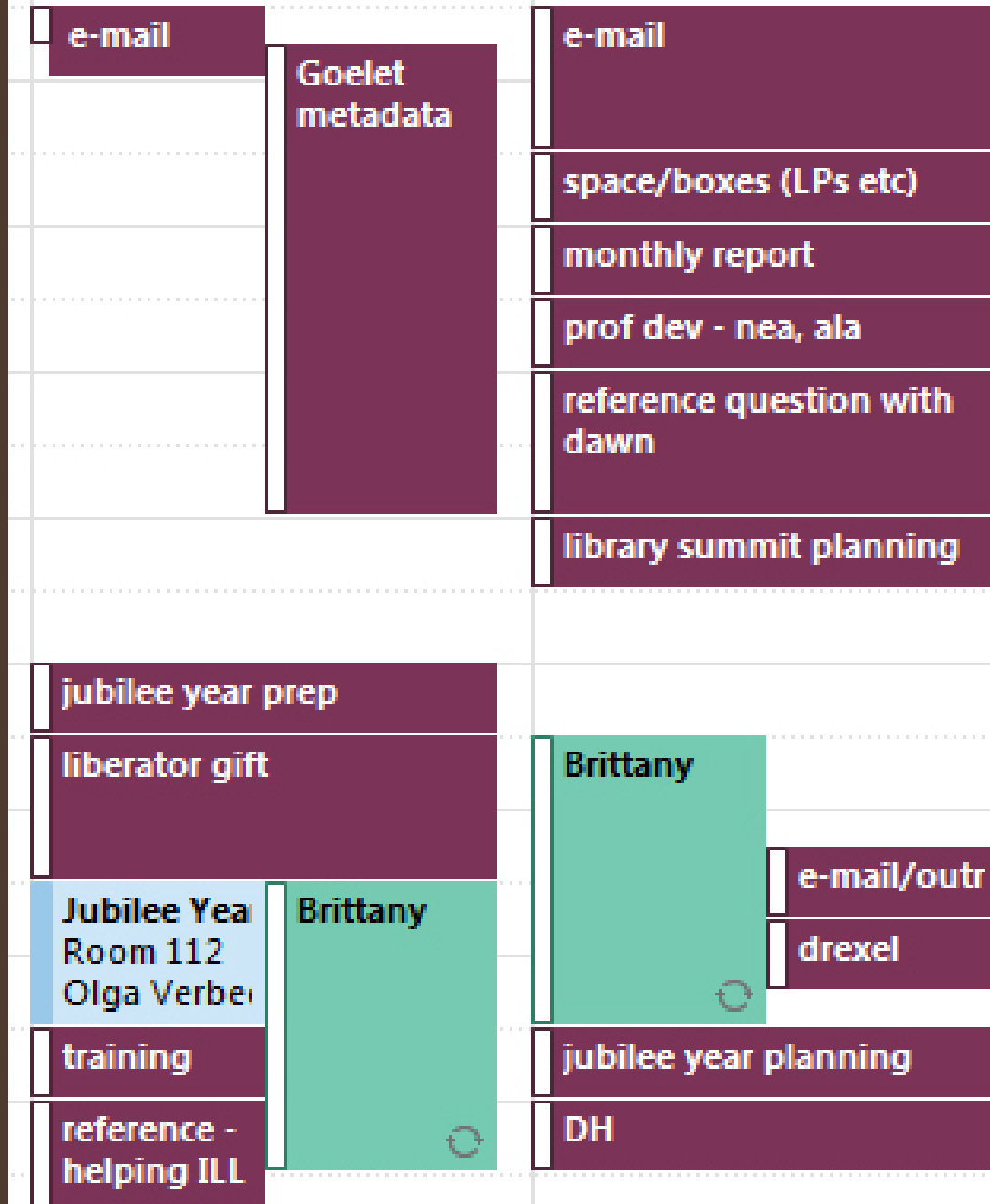
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DEFINING YOUR SCOPE

- Confronting the Hedonic treadmill
- What are your core functions?
 - Find areas where your professional knowledge enhances the work of your colleagues
 - Learn what will have the greatest impact on your environment
- Your vision of your repository has to include how it is currently used and how it will be valuable to your current stakeholders

TIME MANAGEMENT

- Use your calendar better – track all of your activities, not just meetings
- Scrum philosophy (<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/13663747-essential-scrum>):
 - 1. Only build what people want.
 - 2. Build some of it before you build all of it.
 - 3. Plan your work in sprints.
 - 4. The Stand Up, state explicitly what you are working on and what is blocking you



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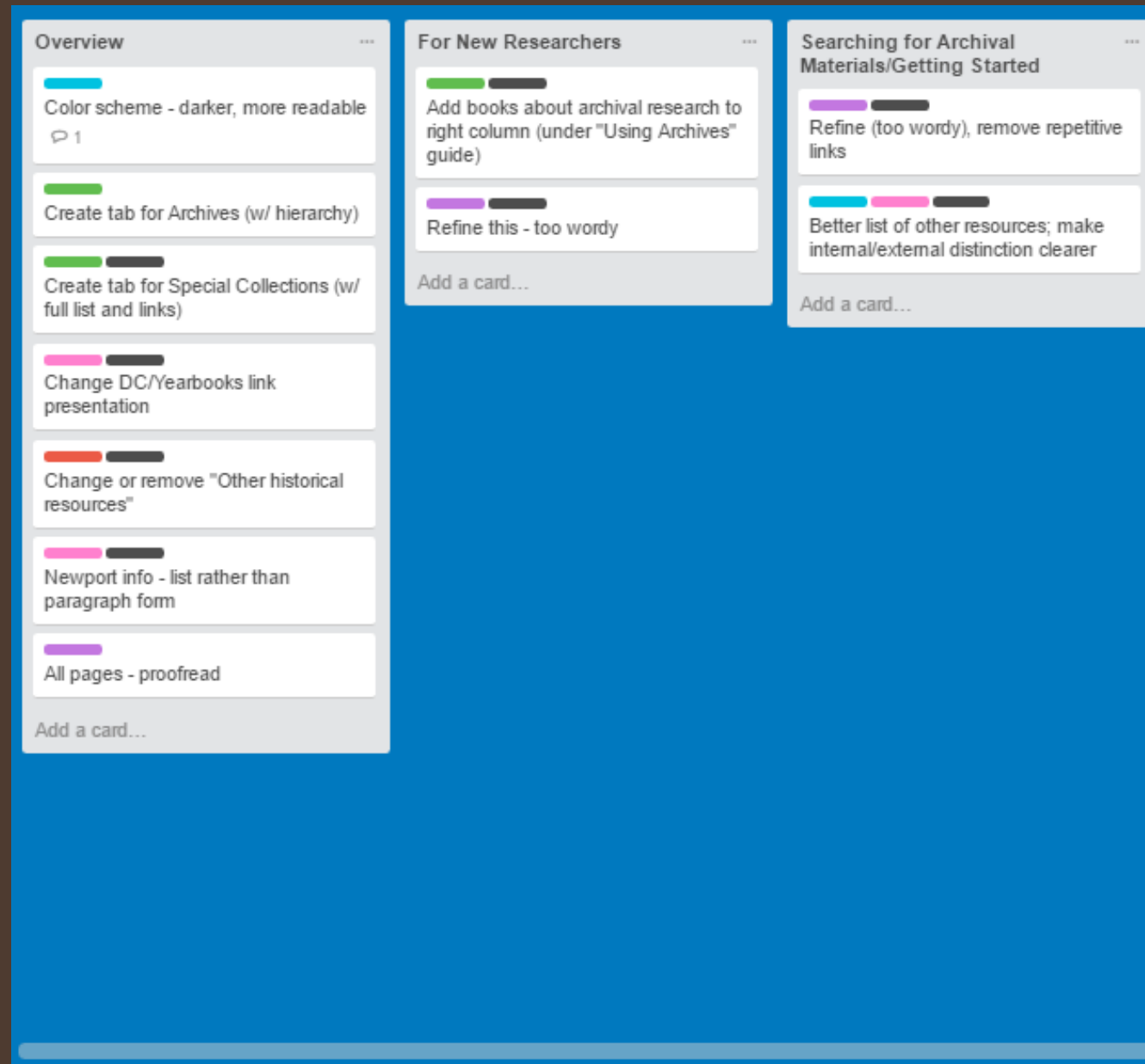
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Week of 3/21 (B on break)

- Ask about Drexel donation selections
- Follow up about SRYou day
- Hold Shared Shelf demo
- Try photographing botanical samples
- Check in - how prepared we are for cataloging intern
- copies of images for Women's History Month board
- Plan Shared Shelf demo
- Make sure all Campus Ministry photos are scanned and rehoused

Assess...

What's left for O'Reilly?

Newport Shipyard & other gifts from Dan - need paperwork

What isn't accounted for in back room?

What's left for Saalman?

Week of 3/28 (gone Thursday afternoon-Friday)

People to Invite to Shared Shelf demo at the end of the month:

- Alumni Office
- Development - Major Gifts
- Alumni magazine
- Design Services
- Academic Affairs
- Pell Center
- Art & CHP depts
- Media Services?
- History Department?

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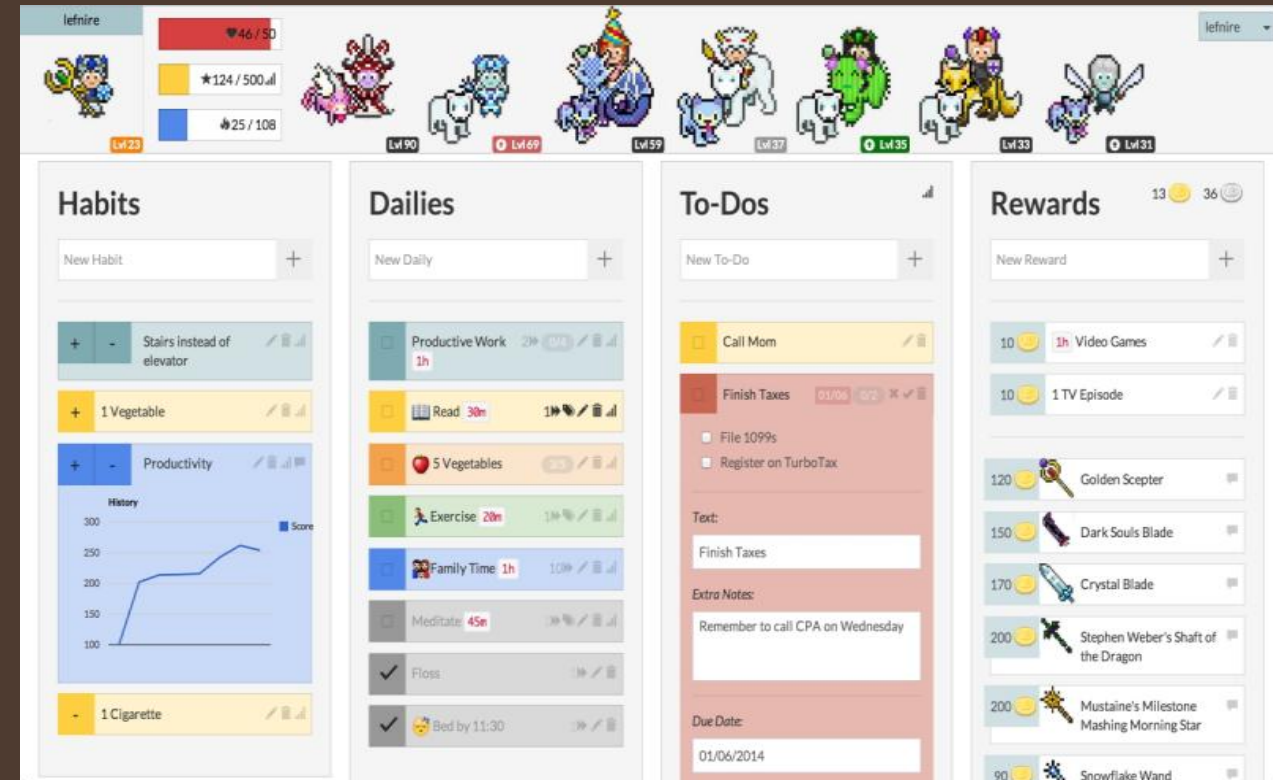
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LEARNING WHAT YOU NEED TO LEARN

- Budgets & purchasing
- The letter of the law and how it applies to you
 - Public records
 - Copyright
 - Repatriation
 - Gifts and contracts
- RFPs
- Negotiation

LEARNING ALL THE THINGS

Professional development doesn't have to mean champagne dreams, lemonade pockets

Courses & Useful Info

- Copyright for Educators & Librarians (self-paced): <https://www.coursera.org/learn/copyright-for-education>
- Library Advocacy Unshushed, edX (archived): <https://www.edx.org/course/library-advocacy-unshushed-university-torontox-la101x>
- LYRASIS online courses (not free)
- Public Records Law <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/pre/prepdf/guide.pdf>

Webinars

- Vendors
- Coalition to Advance Learning in Archives, Libraries & Museums: <http://www.coalitiontoadvancelearning.org/>, @LAMcoalition

Learning + Web 2.0

- Zotero.org
- RSS & reading apps – Feedly, Readability, Instapaper, &c.

Go Beyond LIS & Archives

- Udacity.com
- Harvard Business Review

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EXTERNAL MANAGEMENT

“Stop asking why; start asking who.”
- Beth Childs

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WHO ARE YOUR STAKEHOLDERS?

- Allies in unlikely places
- Invest in relationships that work for you
- It's okay not to make friends in high places
- Who actually uses your archives or records? Who *else* do you want to include?
- Do you have stakeholders outside your organization? If not, do you want to expand to serve them?

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVOCACY

- Learn your institutional culture – where are you welcome?
- Go to events outside your unit; introduce yourself
- Seek out feedback at meetings held by other offices or departments
- Be patient if people don't understand what it is that you do, but also don't be afraid to set them straight
- If you can predict or respond to a need that someone else doesn't know you can solve, you are on to something
- Social media is (usually) your friend
- If you can, have your meetings in your archives – especially if you have space issues

GRANTS

- The myth of the magical grant that fixes everything
- Finding grant writers in your institution
- Looking beyond national, large-scale funders
 - State library associations
 - Corporate grantors
 - SHRABs
 - State humanities foundations
 - Community Preservation Act & other hyper-local resources

REPORTING

- Not just what you did, but what you didn't have the time or resources to do
- Time-tracking can give you leverage when you know your organization is allocating your time ineffectively
- Report to yourself – wikis, internal blogging or documentation
- Update your job description with your supervisor regularly

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THE WORK ITSELF

“Dude, that’s complex.”
- Cosima Niehaus

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Des boissiers - Coustard pour envoyer
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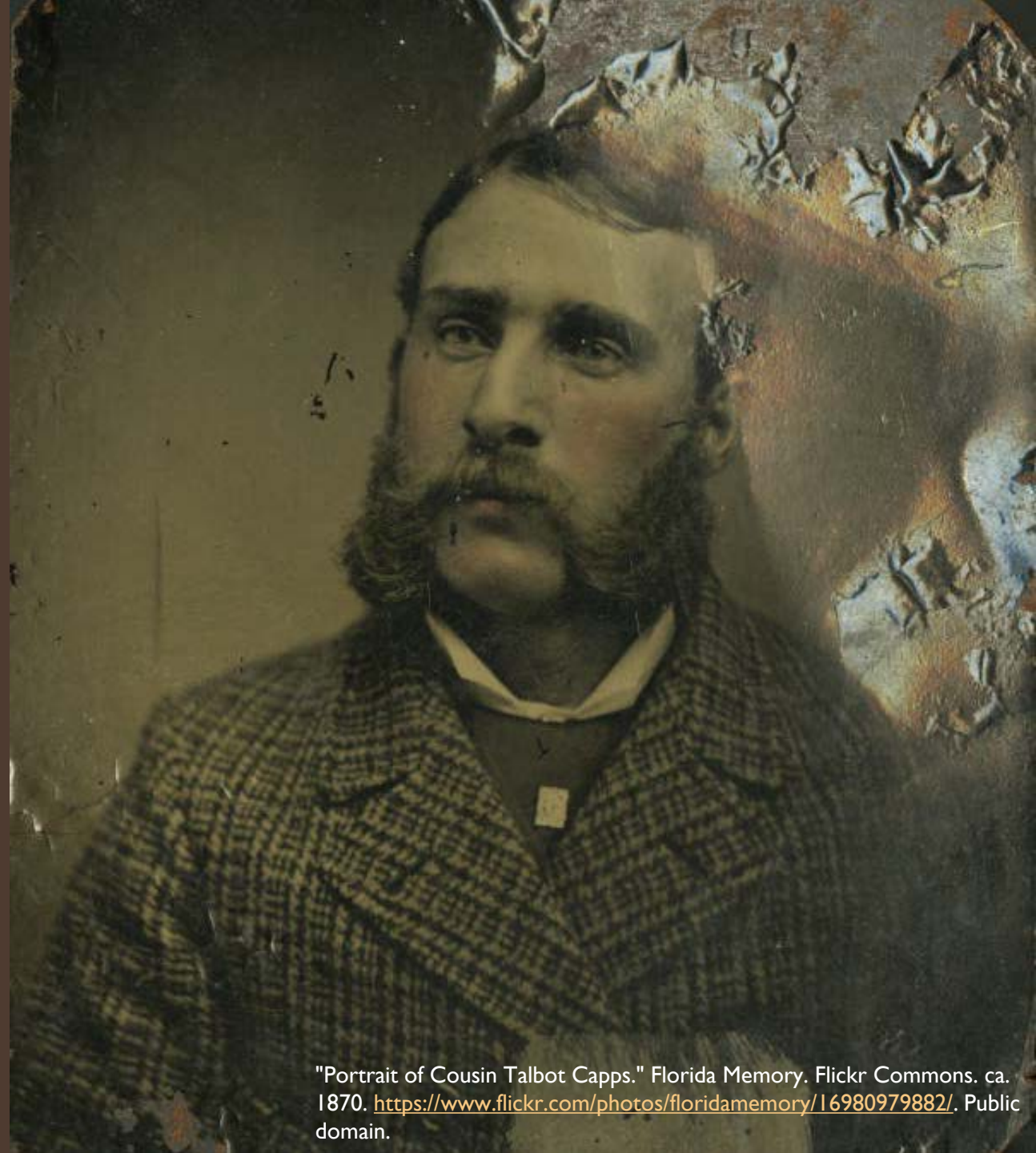
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LABOR ISSUES

- We have all performed some free labor, but we must be mindful of the potential of exploitation when it comes to
 - Interns
 - Volunteers
 - Undergrads
- Opportunities:
 - Classes you're already teaching
 - Providing value to community organizations through partnerships

PRESERVATION & CONSERVATION

- Stable & damaged > neglected & deteriorating
- Archives Damage Atlas (http://www.nationaalarchief.nl/sites/default/files/docs/nieuws/archives_damage_atlas.pdf)
- DIY Humidification Chamber <http://www.srmarchivists.org/resources/preservation/preservation-publications/how-to-flatten-folded-or-rolled-paper-documents/>
- Preservation Self-Assessment Program from Uillinois: <https://psap.library.illinois.edu/>
- Triage kits
- NEDCC conservation resources
 - dPlan <http://www.dplan.org/>
- Connecting to Collections webinars: <http://www.connectingtocollections.org/>



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RECYCLE YOUR WORK

- Keep responses to reference requests
- Put together your own reference materials the organization's history, research about collections, and your department's history
- Standardize handouts and forms
- Make templates
- Reuse & remix displays

TOOLS

Let's add to this!

Communication & Outreach

- Slack - team communication tool
- Social Media Guidance from NARA
<https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/bulletins/2014/2014-02.html>

Technology

- AutoCrat - Google Sheets extension
- California Digital Library's EAD Templates:
http://www.cdlib.org/services/access_publishing/dsc/contribute/eadd_webtemplates.html
- Zoho Creator: <https://www.zoho.com/creator/>
- Archival Training Collaborative, Louisiana Archivists:
<http://louisianaarchivists.org/atc/archival-training-resources-online.html>

Digital Preservation

- Conservation Center - Preserving A/V Media videos:
<http://www.ccaha.org/education/videos>
- Guide to Digital Preservation Tools <http://digitalpowrr.niu.edu/>
- Retention Schedule with a Guide to Format Types:
<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcpdf/October-2013-02-11-supplement.pdf>
- Electronic Records Guidelines
http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcpdf/Electronic_Records_Guidelines.pdf

FIND YOUR PEOPLE

Trust us. We're from the Internet.

Twitter Chats

- #snaprt – SAA Students & New Professionals Roundtable
- #critlib – CritLib.org – critical librarianship
- Track conference hashtags

Newsletters

- Data is Plural
- MIT h + d insights
- News and Information from UCLA Digital Humanities

Podcasts

- The Audio Signal
- More Podcast, Less Process
- Stuff You Missed In History Class

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WE MUST TALK.

let's eliminate tweeting into the void or cold-calling for help

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