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## From The Chair

Erin Cheever, MAGIRT Chair

Like many people, I made a pilgrimage to see family over the Thanksgiving holiday. For me, that meant journeying back to the Washington, DC suburbs where my parents were raised and where I spent a formative decade of young adulthood. Over the long weekend, I took a break from my boisterous yet lovable family and mountains of heavy food to see a dear friend, former MAGIRT chair Kathy Hart.

DC is where I first studied GIS librarianship under Jim Gillispie at The Catholic University of America. In DC, I attended some of my first professional conferences (ESRI Federal, and the SLA and ALA annual meetings). During those years in library school at CUA, I was fortunate to meet Kathy at a MAGIRT session at ALA Midwinter in 2019. Kathy started a conversation with me, and we discovered we lived in the same DC suburb. We stayed in touch during the pandemic and made the best of socially distanced hangouts, like viewing the fireworks in Old Town Alexandria and kayaking on Little Hunting Creek, a tributary of the Potomac River.

As we head into the winter season, with more holidays and time for contemplation, I am considering building connections within MAGIRT and bringing more people to the table at ALA Annual. MAGIRT has a fantastic established membership with deep map and GIS library knowledge and experience. MAGIRT is a resource that all members can draw on, including by asking questions on ALA Connect, attending a board meeting, or scheduling a meetup or library tour with a MAGIRT member while we travel, whether we're already acquainted with them or because of our mutual membership in the MAGIRT club.

In the midst of our country's affordability and cost-of-living crisis, I'm also interested in thinking about ways we can reallocate some portion of our funding to attracting those members we haven't heard from lately to attend and present at ALA

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conference will be held in Philadelphia, my home turf. We will be sure to prepare a memorable conference experience for everyone who is able to travel, with learning and social events grounded in the history and culture of one of America's most historic cities. I hope you will be able to join us there!

## WAML Liaison Report to MAGIRT Executive Board

November 19, 2024

WAML held its conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on the University of New Mexico campus from Wednesday, September 25 to Saturday, September 28, 2024. This was the first time WAML had met in New Mexico. There was also a virtual symposium on October 10th, which included a summary of this conference and additional presentations. The preconference consisted of the executive board meeting, two workshops, "From There to Here: Bringing Data Physicalization to Library Instruction," and "From Teaching to Research: Finding and Making Maps for the Southwest." Their website is [www.waml.org](https://www.waml.org).

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## On The Cataloging/Cataloguing Front

Tammy Wong, Library of Congress

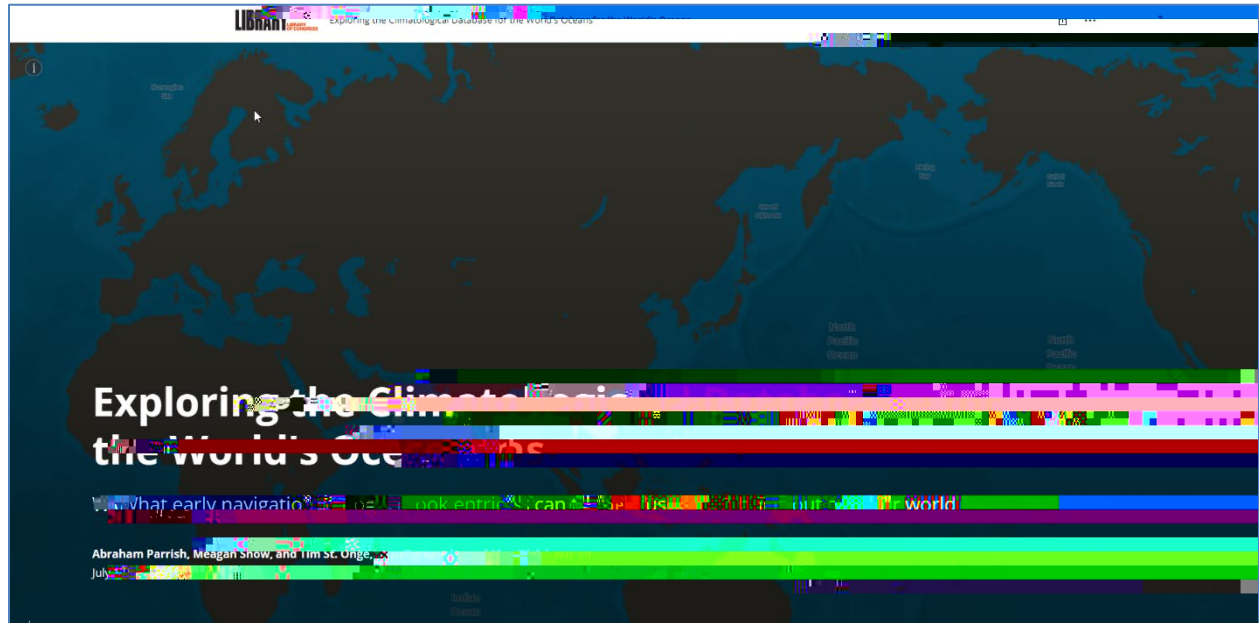
### Library of Congress Geospatial Applications Hub Site Launched

The Library of Congress has launched the [Geospatial Applications Hub](#) site, a new platform to share our online StoryMaps, interactive web map applications, and more. The goal is to enhance locationbased discovery of these LC geospatial products and other spatial services

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## [CLIWOC StoryMap](#) Published

Our division published the latest StoryMap [Exploring the Climatological Database for the World's Oceans](#).



The StoryMap showcases the [Climatological Database for the World's Oceans, 1750-1850 \(CLIWOC\)](#) (LCCN: [2020449236](#)), a database of digitized European ship logbook entries acquired by the Library. The application explores various subjects of European maritime travel, including major routes of colonization, trade patterns as influenced by climate and weather, indigenous experiences of colonization, and scientific expeditions with a specific focus on James Cook's 1772 voyage.

## PoCo Annual Meeting

On November 78, the [Program for Cooperative Cataloging \(PCC\)](#) Policy Committee (PoCo) held its annual meeting to discuss the achievements of last year and the plans for next year. The topics included BIBFRAME and Linked Data, Official RDA implementation, standing committee reports, PCC member relations, and the expansion of PCC roles, programs, and relationships. Kevin Ford and Jodi Williamschen from the Network Development and MARC Standards Office (NDMSO) provided a BIBFRAME update to the group. Paul Frank from the Policy Training, and Cooperative Programs (PTCP) Division led the discussion on punctuation, [International Standard Bibliographic Description \(ISBD\)](#), and access points for the Official [Resource Description and Access \(RDA\)](#). PTCP staff members who serve as the [PCC Secretariat](#) were also on hand to provide support and answer questions pertaining to the PCC programs that they coordinate. The event's [agenda \(with slides\)](#) is available online.



MAGIRT Honors Awards: Nominations Open





