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RDAP Happenings

Hi RDAP members,

Fine members of RDAP, the Publishing Committee is proud to present the October edition of our quarterly newsletter. While some of us have seen leaves on the ground for over a month, an unseasonable blast of cold air recently reminded others that winter is but weeks away. As we move into the chilly season, keep in mind this nugget of wisdom someone shared at the recent Southeast Data Librarian Symposium: “Don’t set yourself on fire to keep someone else warm.”

It’s an exciting time to be involved with data policy, as the recent recommendation from the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, a.k.a. the “Nelson memo”, has prompted renewed discussion of data access. The Executive Board shares news on RDAP’s response to that and more in their update. In our Feature Article, we bring you a summary of the highlights of the Midwest Data Librarian Symposium and the aforementioned SEDLS from a few attendees of each. Conferences like these are important venues for information exchange concerning trends in the “data landscape”.

The Action Committees have their own exciting developments to share, many of them benefitting from the surge of enthusiasm that comes with the entry of new members. The business of RDAP is conducted exclusively through volunteer efforts, and we are all grateful for the time and effort members dedicate to committee work. None of this is possible without you.

We hope everyone enjoys the spooky season. The halls of my workplace are currently decorated with a great deal of orange and black, owing not to Halloween but to [Open Access Week](#) branding on the many monitors advertising the week’s events. Some of you may find yourselves in a similar situation. Whatever you like best about fall, we hope you’ll have plenty of it as everyone wraps up another action-packed year.

Updates from the Board

With the fall semester in full swing, many of us have been busy with presentations on data management and the soon-to-be-implemented [NIH Data Management and](#)

[Sharing Policy](#). If you promote a presentation you give on the new NIH policy on Twitter, it would be great if you tag @RDAPassn. It helps to know we are in community as we all prepare for this big change.

The Board also published [a response](#) to the [OSTP Nelson memo](#), “Ensuring Free, Immediate, and Equitable Access to Federally Funded Research”. As you can expect, RDAP supports the principles expressed in the memo and awaits what the reality of this effort will look like.

The Board continues working to make RDAP more accessible to our community and beyond. We are finalizing plans to engage experts in universal design to review our conference materials and advise us on best practices. We hope this will be an ongoing activity for RDAP. We will also be updating our Strategic Plan to specify what should be next for our community.

Members continue to make connections within the research data support community. Amy Koshoffer presented at the Educause Research Computing and Data meeting in September, and Melissa Ratajeski from the University of Pittsburgh is serving as the RDAP liaison to the Research Computing and Data Community Builders Group, sponsored by the Campus Research Computing Consortium (CaRCC), Internet 2, and others in the research computing and data realm.

Finally, our call for more Action Committee volunteers resulted in several new members joining the Publishing Committee and the Membership Committee. Thank you to those who checked their schedules and found precious time to contribute to RDAP.

A reminder that the [call for RDAP Summit proposals is live](#). We hope to see you at the Summit and learn about your work in the research data ecosystem.

As always, the RDAP Executive Board welcomes your input and feedback. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at execboard@rdapassociation.org.

The RDAP Board,

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- Rachel Woodbrook (President-elect)
- Lindsay Gypin (Secretary)
- Patti Condon (Treasurer)
- Jonathan Petters (Past President)

RDAP Feature Article

October was an active month for RDAPers and fellow data professionals with the eighth annual Midwest Data Librarian Symposium (MDLS) and the fifth annual Southeast Data Librarian Symposium (SEDLS).

MDLS took place October 5-7 as a hybrid event, with in-person attendees gathering at the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, IN. The symposium included lightning talks, long and short presentations, workshops, and networking sessions. Symposium organizers also hosted a number of small group meetings to allow for networking across the virtual space. These activities included a virtual scavenger hunt and “speed data-ing” which encouraged attendees to share their experiences and challenges working with data.

One highlight was a hands-on workshop, “Preparing for the NIH DMSP: Researcher Needs and Perspectives”, presented by Jess Newman McDonald and Sarah Newell from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. This engaging activity used breakout rooms with small groups to assess data management plans inspired by real scenarios through the lens of the new NIH data policy. Participants discussed the role libraries could play in advising researchers writing DMPs. MDLS session materials will be available at the [Midwest Data Librarian Symposium 2022](#) OSF page. See the entire program at the [MDLS 2022 conference page](#).

SEDLS 2022 was hosted virtually October 12-14 and featured short talks, poster presentations, and workshops. Networking opportunities included an active Discord server for attendees and time for mingling and Q&A during virtual poster sessions. Data literacy was an important theme at SEDLS this year, with several presentations touching on programs aiming to improve learners’ ability to find and make use of data.

Other notable presentations included tips and tools to prepare for the upcoming NIH policy implementation, a survey of library support for qualitative data workflows, and building an open textbook of resources for librarians that provide research data services. Posters covered a range of topics, from the practical needs of students acquiring data skills to the philosophical consideration of how we should approach

the concept of data. Finally, SEDLS featured three optional workshops for an additional fee: methodologies for reviewing data management plans, an introduction to coding in Python, and working with maps in PowerBI and ArcGIS.

SEDLS session materials are openly available at the [2022 SE Data Librarian Symposium](#) OSF repository, and recordings of the talks may be viewed on the [Southeast Data Librarian Symposium](#) YouTube channel.

RDAP Summit Updates

RDAP invites proposals for the program of its upcoming virtual summit, which will be held March 28-30, 2023.

The RDAP Summit occurs annually in the spring as an affordable conference for research data support practitioners. The program includes keynotes, lightning talks, longer oral presentations, and posters. This year, we will offer conference workshops for a small additional fee on March 27, 2023.

This Summit's theme is "Building on Experience: Centering Communities in Data Creation and Access". We encourage proposals that explore how you engage with and build communities in your data environment, how you have expanded on past successes, and how you are making data accessible for a wider range of communities.

RDAP presenters will have the opportunity to submit papers to be considered for publication in a special issue of the [Journal of eScience Librarianship \(JeSLIB\)](#).

Registration is free for speakers.

Proposal Deadline: November 4, 2022

Decisions will be sent on November 28, 2022.

To submit or for more information: <https://rdapassociation.org/call-for-proposals>

Contact: Conference Committee chairs at rdapsummit@rdapassociation.org

Action Committee Updates

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No updates at this time.

Education and Resources

The RDAP Education & Resources Committee is seeking community input on the Fall 2022 webinar offerings. We are interested in suggestions from RDAP members looking for education on a particular topic or who want to present a topic themselves. Do you have something you would like to present to the RDAP community? Propose it! Want a webinar on a specific topic? Suggest it, along with potential speakers we might invite. We particularly invite topics with an equity, diversity, and inclusion focus. Please submit ideas or volunteer to lead a webinar using this [form](#).

Join the RDAP Education and Resource Community at an informal kaffeeklatsch for data topics on **Tuesday, November 1** at 2pm EST/11am PST ([Zoom link](#))! We miss the casual conversations that come from encounters at conferences, waiting for a meeting to start, or over lunch. Come join fellow data professionals to discuss whatever data topics we want: outreach that worked well, engagement sessions that could have gone better, or questions about why things are done a certain way. No formal presentations or outputs are expected; this is just an opportunity to connect with others.

Marketing

The [RDAP CafePress store](#) is now accessible directly from [RDAP's website](#). We have branded mugs, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and water bottles for sale. All proceeds help fund the work of the Association. If you have any feedback about the store, including suggestions for items you'd like to see us add, please reach out to marketing@rdapassociation.org.

Membership

The Membership Action Committee is working on developing a Member Awards program for RDAP. We look forward to sharing additional details soon!

Publishing

The RDAP Summit 2022 Special Issue of the [Journal of eScience Librarianship](#) will be published in late November. This will be the first RDAP Special Issue published on JSLIB's new platform, Inspec. The new platform, which was an open source

on JeSLIB's new platform, Janeway. The new platform, which runs on open source software, features tools that increase internal efficiency and security. It also has an intuitive interface and simplifies the workflow for both authors and editors. This software will also increase the accessibility of articles by offering them in HTML and XML formats in addition to PDF. This [editorial](#) provides more information on Janeway and its impact on JeSLIB's workflow. The partnership between JeSLIB and RDAP will continue more smoothly than ever!

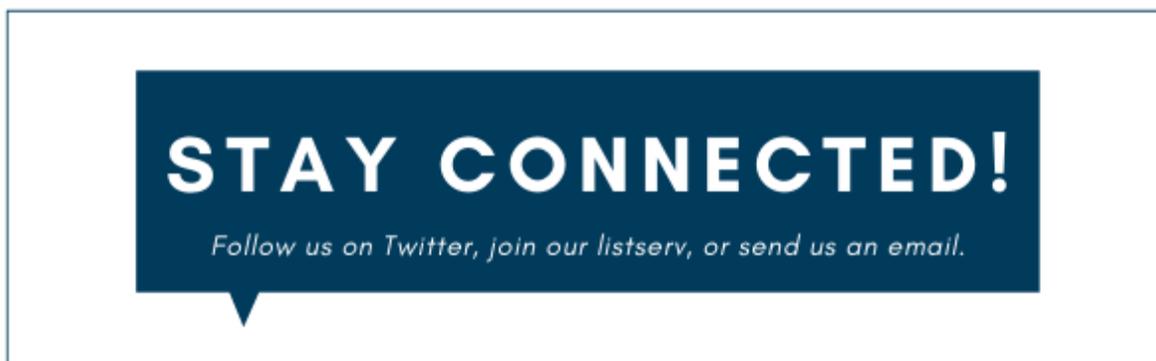
Sponsorship

No updates at this time.

Website

The Web Committee is currently engaged in two tasks: updating the [Action Committees](#) and [Leadership](#) web pages to reflect the 2022-2023 membership, and developing a wireframe to model the proposed website visual redesign.

The committee would also like to welcome Sarah Hauserman as a new member and Abby Pennington as the committee liaison to the Summit!



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