



RDAP Happenings

Hi RDAP members,

Welcome to the October RDAP newsletter...though now we find ourselves in November! We're entering that time of year when we get to take our first deep breath and slow down. For many of us, the rush of the academic year's start is over with midterms behind us. For those not in academia, we are closing out our calendar year's projects and heading to a new year. Together, we are now in a position to be less focused on meeting others' needs and can take a moment to align ourselves with goals for the coming year/rest of the academic year.

The previous months have been a whirlwind, but here are some of highlights:

RDAP 2024 Summit dates have been announced! Similar to last year, the summit will happen virtually and take place March 12-14 2024, with workshops to be held on March 11. The call for proposals is open so consider how your work or projects or ideas align with next year's theme (*Building Bridges: Interoperability in the Data Community*) and submit a proposal so you can share with the community. You have until **November 8th** to do so!

Several data conferences took place over the past months including the [Midwest Data Librarians Symposium \(MDLS\)](#) (October 9-11 in Cincinnati, OH). For the first time in several years, MDLS was held fully in person. Over three days, the

time in several years, MIDAS was held fully in person. Over three days, the community welcomed many new to data librarianship and refreshed relationships between those of us who have been practitioners for many years. As per tradition, the sessions were active learning-focused and this year's topics covered AI and ethics, using archival collections to teach data literacy, and fostering inclusion in data librarianship, among others.

There is continued discussion about the implementation of the August 2022 memo from the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). This issue's Board update notes the September call from SPARC for volunteers to help analyze public access plans required by the OSTP memo. Many in our community are following updates and responses to this memo closely so, in a future issue, we hope to provide a summary of what the responses from different groups (and interests) have been so far.

Lastly, keep an eye out for the release of the RDAP 2023 JeSLIB Special Issue in the coming weeks! Special thank you to the RDAP guest editors who reviewed the submissions and thanks to our JeSLIB colleagues for their continued partnership in producing this special issue. As we look to the 2024 Summit, start thinking if you'd like to take your RDAP 2024 proposal (once accepted of course...) that extra step and submit to the RDAP 2024 JeSLIB Special Issue.

As we start the last months of this year, be sure to take care of yourselves, stay healthy, and have fun – we'll see you in January!

Updates from the Board

As the leaves change and the school year takes off, the Executive Board has been busy with immediate tasks as well as long-term planning and actions. The last stage of our documentation migration to the shared Google Drive is underway. We have approved significant funding for DEIA training (keep an eye out for more information from the DEIA committee on this opportunity soon!), and we signed on as an organization to the [Santa Barbara Charter for inclusive data science culture](#).

The Hybrid Summit Task Force has also been charged and started their work—without a predetermined format in place for what “hybrid” means, but rather

exploring various ideas. They will be presenting options and recommendations to Leadership early next year, and we eagerly await their findings. As part of our strategic planning, we have also been thinking about intentionality in our engagement with other organizations. We amplified a call SPARC put out for volunteers to help review and respond to public access plans for individual federal agencies (as a result of the [August 2022 OSTP Nelson Memo](#)), and are excited for more examples of bringing together our community in supporting centralized and standardized resources and responses.

Members of the [Ad Hoc Working Group on NIH DMSP Guidance](#) are working on an open letter to send to the NIH asking for increased transparency of the evaluation process, additional training and resources, and expanded financial and organizational support. The team plans to publish the letter in a journal widely read by researchers, librarians and NIH staff.

Finally, a reminder that the [call for the virtual RDAP 2024 Summit proposals is live](#) through Nov. 8, 2023. We hope to see many of you at the 2024 (virtual) Summit and learn about your work on the conference's theme, "*Bridging Boundaries: Interoperability in the Data Community.*"

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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RDAP Feature Article

Do you have an interesting project that you would like to share with the RDAP

community? Is there a useful resource or service that others might benefit from knowing about? Have you participated in a training event and would like to share your experience?

If so, consider writing a Feature Article for the RDAP Newsletter!

The RDAP Publishing Committee is seeking content for the Feature Article section of the Newsletter. Topics should fall into one of the following categories. Content that addresses these topics with the lens of diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility will be prioritized.

1. Descriptions of a project, program, or service relevant to data librarianship.
2. Reviews of books, tools or resources that would be of use to those working in the data community.
3. Overviews of standards, guidelines, or recommendations relevant to data practitioners.
4. Descriptions of professional development events or training of interest to data professionals.

Submission Guidelines:

Please use [this form](#) to submit your article.

Submissions should be 1000 words or fewer. Images, figures, and tables are limited to 2 total, maximum 1500 px wide, and should be placed within text. Images must be jpg, jpeg, gif, or png formats. If citing other works, use a numbered, in-text citation style with a reference list at the end.

Language can be informal and submissions should be copy ready (Newsletter Editors will be providing light copyediting only). Submissions should be uploaded as a Microsoft Word document with minimal formatting (headings, when appropriate, are allowed).

The Publishing Action Committee members serve as editors for this feature as well as the rest of the newsletter content. Questions about the submission process can be sent to publications@rdapassociation.org. The newsletter is published quarterly in January, April, July, and October. Submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis.

At this time the newsletter is not accepting press releases, marketing materials, advertisements, or product announcements.

RDAP Summit Updates

The Research Data Access and Preservation Association (RDAP) invites proposals for the program of its upcoming virtual summit on March 12-14, 2024.

The RDAP Summit occurs on March 12-14, 2024. We will offer conference workshops for a small additional fee on March 11, 2024. The RDAP Association is dedicated to providing low-cost, accessible, and high-value events and anyone interested in learning more about research data management, access, and preservation is encouraged to attend. The program includes keynotes, lightning talks, posters, presentations, and workshops.

This year's theme is Bridging Boundaries: Interoperability in the Data Community. Interoperability, a key component of the FAIR principles, can be broadly defined as the ability to exchange and make use of information through common data formats, shared metadata standards, and open protocols. Interoperability can be supported through a wide range of activities. We encourage proposals that explore concepts such as interoperability within data itself, between systems, between data communities, and cross-institutionally. We also welcome proposals that address the social components needed to make systems interoperable, such as engagement and communication strategies.

Presenters will have the opportunity to submit their papers to be considered for a special issue with our partner, the [Journal of eScience Librarianship \(JeSLIB\)](#).

Registration is free for presenters.

Proposal Deadline: November 8, 2023.

Decisions will be sent on December 4, 2023.

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

Contact: Conference Committee Chairs: rdapsummit@rdapassociation.org

Action Committee Updates

DEIA

We have finalized dates for our upcoming training with Sofia Leung! If you'd like to mark your calendars, the dates are as follows:

Workshop 1: January 24, 2024

Workshop 2: February 21, 2024

Workshop 3: March 5, 2024

A formal call for interest and more information is forthcoming.

Education and Resources

Join us for the next **RDAP Journal Club**. Our reading list for November 1 is

- Article 1: Kouper, I., Fear, K., Ishida, M., Kollen, C., & Williams, S. C. (2017). Research Data Services Maturity in Academic Libraries. *Association of College and Research Libraries*. [Read here](#).
- Article 2: Rod, A. B. & Zhou, B. & Rousseau, M., (2023) "There's no "I" in Research Data Management: Reshaping RDM Services Toward a Collaborative Multi-Stakeholder Model," *Journal of eScience Librarianship*, 12(1), e624. [Read here](#).
- Or bring your own reading to share

To supercharge our discussion, we're trying out the Hypothesis annotation tool.

Here's how to get in on the action:

1. [Sign up for a free Hypothesis account](#) and add the Hypothesis extension to your browser.
2. [Join the RDAP Journal Club Group](#).

3. Open the static webpage for Sample 1 or Sample 2 (links above).
4. Dive in and share your brilliant annotations!

We can't wait to see what you uncover and hear your insights during our discussion.

Thank you to everyone who attended the **Kaffee Klatsch!** We hope you had stimulating discussions (after the zoom chaos subsided).

Marketing

The Marketing Committee has sent out several exciting announcements pertaining to the RDAP Summit 2024, including the Save the Date and [Call for Proposals](#).

Membership

The Membership Committee would like to remind everyone that the RDAP Member Directory will go online soon. We have provided instructions to [update your profile](#)—make sure your preferences are reflected before the directory goes public.

Don't forget that nominations are still open for the [RDAP Member Awards](#). Get your nominations in before Dec. 31 so we can recognize our deserving colleagues!

Publishing

The RDAP 2023 JeSLIB issue is nearing its final stages and will be published in the near future! Thanks again to all who have made this issue possible - from those who submitted articles, to our guest editors, to our colleagues and partners at JeSLIB.

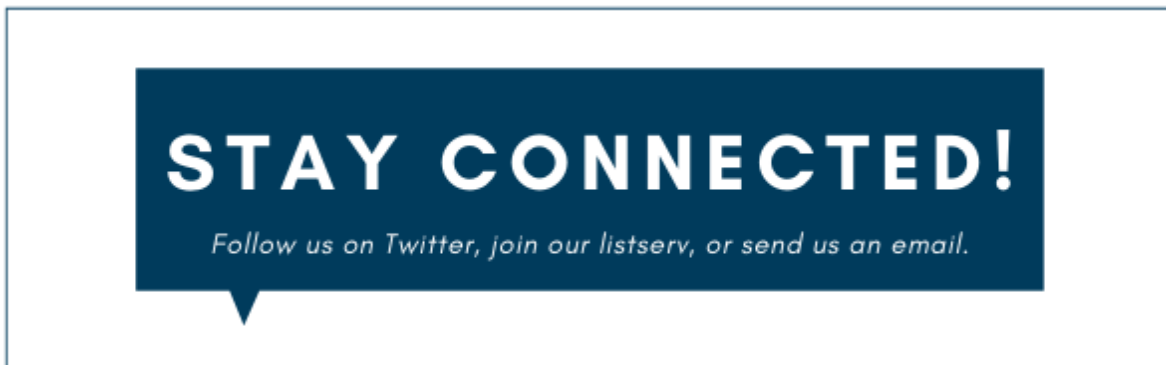
More specific to this newsletter, if you have an idea that would be of interest to the RDAP community and you are interested in writing it up, please consider submitting that writing as a Feature Article for the RDAP newsletter! More details about what makes for a strong Feature Article as well as guidelines for these submissions can be found in the "Call for Feature Articles" featured in this issue. Please email publications@rdapassociation.org with any questions - or with your article if it is written and ready to be submitted!

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