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Please note: unless otherwise indicated, room locations will be determined (TBD) and this document will be updated

Workshops and Descriptions

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Workshop 1: "Providing Access to Government Archival Records under Access to Information

Speaker: Paulette Dozois, Library and Archives Canada

Description:
In our modern archival world, issues of truth and transparency coincide with how archival institutions provide access to their records.   How cumbersome and time consuming is the process? How is it that access legislation often results in less access – not more? In many cases archivists and researchers believe that access to archival records is less easy and more regulated than before the legislation was enacted.

Over the past 5 years, LAC has opened close to 30 million pages or previously restricted records under a new process entitled Block Review. This process is a hands on practical procedure based on archival methodology and practice. It is a successful process that combines archival practice and methodology with the rules of access to information and privacy legislation.

This workshop, presented for the first time at ACA 2017 Conference, is designed to fill an entire day of discussion and practical exercises. Handouts and practice block reviewing is part of the workshop.

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Workshop 2: "See Through" Archives; Opening Your Archives with Visual Analytics and the Web

Speakers: Victoria Lemieux & Devon Mordell, University of British Columbia

Description:
Transparency can be supported through the use of manual and computational methods and tools that allow recordkeepers to provide access to records and data (see Workshop 1), and that use records and data to enable insights and actions (this Workshop).

As more archival holdings and descriptions of those holdings become available in digital forms with the technical and legal characteristics for free and open use, archivists have an opportunity to offer novel techniques, such as visual analytics, to enable users of archives to explore and interact with archival materials in new ways. Archives and records professionals can themselves use these techniques to understand and interpret their institution's holdings.

In this workshop, pairs of participants will use a supplied dataset to learn how to clean, process, document, visualize, and post the visualizations they create to an online site to offer users a novel shareable product (chart, infographic, data story) for archival exploration. Participants will gain experience working with OpenRefine, a tool for data cleaning; Voyant, a web-based text analysis tool for creating visual representations of text; and WordPress, a free and open-source content management system (CMS). In addition, participants will use the process of making archival holdings more "see through" to reflect upon questions of provenance, authenticity, transparency, and the professional role of the archivist.

The workshop is geared towards participants with little or no previous experience with data analytics and/or information visualization. Participants are required to bring their own laptops for use on the day. All tools to be used in the workshop are open source and freely available.

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Social Events and Descriptions

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9:00 am – 4:00 pm
TAATU 2018 - The Archives and Technology Unconference (hosted by the Technology & Archives Special Interest Section) & Technology & Archives SIS Meeting
Location: Chateau Lacombe Hotel

Description:
The unconference is open to everyone and was borne of the desire to share and learn about archives and technology in an open environment. Content is entirely participant led and driven. It is an intense event with discussions, presentation, demos and interactions from attendees. Everyone who attends is expected to contribute. There are many ways to contribute: presenting, suggesting a brainstorming topic, recommending places to eat, or organizing another aspect of the day.

4:00 - 5:00 pm
Guided tour of BioWare Edmonton Technology

Description:
The tour will provide participants with information about the origins of BioWare and its connection to Edmonton; the company, the people, its history, and some of the highlights and successes. It will also provide opportunities to discuss synergies between archives and software companies, particularly computer game developers, with respect to

• Digital preservation - keeping born digital objects renderable now and into the future through technological change, while also respecting applicable legislation and rights; and

Digital accessibility - keeping digital material in their holdings accessible by using the same emulation methods that are used to keep older games playable with the same look and feel as the original. ***Maximum 20 people, no charge, pre-registration is required.***

5:00 - 6:00 pm
Conference Orientation
Location: Chateau Lacombe Hotel

6:30 - 8:30 pm
Welcome Reception
Location: Edmonton Public Schools Archives and Museum, 10425 99 Avenue NW

8:30 pm - ?
Conference Pub
Location: State & Main, 10065 Jasper Ave

Description:
A five minute walk from the conference hotel, State & Main is an urban inspired North American Kitchen & Bar serving delicious burgers, fish tacos, flatbreads, salads and more. Check out the menu at
https://www.stateandmain.ca/home/jasper-ave.

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Thursday, June 7, 2018

5:15 – 6:30 pm
High Level Bridge Streetcar

Description:
There is no more iconic experience than riding across Edmonton's High Level Bridge in a historic streetcar! Join City Archivist Kathryn Ivany as she highlights the importance of the river valley in Edmonton's history. The tour also includes a visit to the Strathcona Streetcar Barn and Museum. ***Maximum 30 people, $15 per person, pre-registration is required.***

7:00 – 9:00 pm
Mid Century Modern Films

Description:
Enjoy a selection of vintage films from the 1950s drawn from the holdings of Alberta's archival institutions.
Pre-registration is required, no charge.

8:30 pm - ?
Conference Pub
Location: State & Main, 10065 Jasper Ave

Description:
A five minute walk from the conference hotel, State & Main is an urban inspired North American Kitchen & Bar serving delicious burgers, fish tacos, flatbreads, salads and more. Check out the menu at
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Friday, June 8, 2018

6:30 – 9:00 pm
East/West Ball Game

Description:
Batter up! Watch the East and West battle for the ultimate prize – the Doughty Cup!

6:30 – 9:00 pm
City of Edmonton walking tour

Description:
Although perhaps better known for its Farmer's Market and Ice District, Edmonton's downtown retains a strong core of heritage buildings, each with a story to tell. Explore the heritage of 104 Street with a guided tour by City Archivist Kathryn Ivany, which will include a visit to Canada's first Neon Museum.
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Saturday, June 9, 2018

6:30 – 7:00 pm
Cocktail Reception, Raffle and Silent Auction
Location: Salon C & Foyer, Chateau Lacombe Hotel

7:00 pm – Midnight
Closing Dinner & Dance
Location: Ballroom (Salon A & B), Chateau Lacombe Hotel

Enjoy an evening with friends and colleagues over dinner, followed by music and dancing.

ACA Foundation raffle and silent auction to be completed during the evening, following dinner.