

Upcoming Events

[Best Practices Exchange](#),
Nov 13-15, 2013, Salt Lake
City, UT

[Aligning National
Approaches to Digital
Preservation](#) Nov 18-20,
2013, Barcelona, Spain

[CNI Meeting](#) Dec 9-10, 2013
Washington, DC

NDSA regional meeting, Jan
23-24, 2014, Philadelphia, PA

Personal Digital Archiving

[I'm So Sorry for Your Data
Loss](#)

[Public Library Activism: Jon
Eriksen's Campaign](#)

[Resource on PDA](#)

Digital Preservation Bits

[Digital Equivalence and
Significances](#)

[Bits Breaking Bad, 2](#)

[Snow Byte, The Video!](#)

[Digital Archeology](#)

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Digital Preservation Pioneer: Sam Brylawski

When Sam Brylawski was a teenager he had to write a paper for his high school American history class about Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," so he did something that was ambitious for a high school student: he traveled to the Library of Congress to examine the composition's original manuscript in the Gershwin collection.

"To actually examine a real Gershwin manuscript was a great thrill," said Brylawski. "Those things worked to get me hooked on the Library of Congress and on libraries in general."

Hooked enough to work in the Library's [Recorded Sound Section](#) every summer during college, to get a job there after graduating college, and to immerse himself so deeply and thoroughly in his work that he would one day become the head of Recorded Sound. And hooked enough to crusade for unified action among public and private institutions to preserve and make accessible all recorded sound.



Sam Brylawski

Read the [full blog post](#) to find out more about Brylawski's contributions to the field of recorded sound preservation.

Welcome, NDSR Inaugural Class!

After years of planning, the staff, hosts, and benefactors are pleased to welcome the 2013-2014 [National Digital Stewardship Residency](#)



This year's residents. Photo by Shealah Craighead.

Inaugural Class. The residents began with a two-week orientation and workshop at the Library of Congress. During the workshop, they received training on various components of digital stewardship before beginning their residencies at their host institutions.

During the opening ceremony, the Deputy Librarian of Congress, Robert Dizard, Jr., pointed out that the NDSR was not only going to help the residents and participating institutions, but would also help the Library identify areas of urgency in the field of digital preservation.

[Read more](#) about this exciting new residency program!

Announcing New Report: Preserving.exe

We are thrilled to announce the release of a new National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program report, [Preserving.exe: Toward a National Strategy for Preserving Software](#) (pdf) with perspectives from individuals working to ensure long term access to software.

Software is simultaneously a baseline infrastructure and a mode of creative expression. It is both the key to accessing and making sense of digital objects and an increasingly important historical artifact in its own right. When historians write the social, political, economic and cultural history of the 21st century they will need to consult the software of the times.

[See more](#) of what's included in this new report.



Shelved software at the Library of Congress National Audio-Visual Conservation Center

Digital Portals to State and Community History

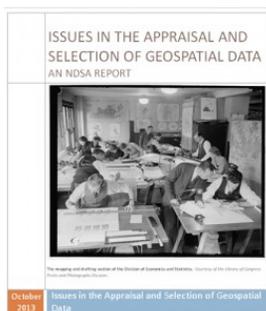
Through the blog, we have started two crowd sourcing projects to compile lists of digital portals for both state histories and community histories.

A recent NDIPP intern did [some research into current web resources](#) that provide digital access to a broad array of primary source materials at the state level. She found a long list of sites that billed themselves as general-interest portals to historical resources. Those results are listed in [one blog post](#) which covers sites for individual states as well as those for multiple states.

That inspired another similar [blog post project](#), this one covering portals on the subject of local and community history.

Judging by the many comments and contributions by readers there is a lot of interest in this information. Please feel free to contribute any additional information to either of these lists, and stay tuned for further updates on the blog!

NDSA Report on Geospatial Data



We have recently announced the release of a new National Digital Stewardship Alliance report, [Issues in the Appraisal and Selection of Geospatial Data](#) (pdf). Digital mapping information is an essential part of the backbone of our economy through consumer applications that allow us to track our location, find a nearby restaurant or guide us on a journey.

Get an overview of this research [here](#) in the blog post.

Digital Preservation Outreach and Education

[Calendar of Events](#): Access training and educational offerings in the practice of digital preservation.

[NDSR Immersion Workshop](#)

[Train the Trainer, Alaska Edition](#)

Emerging Professionals

[Engaging Communities to Serve: The History Harvest](#)

[Perspectives from a Recent Graduate](#)

[Viewshare and Conference Tweets](#)

Meetings Roundup

[FADGI AV Working Group](#)

[Platforms for Digital Stewardship](#)

[SAA Awards Preservation Publication](#)

[Planning for Preservation Storage](#)

Conversation Corner

[Content Matters Interview](#): With Edward McCain of Reynolds Journalism Inst.

[Digital Stewardship](#): Interview with Emily Gore of DPLA

This is the newsletter of the National Digital Stewardship Alliance, the Digital Preservation Outreach and Education initiative and the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program.
