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FROM THE CHAIR
Scott R. McEathron, University of Kansas

Colleagues,

As my tenure as Chair is soon coming to an end, I would like to thank all of you who have contributed of your time and talents in making this organization work.

In this column I would also like to encourage each of you to share your ideas and research with others in the profession. For most of us writing is not easy. It takes talent, training, experience, and hard work to become a good writer. For me personally it seems like I must work especially hard to make up for a shortage of talent. This results in a lot of late nights, re-writing, and revising before a paper is in a presentable state.



We are fortunate in that our profession now has many outlets for us to submit our work for publication. They include: Coordinates—our MAGERT open access journal, the Journal of Map & Geography Libraries, and Cartographic Perspectives. Frankly, all of these outlets are underutilized by map and geography librarians. Lets give these editors a problem they never thought they would have—an over abundance of articles to review. Best wishes, Scott  

New
MAGERT
Web Site Address

The Web site of the Map and Geography Round Table has moved to a new server at the headquarters of the American Library Association in Chicago. Please change your MAGERT bookmark to:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/magert>

As with any move, there are certain to be a few things that need adjusting. If you find any additions, omissions or needed corrections, please contact new MAGERT Webmaster Colleen Cahill at ccah@loc.gov.  

EXECUTIVE BOARD I MINUTES

ALA Midwinter Meeting, Seattle

Saturday, January 20, 2007

Grand Hyatt Hotel

Round Table Chair Scott McEathron introduced the meeting and gave a report of the Round Table Coordinating Assembly meeting that he attended the previous day.

Round Table Coordinating Assembly
Friday, January 19, 2007
10:30—12:00pm WCC 606

Welcome & Introductions

Discussion of the meeting times: Aimee will poll roundtable representatives Michael Gorman reported on issues ALA Executive Board are engaged with, to include:

- Strategic plan 2010
- EPA Libraries
- ALA website
- A national agenda for libraries
- Increasing diversity in the profession
- Library of Congress—cease of work on series authorities
- Library of Congress working group on the future of bibliographic control
- Emerging leaders program

Councilor Representation (the need for councilor “job” description and mentoring) (consider inviting councilors to RTCA)

Discussion of fees associated with Endowments (Scholarships should not have administrative fees)

Conference planning update (service opportunities to serve on Committees that have RTCA representation –all two

year terms--i.e. ALA Conference Committee, ALA Scholarships and Study Grants Committee, and Web Advisory Committee)

Membership information (John Chrastka)

(some money is available for support of literature, mailings, etc. related to recruitment (e.g. analyzing data, help design brochures, etc.; pricing of memberships—student, retirees, etc.)

We (Roundtables) can submit articles for ALA Direct email there is a roundtable section that is often not used for lack of blurbs--opening link to ALA Direct is outpacing the print American Libraries.

ALA member blog open to communication.

Also, we can set up our own blog.

We can get 1 meter of space in the ALA Pavilion.

Membership committee chairs belong to the Membership Promotion Taskforce of the

ALA membership Committee

The Board discussed ways to make use of the various communications formats provided by ALA. Members will explore submitting map event related

articles to ALA Direct in order to publicize them.

Planning for ALA Annual

The Board discussed plans for the ALA Annual reception and tour. The tour will be of the U.S. Naval Observatory and will begin at 5 P.M. on Friday, June 24, 2007. A sign-up sheet was distributed for those interested in attending the tour. The arrangements for the reception and tour are well underway except for catering. We are still looking for sponsors. Scott will contact the Washington Map Society to ask whether they would like to co-sponsor and have a joint reception.

The program 200 Years of the Coast Survey is also taking shape. There will be two speakers. John Cloud, historian and geographer with the U.S. Coast Survey Central Library and Janice Beattie, director of the Coast Survey Central Library will speak on the history of the Coast Survey.

Nancy Kandoian reported on plans for the pre-conference on cataloging pre-20th Century cartographic resources. An announcement has been put out on the ALA website, the OLAC list, and Ex Libris, the rare books list. The registration fee has been set as \$335 for MAGERT members who pre-register early. Co-sponsors are Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of ACRL and ALCTS, both in name only. EastView will sponsor catering for lunch. Plans were made for producing a flyer and a PDF for the MAGERT home page which would highlight the names of the co-sponsors and emphasize the fact that the workshop is being held in Library of Congress and includes tours of the

Library of Congress Map Collection. Steve Rogers volunteered to work with a graphic designer to create a flyer.

In response to concerns about the budget and whether or not there would be enough in registration fees to cover the costs, Danielle Alderson said MAGERT can make the decision to cancel if there are not enough registrants.

ALA Lists

Danielle Alderson of ALA Member Programs and Services reported on the work she is doing with electronic lists and wikis to support ALA roundtables. She will be creating a new list for MAGERT members named MAGERT-L, and change the name of the Executive Board's list to MAGERTBD. She will also send out information on the wiki that is available to MAGERT members. Members will be automatically subscribed to the list unless they have requested communication in paper only, but can be removed from the list by ALA if requested. The list will be closed so that only members can post.

Program on Security for Maps

Jan Dixon gave an update on planning for the conference program on security for maps to be held at ALA Annual. David Cobb will serve as the moderator. Ed Ritman, of the Library of Congress will be on the panel as well as two other participants. There will be further discussion and planning for the program at the Task Force meeting at Map Collection Discussion Group. RBMS and GODORT are possible co-sponsors in name only. Updates can be made to the program up until

April. This program has been tracked under Administration. It was suggested that including a panelist from a smaller library would add to the appeal of the program to a wider audience.

Emerging Leaders Program

MAGERT is sponsoring two people in the Emerging Leaders Program, Tracey Hughes, University of California San Diego, and Matthew Parsons, University of Washington. Our contribution, \$300, will cover ALA Midwinter and Annual registration fees.

Vice-Chair/Chair Elect Report

Pete Reehling, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect, expressed his appreciation for the MAGERT reception held on Friday. Pete reported that Kathy Weimer, John Lawton, and he had visited the I-School at the University of Washington on Friday to speak with students about MAGERT and the profession. The group that they addressed was composed of about ten interested and engaged students. It is hoped that Pete, Kathy, and John will be able to visit the Catholic University of American School of Library and Information Science in Washington, at ALA Annual.

Past Chair Report

Wangyal Shawa, Past Chair, announced that the position of Secretary will be open for the coming two-year term. He would welcome any suggestions for nominations for the position.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Treasurer Karen

Kuhn, Scott McEarthron briefly discussed issues with finances. MAGERT resources are dwindling. The largest expense continues to be *baseline*. Scott charged the Publications Committee with coming up with recommendations on ways to solve this problem. Steve Rogers responded that the Committee would discuss *baseline* at the meeting to be held later in the day.

Scott will look into getting exact figures on expenses and revenue from ALA.

Secretary's Report

No report.

New Business

IFLA Representative

Scott announced that there is an opening for a new IFLA Representative. This will be a four year term. Representatives are required to attend the IFLA annual meeting which will be held in South Africa, Quebec, Italy, and Paris in the coming years. Anyone interested should contact Scott.

Chair Elect Nomination

Wangyal Shawa announced that Carolyn Kadri has accepted a nomination for the position of Chair Elect.

Organizational Manual

The Board discussed updating the MAGERT Organizational Manual. According to the manual, this is the responsibility of the Past Chair. Susan Moore made some changes recently

when she held that office. Wangyal Shawa will review the manual and revise portions that are out of date. Changes to the Organizational Manual are not required to be put to a vote. Wangyal will look into using the wiki for this. It was suggested that he refer to the ALA Round Table Handbook for guidance. Members are encouraged to be actively involved in this process.

Committee Chairs

Education Committee

Kathy Weimer, chair of the Education Committee spoke about plans for the meeting, since she would not be able to attend the Executive Board II meeting. Following is her full report:

MAGERT Education Committee
ALA Midwinter, Seattle
January 20, 2007

Minutes

Attending: Kathy Weimer, Chair, Members, Pete Reehling, Joy Suh, John Lawton and nine guests

Kathy gave an overview of ALA Education Forum, which was held the previous day, and shared that core competencies of librarianship are being worked on at the ALA level.

Brainstorming followed on three core work aspects of map/gis/geography librarianship and the knowledge and skills necessary on three areas: Cataloging & Metadata; Map (print) Librarianship; GIS Librarianship. The group then reviewed and discussed a draft of Weimer's and Reehling's model

curriculum.

Suggestions were made on MAGERT's role in library schools, including having individual members serve as a mentor for students and advisor to (when possible) a nearby school on curriculum matters. MAGERT should raise our visibility with library schools, such as presenting schools with information on the Map and GIS librarianship job market and building special map/GIS projects for interns or special topic courses. Also, a relationship with ALISE is desired, such as a web link to MAGERT as "experts" and as a resource for enhancing the curriculum.

Kathy will lead the group on developing core competencies as is being done in many other ALA groups.

Kathy suggested that members read ARL SPEC Kit 291, Spatial Data Collections and Services, which includes an overview of the field and examples of job descriptions.

Members reviewed a syllabus on Metadata submitted by member Wade Bishop.

Options for publishing a curriculum may include Occasional Papers, Electronic publication series, Coordinates, among others.

Cartographic Resources Cataloging Discussion Group

Iris Taylor gave a brief report on the Cartographic Resources Cataloging Discussion Group, which has changed its name from Map Cataloging Discussion Group. Iris also reminded the

board that her term as chair will be up in June and asked for volunteers to take over the group. For the full report of the Cartographic Resources Cataloging Discussion Group meeting, see *On the Cataloging Front* in the upcoming June 2007 issue of *base line*.

Meeting adjourned.



EXECUTIVE BOARD II MINUTES

ALA Midwinter Meeting, Seattle

Monday, January 22, 2007

Washington Convention Center

Committee Chair Reports

Nominating Committee Report— Wangyal Shawa

Carolyn J. Kadri, University of Texas at Arlington Library, has agreed to run for Chair and Matthew Parsons of the University of Washington Libraries has agreed to run for Secretary.

Honors—Wangyal Shawa

The Nominating Committee has agreed to give this year's MAGERT Honors Award to Mark Thomas of Duke University.

Cataloging and Classification Committee—Nancy Kandoian

The committee met Sunday morning. There were reports from the various liaisons and from the Task Force working on recording map set holdings. A report on RDA was given by Mary Larsgaard on behalf of Betsy Mangan. She reported on revised Chapter 3, Carrier, which will be coming out in March and will be ready for comments by

June. Between June and Sept. 2008 the complete draft of RDA will be available for comment.

Other reports included one on the Preconference on Cataloging Pre-20th Century Cartographic Material to be held in June, and one on progress on entering coordinates in MARC authority records. For a full report of the meeting see *On the Cataloging Front* in the February 2007 issue of *baseline*.

Cartographic Resources Cataloging Discussion Group—Nancy Kandoian for Iris Taylor

The Cartographic Resources Cataloging Discussion Group meeting consisted of an open discussion on cataloging issues. The chair, Iris Taylor, announced that she was rotating off as chair after ALA Annual and asked for volunteers for the position. Discussion topics included whether to enter coordinates in authority records as DMS or as decimals. It was a very good discussion and an enthusiastic crowd. A full report of the meeting will appear in *On the Cataloging Front* in the upcoming

June 2007 issue of *base line*.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

No report.

Federal Spatial Information Discussion Group—Wangyal Shawa

Wangyal Shawa will be the CUAC representative this year. He discussed with participants what issues should be brought to CUAC.

Wangyal also gave a report on the meeting held recently at the GPO on the digitization projects that they are doing. Discussion Group participants asked him to get more information on the digitization of the 15 minute topo maps and how the national atlas data sets are archived.

GeoTech Committee and GIS Discussion Group—Wangyal Shawa

The main topic of discussion was exploring the options of loaning or providing access to scanned maps through interlibrary loan services. The chair gave some brief information on the discussion topic. He informed the members that with the advancement in scanning technology and the price of large format scanners coming down, libraries have the opportunity to scan large size maps and make them accessible to the borrowing institutes, which was not possible before. With this new possibility, the chair opened the discussion on exploring interlibrary loan services for scanned maps.

Members discussed scanning infrastructure in their respective institutions

and informed us how much each institution charge for scanning maps. Members raised the issues of copyright and ownership of public domain materials and how to deal with scanned maps that are not for research but for commercial use. Member discussed the option of making maps just viewable but not downloadable, and how to convince administrators to purchase large format scanners. One member suggested that one of us should sit down with an interlibrary loan librarian to understand their processes. Chris Kollen of University of Arizona Library informed us that in fact, one of the interlibrary loan librarians in her university has approached her for a recommendation for purchasing a large format scanner and she will meet with the interlibrary loan librarian to find out more about the process and inform us at the annual meeting.

Map Collection Management Discussion Group—Jan Dixon, Discussion Group Coordinator and Task Force Co-Chair

There were over 35 participants in the first meeting of this new Discussion Group, now combined from the former Research Libraries Collection Management and Small Map Collection Discussion Groups. In support of the efforts of the Task Force on Library Security of Cartographic Resources, we shared our most critical security concerns regarding maps from our own library situations. David Cobb, Harvard's Map Librarian, offered an update about and security implications from the ongoing Smiley map theft trial.

The security concerns identified by the discussion participants correspond

with those being addressed by the Task Force:

- need for timely marking and cataloging of maps
- how to consistently mark maps
- importance of a good inventory of the map collection
- appropriate workflow
- challenge of maps in books and atlases, including folded maps
- question of whether to and how to barcode aerial photography
- determination of the value of maps
- differences in strategies for open and closed collections
- staffing of the collections, particularly for extended hours
- visibility within the collection and of the areas of map use
- circulation of maps and maintaining/keeping records of items used
- digitization as critical for identification of distinguishing characteristics of individual maps
- responsibility to admit when something happens!

The Smiley map theft trial sets a precedent of maps being recognized as “cultural property” and “national artifacts,” with input from librarians. This case raises the awareness of a systematic

problem: security – libraries – dealers – collectors. Hopefully the efforts of the Task Force will help take advantage of this unfortunate experience and offer guidance, through the 2007 conference program and written guidelines, to improve library security of map resources.

As a follow-up to the discussion, Jenny Johnson (Task Force Co-Chair) distributed the draft security guidelines via email to all the participants for further comments by February 14th. After she incorporates the comments, she will send a second draft to the Task Force members and later to the RBMS committee on security and the GODORT committee on rare government documents. We hope to have a final version ready for unveiling in June at ALA Annual! For further information, please contact Jenny Marie Johnson, (jmj@uiuc.edu).

Publications Committee—Steve Rogers

The Publications Committee met on Saturday, January 20, 2007 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

In attendance were: David Allen, Colleen Cahill, David Cobb, Jan Dixon, Nancy Kandoian, Chris Kollen, Melissa Lamont, John Lawton, Peter Linberger, Scott McEathron, Chieko Maene, Susan Moore, Matthew Parsons, Pete Reehling, Steve Rogers, T. Wangyal Shawa, Michael Smith, Mark Thomas and Kathy Weimer.

Steve Rogers reported that according to figures supplied by Publications Distribution Manager Jim Coombs, 7 orders were filled during 2006 for MAGERT

publications. They included:

4 copies of *Cartographic Citations: A Style Guide*

1 copy of the *Index to the Library of Congress "G" Schedule*

3 issues of *base line*

1 issue of *Meridian*

The total income from the sale of these publications was \$92.

New MAGERT Webmaster Colleen Cahill reported on her training during the fall and the move of the MAGERT Web site to the ALA server (www.ala.org/ala/magert). (For the last several years the MAGERT Web site had been hosted by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution under the direction of Melissa Lamont. On behalf of the committee the chair thanked Melissa for all of her past Web site accomplishments.) Colleen said she believed that in general the transition to the new site went smoothly, but asked if anyone finds any errors or problems on the site as a result of the move, to please notify her. She also noted that all of the ALA sites are currently using an older, less sophisticated content management system, but plans call for a newer Web software content management system called "Collage" to be implemented in 2007. The Collage CMS will be much more flexible and allow for more efficient management of the MAGERT Web site.

Chris Kollen reported on the MAGERT Map Scanning Registry housed at the University of Arizona. The site was

temporarily unavailable along with other library sites in January. The registry currently lists 15 entries for map scanning projects around the country. She compared the MAGERT scanning registry to those of WAML and the GPO, and noted that the MAGERT site fills a need not met by the others. Questions about the new site should be addressed to Chris at kollenc@u.library.arizona.edu.

Peter Linberger, *base line* subscription manager, reported that in 2006 there were 80 subscriptions to *base line* by non-MAGERT members. He noted that this figure was higher than the yearly average (75.42) for non-MAGERT members during the past several years.

Mark Thomas, former editor of *base line*, also gave a brief report on his experiences during his nine years as editor. He thanked all those who contributed regular columns, minutes and reports to the newsletter during those years. He also recommended that each issue of *base line* contain a list of MAGERT's publications.

Steve Rogers apologized for not having current sales figures to report for the 3rd edition of the Guide to U.S. Map Resources, published one year ago by Scarecrow Press. [After the conference in January Scarecrow reported that by the end of 2006 the Guide had sold 369 copies.—Ed.]

David Allen gave a brief report on *Coordinates*, MAGERT's online journal. He noted that so far *Coordinates* has published 13 articles, but he expressed ongoing concerns that there were still not enough contributors. He also stated

that *Coordinates* is in need of additional people to serve on the journal's board of editors.

During a discussion on the project to scan all of the issues of *Meridian* to make them available on the MAGERT Web site, Melissa Lamont reported that the scanning already has been completed and that all that needs to be done is to create a table of contents to serve as an organizing framework for the digitized pages. Melissa, David Allen and new Webmaster Colleen Cahill volunteered to constitute a task force to bring this scanning project to completion.

Jan Dixon reported on the workings of the Task Force on Library Security of Cartographic Resources, which she is co-chairing. The task force is working toward creating written library guidelines to be issued in June, in coordination with the program on map security in libraries planned for the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

There was an extended and lively discussion about the future of *base line* as a print publication. Some committee members felt it was too costly to produce and distribute in print, while continuing to be a major drain on the round table's finances, while others believed the print newsletter was the sole remaining tangible benefit of membership. One suggestion to lower the annual cost of producing *base line* was to reduce the number of issues to four from the current six. Some were concerned, however, that if *base line* went to four issues per year, the immediacy of the information contained in the newsletter (for example, minutes and committee reports) would be adversely

affected. (The immediacy issues may be addressed in the future as ALA plans to promote/offer Wiki and other online methods for communicating to and within its membership.) Another suggestion to alleviate the cost of printing *base line* was to make more efforts to solicit additional advertising. As the discussion ended, no definite decision was made regarding the future of *base line* as a printed publication.

As the meeting ended Steve Rogers reported that four MAGERT cloth tote bags brought to New Orleans were sold during the first two days of the conference at the ALA Store, resulting in a profit for MAGERT of \$72. Three bags remain unsold from the original batch of 100 produced originally for the Orlando conference in 2004.

Membership Committee—John Lawton

The ALA MAGERT Membership Committee met Sunday, January 21, 2007, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Convention Center. In attendance were committee members Pete Reehling, Kathy Weimer, Carolyn Kadri, and John Lawton as well as round table member Barbara Rapoport.

The most current membership statistics from December 2006 report a total MAGERT membership of 405, an increase of 1.76% over the 398 members in the same month last year and also an increase in membership over what the committee reported at the Annual Conference last June. This present count for December includes 352 personal members, 52 organizational members, and 1 corporate member.

Discussion covered several topics. We briefly evaluated methods to improve the equitable sharing of the committee's work among its five members and conducted additional planning for the MAGERT exhibit at the upcoming Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

Primary focus in the meeting was given to consideration of creating additional membership categories with corresponding dues for these categories in an effort to attract membership from these specific ALA member groups—an idea that the committee began to develop at its last meeting in June 2006. The committee's analysis revealed that MAGERT currently offers ALA members only two basic categories of round table membership—regular membership (which costs \$20 each year) and corporate or organizational membership (which costs \$60 annually). Of the 17 round tables in ALA, MAGERT charges a higher organizational/corporate rate than any other. In regard to regular memberships specifically, no other round tables charge more than MAGERT, three charge the same, and the other 13 charge less in dues than MAGERT.

In considering these observations as well as new information gathered by the committee chair when he consulted with John Chrastka, ALA Manager for Membership Development, by email prior to Midwinter Meeting, the membership committee felt after careful consideration that the creation within MAGERT of three additional membership categories with corresponding dues would be highly beneficial in its effort to achieve the long-term goals of increasing MAGERT's member-

ship and of increasing the diversity of the types of members included within the round table. The committee concluded that to implement such a proposal would offer other benefits as well, including facilitating the work of other MAGERT projects and committees, such as the efforts of the Education Committee to recruit LIS graduate students into the discipline of map and geography librarianship, for example. The committee then prepared to propose to the Executive Board during its final Monday meeting that the board consider creating the following membership categories and corresponding annual dues: Library and Information Science student members (\$10.00), first-year members of MAGERT (\$10.00 for round table membership in the first year only), and library support staff members (\$15.00). (See the ALA Personal Membership Webpage at <http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/membership/personaloverview.htm> for full category definitions.)

WAML—Katherine Rankin

The fall 2006 WAML meeting was hosted at Northern Arizona University (NAU) by Janet Collins from Western Washington University and two members of the Special Collections staff at the main library at NAU. Programs were on John Wesley Powell and his surveying and mapping of the Grand Canyon, monitoring of the Grand Canyon, digitization projects at NAU, creation of the Global GIS, study of climate change and Lake Powell, and on USGS astrogeology. A workshop on Google Earth was held, and there was a tour of the astrogeology section of USGS Flagstaff. There was also a

visit to the Lowell Observatory and to Walnut Canyon Indian ruins. The field trip was to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, and there was also a visit to the library run by the National Park Service at the South Rim.

The spring WAML meeting will be held

in conjunction with a meeting of the California Map Society at Cal Tech in Pasadena and at the Huntington Library in San Marino on February 15th-18th. The fall 2007 meeting will be held at the Denver Public Library on October 24th-27th. 

Mark your ALA 2007 Annual Conference calendar to attend MAGERT's program:

LIBRARY SECURITY FOR MAPS

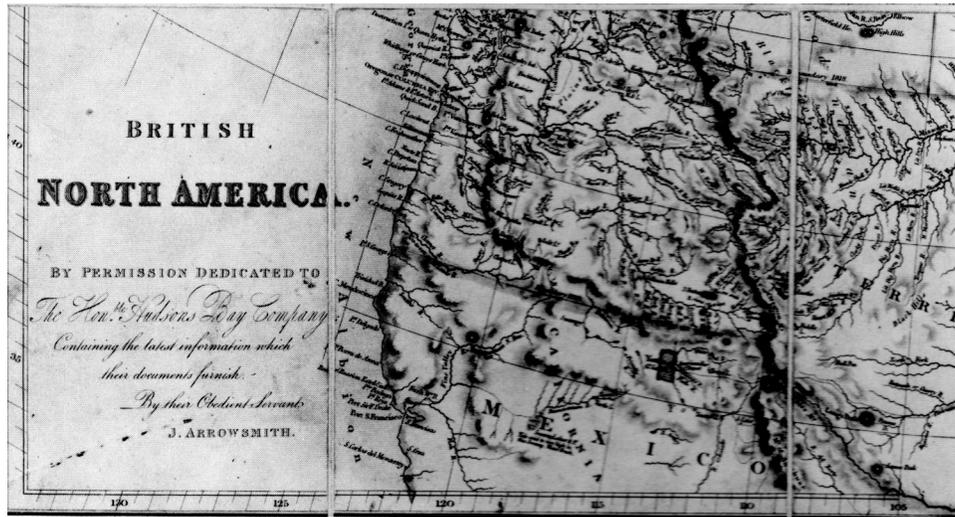
Sunday June 24, 2007 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Program Description: Recent map thefts reveal the vulnerability of cartographic materials in libraries. All libraries, from small libraries to large research institutions, need to take action to discourage map thefts. Learn strategies to communicate to your library administration and cooperate with other units to increase security. A panel of experts, led by David Cobb (Curator of Maps at Harvard University), will discuss how to: identify valuable cartographic resources; inventory, mark, and catalog the collection; evaluate the facilities, staff, and security measures; define policies and procedures for patron access; and report thefts.

The panelists include: Rob Lopresti, Head of Reference and Instruction /Government Information Librarian, Western Washington University; Alice Hudson, Chief of Map Division, New York Public Library; and Ed Redmond, Geography & Map Reference Specialist, Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress.

Co-Sponsored by GODORT

Washington, D.C. Preconference



Rare, Antiquarian, or Just Plain Old: Cataloging Pre-Twentieth Century Cartographic Resources

Thursday, June 21, 2007 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday, June 22, 2007, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

This two-day workshop, hosted by the Library of Congress, will introduce participants to the cataloging of pre-twentieth century cartographic resources through instruction and hands-on activities with sheet maps, atlas plates, and atlases, ranging from manuscript to printed items. Addressing issues pertinent to early materials in general, instructors will also discuss relevant characteristic aspects of cartographic resources by era. The course will progress through the elements of description, with examples focusing on such issues as transcription, mathematical data, and supportive research. Registration will be limited to 50 participants.

Speakers: John R. Hébert, Chief, Geography & Map Division, Library of Congress; Carolyn J. Kadri, Special Collections Cataloger, University of Texas at Arlington Library; Nancy A. Kandoian, Map Cataloger, The New York Public Library; Deborah J. Leslie, Head of Cataloging, Folger Shakespeare Library; Seanna S. W. Tsung, Senior Cataloging Specialist, Geography & Map Division, Library of Congress.

Tickets: In Advance: MAGERT Member: \$335; ALA Member: \$395; Non-Member: \$455; Student/Retired Member: \$200

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New Maps and Cartographic Materials, Along with Other Items of Interest

David J. Bertuca, Map Librarian
University at Buffalo Libraries Map Collection

Spring is creeping into our lives; the sunshine is getting warmer and daylight hours longer. With the sound of returning birds comes the time for revival and for spending the last of our budgets before the fiscal year ends. All sorts of new cartographic treasures are arriving from publishers near and far, and though there are more than I can imagine, I hope to have located some of the more interesting and useful ones in this issue.

In keeping with my desire to only add reviews for items that I have become aware of in recent times, and not to repeat what other columns and discussion lists have already mentioned (which is tough because my colleagues seem to be one step ahead of my best intentions), I have listed cartographic materials that are either very new, or that may not have been reviewed or discussed in other forums.

The process is a fun one, however. I read a number of journals and even more popular magazines keeping an eye out for the new and the unique, as well as for the best materials to consider acquiring. During reference work, I come across more interesting maps and consider it a personal success to be able to see what is new, or what is worth mentioning to you, my associates in the carto-world. Exploration is not a job, it's an adventure...

East View Cartographic *New*

Acquisitions Bulletin

March saw the first issue of East View's newsletter on newly-available maps. The maps are not necessarily "new" in terms of publication, but include maps that may have been hard to acquire prior to EVC's locating a reasonable source for them. The first issue introduces a large compilation of maps of Zambia: large- and medium-scale topographics, aeronautical charts, city plans, administrative and geological maps, and other thematics. One series of items that I find fascinating are bathymetric charts of Lake Tanganyika in several scales. Lake bathymetry is something that we have gotten more requests for and these would be a welcome resource for our collection.

Sample maps and index maps are well-illustrated in the *Bulletin* with catalog/price lists. Additional related materials, such as regional geological studies are also featured for those wishing to supplement the *Zambian* maps.

This is a well-illustrated publication, with nice layout and should be a welcome piece of literature for collection development efforts. See <http://www.cartographic.com/> for more info. The website also has an excellent interface for locating maps of any country and region in the World.

Maps

Preliminary Integrated Geologic

Map Databases for the United States. (USGS). These are notable geological map resources, that are now more accessible than ever, because of the Internet (It was hard to decide whether to consider these under the heading “Maps” or “Online Resources” but I went with their original format). This growing online collection of bedrock geologic maps can be accessed readily, with provisions for download of maps, data, and GIS files. All of the following titles have the same interface: System requirements: PC with Internet access, web browser, and GIS able to handle ARC/INFO export (.e00) files and/or ArcView shape files. All maps include a location map and bibliographical references. In addition, documentation on the data is provided.

The maps in this series are a “Preliminary part of larger planned series; this Open-file report is similar, but not identical to the final version.”—USGS. Each has the SuDoc: I 19.76:2006-[n]. At present, the series includes coverage for:

Dicken, Connie L. ... [et al.]. **Preliminary Integrated Geologic Map Databases For the United States. Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina.** Reston, Va.: U.S. Geological Survey, 2005 (*U.S. Geological Survey open-file report; 2005-1323*). URL: <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2005/1323/>.

Stoeser, D. B. ... [et al.]. **Preliminary Integrated Geologic Map Databases For the United States. Central states, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana.**

Reston, Va.: USGS, 2005 (*U.S. Geological Survey open-file report; 2005-1351*). URL: <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2005/1351/>.

Dicken, Connie L. ... [et al.]. **Preliminary Integrated Geologic Map Databases For the United States. Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.** Reston, Va.: USGS, 2005 (*U.S. Geological Survey open-file report; 2005-1325*). URL: <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2005/1325/>.

Labay, K.; Till, Alison B. ... [et al.]. **Preliminary Integrated Geologic Map Databases For the United States. Digital Data For The Generalized Bedrock Geologic Map, Yukon Flats Region, East-Central Alaska.** Reston, Va.: USGS, 2006 (*U.S. Geological Survey scientific open-file report; 2006-1304*). URL: <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS75379>.

Gehrels, George E. Berg Henry C. ... [et al.]. **Preliminary Integrated Geologic Map Databases For the United States. Digital data For the Geology of Southeast Alaska.** Reston, Va.: USGS, 2006 (*U.S. Geological Survey open-file report; 2006-1290*). URL: <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS75380>.

Wilson, Frederic H.; Richter, Donald H. ... [et al.]. **Preliminary Integrated Geologic Map Databases For The United States. Digital Data For the Geology of Wrangell-Saint Elias National Park And Preserve, Alaska.** Lakewood, CO: USGS, 2005 (*U.S. Geological Survey open-file report; 2005-1342*). URL: <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2005/1342/>.

Wilson, Frederic H. ... [et al.]. **Prelimi-**

nary Integrated Geologic Map Databases For the United States. Digital Data For the Reconnaissance Bedrock Geologic Map For the Northern Alaska Peninsula Area, Southwest Alaska. Lakewood, CO: USGS, 2006 (*U.S. Geological Survey open-file report; 2006-1303*). URL: <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS75381>.

Wilson, Frederic H. Patton William Wallace; Labay, K. ... [et al.]. ***Preliminary Integrated Geologic Map Databases For the United States. Digital Data For the Reconnaissance Geologic Map of the Lower Yukon River Region, Alaska.*** [Anchorage, AK]: USGS, 2006 (*U.S. Geological Survey open-file report; 2006-1292*). URL: <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS75382>.

Wilson, Frederic H. Mohadjer Solmaz Grey Delenora M. ... [et al.]. ***Preliminary Integrated Geologic Map Databases For the United States. Digital data For the Reconnaissance Geologic Map of the Western Aleutian Islands, Alaska.*** [Anchorage, AK]: USGS, 2006 (*U.S. Geological Survey open-file report; 2006-1302*). URL: <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS75383>.

Nicholson, Suzanne W. ... [et al.]. ***Preliminary Integrated Geologic Map Databases For the United States. Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, and West Virginia.*** Reston, Va.: USGS, 2005 (*U.S. Geological Survey open-file report; 2005-1324*). URL: <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2005/1324/>.

Durand, Frédéric, 1961- . ***East Timor: a Country at the Crossroads of Asia and the Pacific: a Geo-Historical Atlas.*** Chiang Mai, Thailand :

Silkworm Books ; Bangkok : IRASEC, 2006 (ISBN: 9749575989). 1 atlas 198 p.: col. ill., col. maps ; 21 x 29 cm.

“Adapted and updated from Timor Lorosa’e, pays au carrefour de l’Asie et du Pacifique, originally published by Presses universitaires de Marne-le-Vallée, 2002.”--T.p. verso.

East Timor has had a chaotic history, especially during the Twentieth century and this atlas provides historic maps and statistical data on the recently-independent country and its existence. Statistical documentary resources from 400 years of colonial rule, 30 years of Indonesian government control, to the present are used to produce 136 maps, visually showing how Timor’s economy and success as a nation have been affected by local, regional, and international relationships.

The atlas is useful for international management and economics studies, for history, and for Southeast Asian-Pacific studies. It is a good tool on an important region of the economic and political world.

European Inland Waterways = Voies navigables européennes. New York; Geneva: United Nations; produced by Euromapping, 2006 (ISBN: 9210163672). 3 maps: both sides, col.; 68 x 83 cm. Scale: 1:4,750,000.

A map showing the canals and inland routes for boats and water transportation.

Insets showing enlargements of Belgium and the Netherlands, and the Berlin region. Includes table: Classification of European inland waterways.

On verso: European inland waterways
- navigable draught -- European inland
waterways - navigational zones.

If you happen to be looking for an
unusual vacation or chance to work in a
different setting, these maps might give
you some encouragement. A book that
might make you really want to travel
by boat across Europe is:

Martin, Marian. *European Waterways:
a User's Guide*. 2nd ed. Dobbs Ferry,
NY: Sheridan House, 2003 (ISBN:
157409176X (alk. paper)). vii, 181 p. :
ill. ; 24 cm.

This gives on the ground (or water)
information that would assist in trac-
ing one's way along the water routes,
either for pleasure or business. A more
universal book to have around that may
be of interest for some mappers, is the
following:

*SIGNI: Signs and Signals on Inland
Waterways*. New York: United Nations,
2005 (ISBN: 9211169291). v, 61 p.: ill.
(some col.) ; 30 cm.

Published by the United Nations.
Economic Commission for Europe.
Working Party on Inland Water
Transport, this work provides
instructions and identifies visually, all
international standard signs, markers,
and buoys used on inland waterways,
as well as stating laws and regulations
agreed upon by UN constituents.

Online Maps and Internet Resources

United States Climate Page

[http://www.cdc.noaa.gov/USclimate/
states.fast.html](http://www.cdc.noaa.gov/USclimate/states.fast.html)

Do you need some quick data show-
ing climate trends for your state? Or
for a major U.S. city? This site, by the
Physical Sciences Division (PSD) of
the Earth System Research Laboratory
(ESRL), provides access to temperature
and precipitation graphs for the period
1961-1990. The opening page is a U.S.
map. Click on a state and you see a
map of that state with cities having
data. Click on a city and you will get
30-year charts showing maximums/
minimums for temperature, and precip-
itation for the same period. Subsequent
pages chart wind speed, chance of pre-
cipitation and percentage of sunshine,
and monthly anomalies, and other data.

Most states provide data for 8-12 cities,
giving a good distribution of climate
data over each state. The site also links
to additional resources and data on the
ESRL website.

Gridded Population of the World

[http://sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/gpw/
index.jsp](http://sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/gpw/index.jsp)

Demographers and other research-
ers who need to make population data
comparisons, will find this site useful.
The maps created using this system can
be downloaded for use as graphics in
studies and documents. The maps are
in either pdf or jpg format and provide
simple graphical representations of
populations of countries in relation to

various themes (e.g., urban population), and within each country/division, additional maps are available. At the present time, not all of the maps are finished. Data is also available for download. A brief note from the GPW page states that:

“Gridded Population of the World, version 3 (GPWv3) and the Global Rural-Urban Mapping Project (GRUMP) are the latest developments in the rendering of human populations in a common geo-referenced framework, produced by the Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN) of the Earth Institute at Columbia University.

GPWv3 depicts the distribution of human population across the globe. It is the most detailed version of GPW to date with more than three times the amount of data as version 2, and includes population estimates to 2015. **GRUMP** builds on **GPWv3** by incorporating urban and rural information, allowing new insights into urban population distribution and the global extents of human settlements.”

Atlas Coelestis

<http://www.atlascoelestis.com/index.htm>

Over the past 500 years, astronomers and artists have depicted the celestial sphere for scientific use as well as for aesthetic enjoyment.

“Atlas Coelsetis” presents an online exhibit of a number of key astronomical atlases and star charts from the fifteenth through nineteenth centuries. Jean-Pierre Luminet, Director of research

to the C.N.R.S. Laboratory Universe and Theories (LUTE) Observatory of Paris-Meudon, describes the exhibit in the introduction: “The celestial atlases count among the most beautiful scientific works ever published. Collecting the majesty of the skies, they propose splendid figures of constellations under a monumental format. They were drawn up by large astronomers, John Flamsteed, Johannes Hevelius, Johann Bode, who were based on their own observations.”—translation from web page.

This website covers star charts and atlases from one of the first illustrated printed books of constellations, in 1482, through to an atlas published in 1801. Most of these works are by scientists (and a few artists) whose names are familiar even to non-astronomers, including: Johann Bayer, John Flamsteed, Johann Bode, Hugo Grotius, Charles Messier, Albrecht Dürer, and Andrea Cellario, whose 1661, *Atlas coelestis seu armonia macrocosmica*, lends its name to the exhibit.

Many of the illustrations are rich in color and appearance on the screen. The text is mostly in Italian, with some in French, but the main features of the charts are easy enough to understand. This website is useful background material for astronomy historians, cartographers, and art historians, but is also worth visiting by anyone fascinated by early maps and charts.

The Lost Art of Navigation

<http://www.geocities.com/capecanaveral/2265/index.html>

All who sail the seas or fly through the

skies, must still be able to handle the mechanics of navigation, despite the computer/GPS age with all the complexities of transmission of nav signals to aid the navigator safely to a destination. But for the rest of us, especially those trying to teach or to explain navigation to students or enthusiasts, the old ways are not as easy to provide. Recently I had need of a Mercator map and the ability to measure exact distance and bearings. Since Mercator maps are not very common any more, I had to rely on a simple one that I have hanging on my office wall to start the measurements. A search online for calculators located this nice site to assist in making more precise measurements, and to check our work.

This website is not so much instructional, but instead offers some calculators that can assist the student of navigation in determining if their calculations by hand are correct. Included are calculators for: Mercator Sailing, Great Circle Sailing, General Purpose Sight Reduction, Maridional Part Calculation, and the Sun's information and Sight Reduction. The author does provide basic definitions of these terms, giving enough to help patrons to find help.

Viewing the Changing Landscape of Colorado

<http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/aerial-photos/home.asp>

Aerial photographs are among the most popular items in many map collections. Historians, cartographers, planners, and researchers in other fields use aerial photos to aid their work, but the search for such collections can be hard even using online searches. So when I locate

a collection I make a note, bookmark, or add to my index.

The collection of Historical Aerial Photographs of Colorado, at the Jerry Crail Johnson Earth Sciences and Map Library at the University of Colorado at Boulder, contains 20,000 aerial photographs taken from 1937-1946. The photos are mainly from the collection that was used in the Geography Department for teaching and study.

To date, about 1,700 aerial photographs have been digitized, cataloged and indexed for access (with ongoing additions to the database), and are available to search through a database by a number of access points. It is a wonderful example of an aerial photograph collection made accessible through good cataloging and metadata, combined with a search system.

Historic Maps of New Jersey

<http://mapmaker.rutgers.edu/>

The Geography Department at Rutgers University has an online collection of historic maps and photographs of New Jersey, from its print collection. The historic maps are large-size and good quality representations, showing a variety of themes, and covering dates back to the 18th century (plus one geologic map showing Pleistocene ice movement).

Also available is the "Changing Landscape of New Brunswick" online exhibit (based on an older library exhibit of the same name), which gives a nice idea of integration of maps, aerial and regular photographs, to visually show the history of a town.

Cartifact Gallery of Jan Smits

<http://persons.kb.nl/jsmits/cartifact/list.html>

Cartographic curiosities, nicknamed “Cartifacts” by J.B. Post (see <http://persons.kb.nl/jsmits/cartifact/intro.html>), are always popular with mappers and with scholars in various disciplines that the maps sometimes represent. As an art and ornamental form, cartifacts are aesthetic, entertaining, and often provide rich data on culture and history.

This site contains about over 360 items (as of Feb. 2007) showing imaginary and real places, on a variety of media including: maps on pencils, basketballs, spoon rests, paper, and other formats. Each map item is identified and includes a photograph and some basic description of the item.

This is one site not to miss if you want to study the variety of ways that maps have been used. It is also a great place to inspire the imagination of the map maker wanting to do something a bit different.

Curiosities, Myths, Maps of the Imagination

<http://www.maphistory.info/topics.html#curios>

For even more links to cartographic curiosities, see Tony Campbell’s WWW-Virtual Library: History web page.

Did you ever wonder where various pieces of cartographic imagery appeared on maps through the ages? I get questions on this once in awhile and there are a few sites that offer some references to the appearance

of strange artwork on maps through history. Again, Mr. Campbell’s WWW-Virtual Library has a number of links: <http://www.maphistory.info/topics.html#illustrative>. One of these sites (UC Berkeley) shows dragons, monsters, ships, and other artwork on maps (<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/EART/tour/facsim.html>), giving specific examples that are cited of a variety of animals, people, ships, and creative images.

World Heritage Sites (UNESCO)

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/map/>

There are 830 World Heritage sites identified by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, and they have published maps showing the location of all of these sites. You can download a large-size map, or request a printed copy. There is also a “3-D Globe” online site index.

Strange Maps

<http://strangemaps.wordpress.com/>

I believe that cartographers and avid map enthusiasts have a sense of humor and the ability to appreciate the eccentricities of mapping. This blog is a good example, not only of this talent, but it is also a great place to view maps that are historically significant, or unique in a variety of ways.

The maps are not necessarily “strange,” rather they are extraordinary, sometimes rare cartographic items. The latest (at the time of writing) maps highlighted include a map showing the first locations of the Berlin Wall that began on August 13, 1961, a manuscript “map” from one of Jack Kerouac’s own

diaries, showing the itinerary of a 1947 trip that would later serve as the backdrop for the book, *On the Road* (original image from the “Kerouac Corner” at www.wordsareimportant.com). The following item was featured recently as well.

How the World Really Shapes Up
http://www.dailymail.co.uk/pages/live/articles/news/worldnews.html?in_article_id=439315&in_page_id=1811

An article in the *Daily Mail* (UK), March 1, 2007, describes the way world nations rank as viewed through statistics. The work was created as part of a joint collaboration between the University of Michigan and University of Sheffield, and featured on their website **World Mapper**: <http://www.worldmapper.org/>. Using cartograms (maps that distort country sizes based on statistical weight) that visually show how each country ranks among its fellow nations, World Mapper provides graphic view of a variety of topics (see their index: <http://www.worldmapper.org/atozindex.html>), such as population, alcohol consumption, literacy and education levels, and many other themes.

The list is growing still.

Mutur Zikin
<http://www.muturzikin.com/en.html>

Not a Harley-Davison fan club, *Mutur Zikin* is Basque for “the snooper” (direct translation “dirty snout”), which is appropriate because the site shows a high level of research, especially in the area of linguistics of indigenous groups. This site has a beautiful

collection of linguistic maps of various countries and regions, as well as a lot of Basque-related materials. Access the linguistic maps in the center column of the page. The pages are not all in English, however you should be able to locate various maps from each page.

The maps are big and richly colored (some a bit extreme, but not truly distracting), and show an incredible number of distinctive linguistic groups. The author is particular about trying to represent as many groups as can be identified and does a wonderful job here.

Books

Fiorani, Francesca. *The Marvel of Maps: Art, Cartography and Politics in Renaissance Italy*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2005 (ISBN: 0300107277 (alk. paper)). ix, 347 p.: ill. (some col.), maps (some col.); 27 cm.

In the field of history of cartography is a wonderful book, *The Marvel of Maps* that is a history and description of two map cycles from the Renaissance, commissioned by the courts of Grand-Duke of Tuscany, Cosimo I de’Medici, from 1537-1574; and the Papal court of Pope Gregory XIII Boncompagni, from 1572-1585. The book is more than a history of maps, as it covers many aspects of the environment, in which they were produced. Included in this work are the history, art, politics, and culture of these two courts in general, and in the relationship to the cartographic masterpieces that both courts commissioned.

Each ruler had these magnificent maps painted in special rooms. Today the maps are considered among the best cartographic works of the Renaissance. Each map cycle presents the world from unique perspectives with exquisite detail and color. Though not designed as practical maps, the works present a Renaissance world-view from several of the most influential courts in Italy.

This book would be good for collections serving geography, history of cartography, art history, and Renaissance studies. It is written for college and professional levels of reading, but may also serve advanced high-school readers.

Fagan, Brian M. *From Stonehenge to Samarkand: An Anthology of Archaeological Travel Writing*. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2006 (ISBN: 0195160916 alk. paper). xxvi, 291 p. : ill., maps ; 25 cm.

From ancient scratches on wonders of the World, to memoirs of journeys to exotic places, travelers have written about their travels to see everything from the pyramids to sacred stone circles in England. This book is a study of some of these writings, and of the places that inspired the authors, beginning with ancient travelers through to modern explorers of the known World. The author provides a literary journey that follows great archaeological travelers and shares their first impressions of the marvels that they saw.

It is of interest to archaeologists, historians, literature and geographical studies, or to anyone interested in travel

to far-off places and the structures of the antiquities.

Bradt Travel Guides
<http://www.bradtguides.com/index.asp>

Speaking of eccentricities, Bradt Travel Guides are a source for location-specific, travel guides, for cities, regions, countries, and themes (see: Eccentric... below). The books are written by travelers and travel-writers who spend time finding out about the travel scene, culture, and positive experiences to be had. Bradt also has a philosophy in their publications, some of which may be seen on their website (see: "Giving something back" <http://www.bradtguides.com/infopage.asp?PageID=5>).

Bradt's website also has a variety of attention-getting pages that might interest the geography enthusiast (or start a new geographer-in-the-making). Competitions and "Where Is This?" quizzes may spark more interest in the World as a place. Additional pages contain recent comments from travelers on health problems.

A few new titles of note are listed below. Many of the titles are for places that are more exotic than most guide-book publishers would consider, such as:

Wallis, Nigel. *Helsinki*. Chalfont St. Peter: Bradt Travel Guides, 2007 (ISBN: 1841621846). 320 p.:ill. (some col.), maps.

Umbreit, Andreas, 1959- . *Spitsbergen: Svalbard - Franz Josef Land - Jan Mayen*. 3rd edition. Chalfont St. Peter: Bradt Travel Guides, 2004

(ISBN: 1841620920). 256 p., [8] p. of plates: col. ill., maps; 22 cm.

The Norwegian Arctic archipelago of Svalbard is an extreme destination, requiring some advance preparation for visits. This guide gives practical help on setting up the proper gear to take, good times to travel, and offers eco-friendly tips to the traveler.

Travel guides covering specific cities are usually limited to major cities or relegated to individual chapters in country guidebooks. Bradt features a number of large cities with guides devoted to one city's universe, written by someone who has spent enough time to appreciate a bit of the flavor of the locale. Contains color photos and eight maps.

Upcoming titles and new releases include:

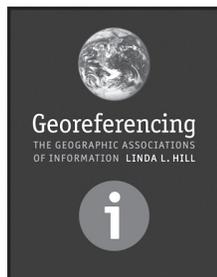
Zagreb, by Piers Letcher and Sarah Parkes (ISBN: 9781841621890). 256 p., 6 maps

China, Yunnan Province (2nd ed.), by Martin Walters and Stephen Mansfield (ISBN: 1841621692). 272 p., with 30 maps

Mozambique (4th ed.), by Philip Briggs, Danny Edmunds, and Ross Velton (ISBN: 1841621773). 272 p., 40 maps.

Conclusion

Enjoy the spring and the joys of cartography, as new maps are appearing continuously.—DJB 



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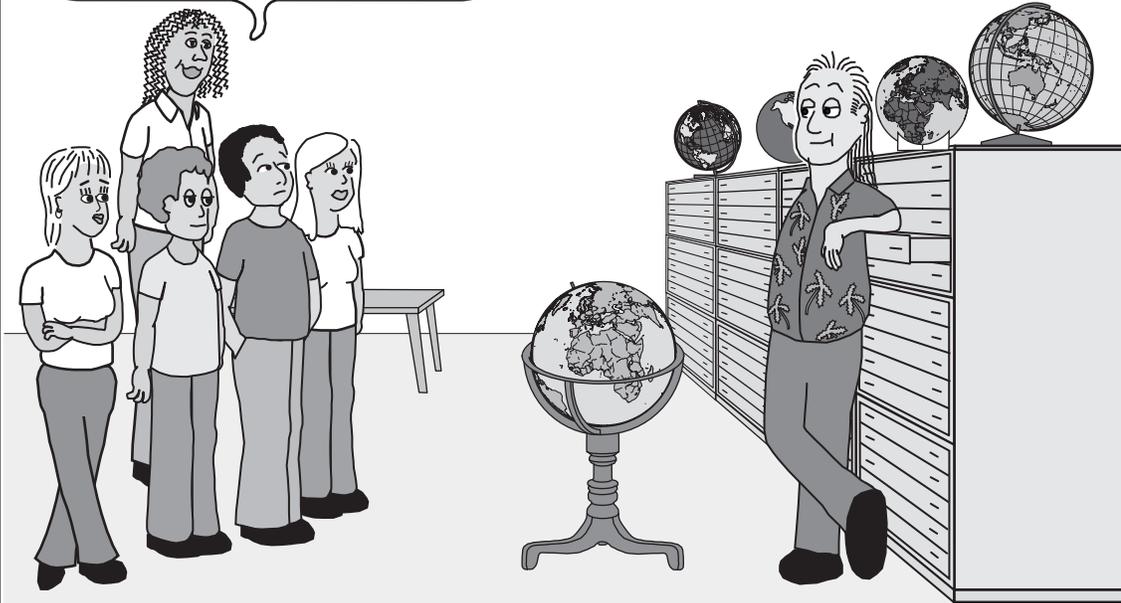
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