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Using Sheetsee.js to Visualize Google Spreadsheet Data

Amy Deschenes

Amy Deschenes has been the Systems & Web Applications Librarian at Simmons College Library in Boston for the past three years. During that time she has implemented a responsive library catalog, update the library website based on user experience feedback, developed an online content strategy, and kept the ILS running smoothly (for the most part). She teaches online courses in web development and usability testing for librarians. Outside the library world she enjoys running, vegetarian cooking, and selecting the perfect font. Amy holds a Masters Degree in Library and Information Science from Simmons College.



Big Historical Data: Quantitative History in the Era of Digitization

David Dwiggin

David Dwiggin is the Information Technology Officer at Historic New England, where he oversees information technology operations for 36 museum properties in five New England states. Before assuming his current position in 2013, he served as Systems Librarian/Archivist, and was involved in the launch of the organization's first unified online collections portal for library, archival, and museum materials. Dwiggin holds a bachelor's in English and magazine journalism from Syracuse University, a master's in technology management from the University of Maryland University College, and master's degrees in library and information science and history from Simmons College. His thesis research focused on small business and neighborhood change in Boston's Roxbury neighborhood during the mid-20th century.



What's New in the Academic Library Job Market

Michael Leach

Michael Leach is the Head of Collection Development, Cabot Science Library, at Harvard University. He has worked in science libraries for more than 25 years, in a variety of positions, including reference, technical services, and management. In addition, he is an adjunct faculty member at the Simmons Graduate School of Library & Information Science, where he has taught courses on information technology, web publishing, collection development and database management for more than a decade. Over the past 18 years, Michael has taught over 45 continuing education programs, reaching nearly 600 colleagues, and he has been a frequent speaker at conferences, including annual meetings of ALA, ASIST, ACRL and SLA. He is a Past-President of the Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIST, 2006).

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Creating a Collaborative Collections Catalog and GSLIS Alumni Board **Stacie Parillo**

Stacie Parillo is the Archivist and Registrar at the Newport Historical Society in Newport, Rhode Island. In her three years in this position she has worked to create accessibility for a mostly hidden collection. This has included the creation of an online collections database, researching provenance for collection items, as well as posting online accessible finding aids and query-able collection inventories. She has also served as Digital Archivist for the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities where she retrieved 40 years of granting projects from a cobwebbed basement and is assisting the Council in making them accessible online. Stacie serves on the GSLIS Alumni Board as Secretary and also holds a Master of Arts in Communication Studies from Suffolk University.



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