

Strategies for Advancing Hidden Collections Webinar 6
Closing the loop: Project Assessment and Leveraging Goals for Future Planning
Speaker: Ellen Ryan
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Final Comments

Chat History:

Allison Young: Taking time to see the public interact with what you've done (exhibit, scanned collections, etc.) is honestly one of the best rewards, to me :)

Jaime: Find good time distance from project for "post-mortems" - sometimes if too soon constructive criticism feels personal (still too close to the project), but not so long that you forget important details

Robin Grunwald: I'm visual - I take pictures of my work- the good the bad and the ugly- and refer to these instead of lists that I tend not to get back to

Jaime: Don't forget to take before & after photos

Naomi Steinberger: We need to assess the impact of the project one to two years later. Are the collections used? what is the project's impact? We could use this information if we go back to the same donor for another project.

Sachiko Iwabuchi: Thank you. Just listening to your experience stresses me out! I was in a similar situation (people left though without heads-up).

Christa Williford: This goes for grantmakers too--we like to hear about the challenges people are experiencing because that helps us make our programs better for others. Sometimes we can give no-cost extensions, etc.

Institute for Advanced Study: On staffing changes if unexpected it helps to try find out why. Sometimes the stress of the projects gets to everyone and personality clashes can have big impact on the project when maybe an honest conversation might clear the air.

Allison Young: A cursive test is part of our hiring process now, along with basic computer skills

Allison Young: They actually have to transcribe a document for us as part of the test

Jaime: Thank you!

Sachiko Iwabuchi: Thank you!

Katharine Rapkin: Thank you so much

Allison Young: Thank you!

Cherry: Thanks much.

Christine Walde: Thank you so much to you and CLIR for this amazing webinar series!

Ricki Moskowitz: Thanks!

Purdue Archives: Thank you!

Robin Grunwald: Bravo!

American Baptist Historical Society/Priscilla Eppinger: Thank you!

Jessica Shaykett: Thank you! This has been so helpful.