

SUMMARY NOTES:

What are some concerns/problems you have about dealing with legacy data?

Concerns about:

Incompleteness

Migrating it

Lack of understanding of earlier forms of cataloging

disjunction between past and current standards

Data is scattered

Concern that the work is never-ending

Unsure of the accuracy of the data/ incomplete descriptions

Materials are disassociated from their records

Prioritizing

CHAT HISTORY:

Beth Knazook: What are some concerns/problems you have about dealing with legacy data?

University of Minnesota: Make it go away! ;-)

Jessica Holada: Incomplete--lack of detail.

Dee Gallo: Migrating it!

Allison Young: Have no idea if it's complete (we went through a natural disaster some years ago), and it's not digital. It's taking forever integrating it into our records to reconciled with our collections.

University of Chicago: Lack of understanding of earlier forms of cataloging

University of Chicago: disjunction between past and current standards

Shawna Gandy 2: Data scattered about in multiple databases and paper records -- hard to track down and come up with a plan to consolidate

Purdue Archives: It can be very hard to know if re-addressing legacy metadata once will be the last time. There always seems to be new reasons to revisit

University of Minnesota: Legacy data sometimes tied to institutional memory. Retirements remove the memory...

Hillery York: Unsure of the accuracy of the data

Cherry: Incomplete descriptions. Not sure how to treat

Ricki Moskowitz: I'm concerned it's no longer accurate. In paper finding aids, I've found multiple containers with the same number, folders on paper that are not in the boxes, etc.

Jessica Holada: Connecting documentation. Evidence of having received or deaccessioned materials we are finding in the collection.

Ricki Moskowitz: So the electronic records are likely inaccurate too

Jessica Holada: Oops. Deaccessioned.

University of Chicago: Problem of finding the right level of prioritization for legacy data within your overall workflow