



Charting the Course for the Western Water Archives

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Western Water Archives

- westernwaterarchives.org
- #CLIRWater project
- March 2017 – February 2020
- 7 partner institutions
- 26 collections partially or completely digitized
- Two 1-year no-cost extensions





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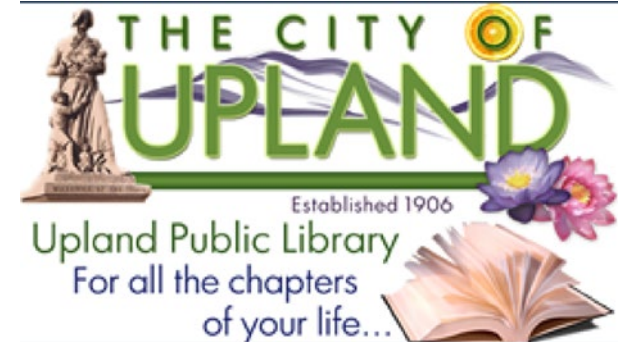
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Reflecting Back – Lessons Learned

- Mixed assessment
- Time is not on your side
- Flexibility, adaptability, and creativity are key
- Use new(er) communication technologies
- Don't forget about interest earned on grant funds





Learning Outcomes

- Public library partners will be exposed to digitization standards and best practices established in academic libraries, as well as to digital scholarship, and the current and emerging needs and practices of academic scholars.
- Project staff will gain professional level knowledge and experience with digitization hardware and software and creating descriptive, technical, and preservation metadata for original primary sources.
- Experiences gained through this project will advance the staff's research skills, encourage them to explore digital methodologies in their scholarship, and reinforce the use of both analog and digital archival sources as the basis of productive research.





Teaching Opportunities

- Out of the Box blog – 7clib.cc/CLIRWaterBlog
- March 2018 American Society for Environmental History (ASEH) workshop
- March 2021 Western Water Symposium
- May 2021 Student Poster Showcase
- September 2021 Pressbook published
- Two new grants
- Two new exhibitions





Looking Forward – What's Next?

- Continue to ingest materials into the Western Water Archives
- Expand the Western Water Archives website
- Connect with new collaborators
- Add new collections – both internal and external
- Develop digital learning objects





Questions?

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