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Empowering Public Librarians to Create Community History Web Archives

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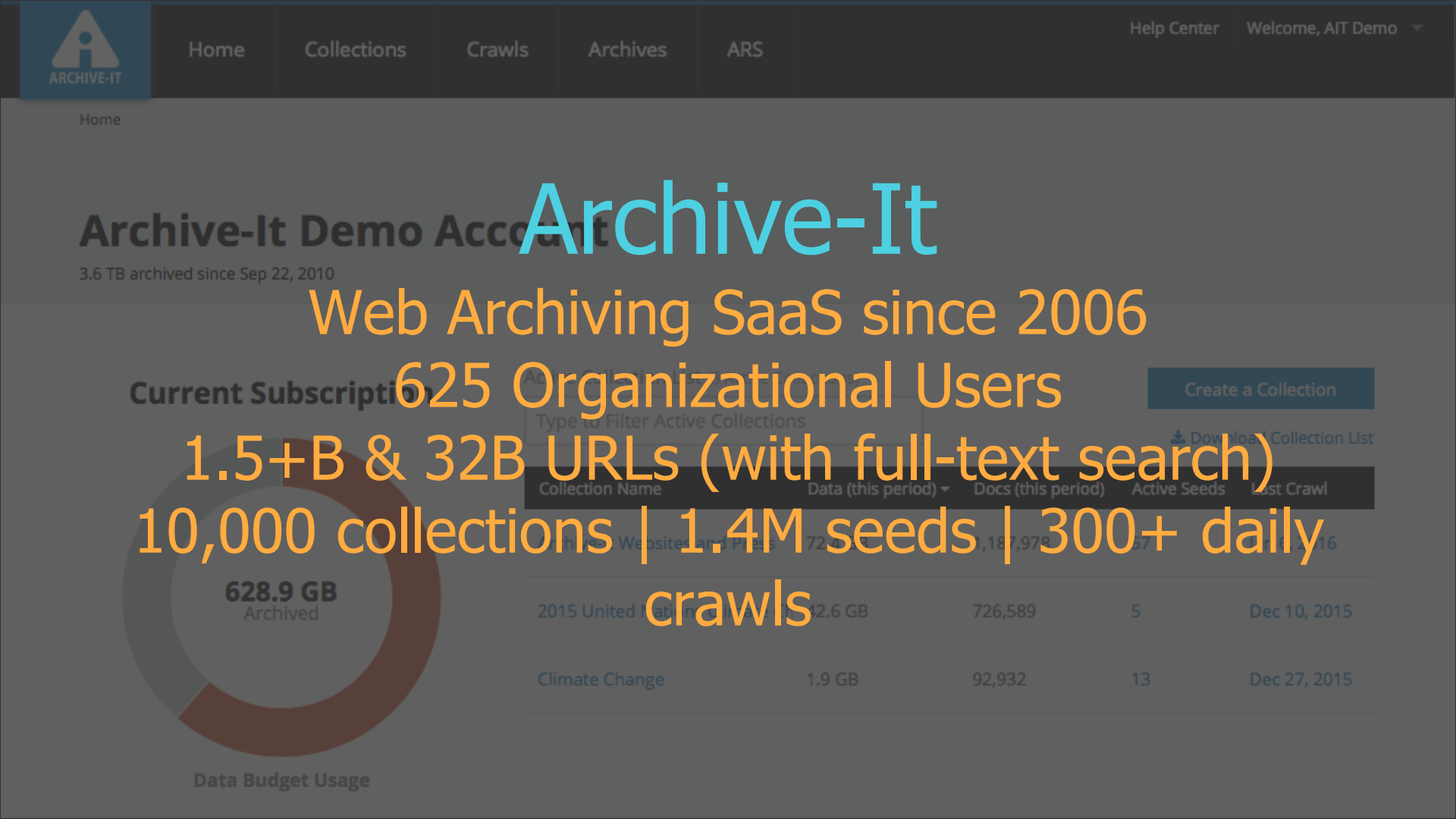

Archive-It

Web Archiving SaaS since 2006

625 Organizational Users

1.5+B & 32B URLs (with full-text search)

10,000 collections | 1.4M seeds | 300+ daily crawls

Web Archiving in Public Libraries

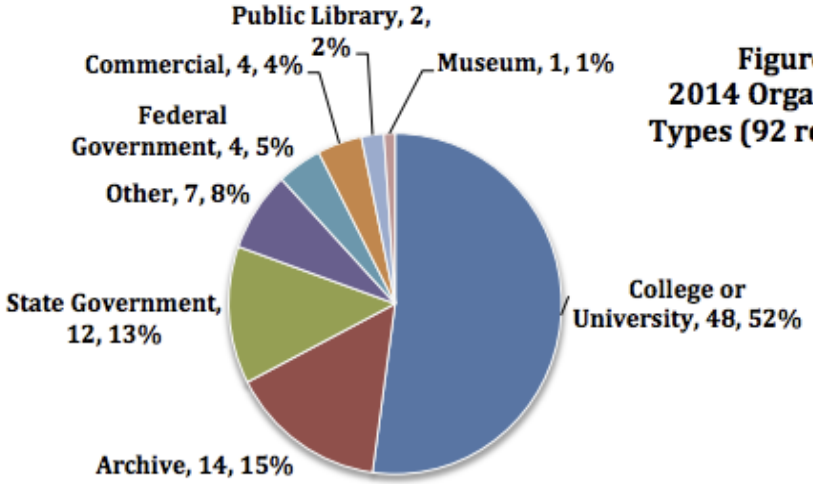

Figure 2: 2014 Organization Types (92 responses)

2014 NDSA Survey results: 2% from Public Libraries

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Community Webs Program

- LB21 grant, National Digital Platform
- Continuing Education, Curating Collections
- 2-year project (Jun 2017 - May 2019)
- Additional funding from AIT & KAF

Community Webs Goals

Education & Training

- Establish a cohort network of public librarians doing web archiving to preserve local history
- Support further cohort building, professional development activities, and outreach

Collection Development

- Create open, dedicated training and OER materials on community memory web archiving
- Seed innovative local programing and partnerships

Expanding National Capacity

- Provide web archiving services and infrastructure and ongoing storage and access
- Build an extensible program model that can be scaled and applied to other domains

Community Webs Concepts

Expertise is <u>LOCALIZED</u>
- Best local curators are local users/residents

Collecting is <u>DISTRIBUTED</u>
- Scale horizontally

Network is <u>EXTENSIBLE</u>
- Frictionless addition of more PLs & org types

Advocacy is <u>SOCIALIZED</u>
- Explicit focus/funding for cohort building

Technology is <u>CONTRIBUTED</u>
- Remove all local technical barriers

Training is <u>OPENLY PUBLISHED</u>
- All materials are open access

Community Webs Program

Cohort Activities

- Building web archive collections documenting their local communities and devise local programs and partnerships
- Participate in in-person and online cohort training, events, and forum, and write and present

Participants Receive

- Stipends to attend cohort events, conferences, professional development activities
- Subsidized Archive-It accounts (512GB/year) + funds for local programming & partnerships
- In-person and online training and support

Program Outcomes

- Cohort of public library leaders with expertise in born-digital local history collecting
- 15+TB/year in archived, accessible web materials documenting local communities
- National model for cohort-based training in born-digital local collecting

Comm Webs Applicants

110 applications
from public libraries across the country

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15 IMLS Participants

+

13 AIT / KAF Participants

Participants

- ★ Athens Regional Library System
- ★ Birmingham Public Library
- ★ Brooklyn Collection, Brooklyn Public Library
- ★ Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
- ★ Cleveland Public Library
- ★ Columbus Metropolitan Library
- ★ DC Public Library
- ★ East Baton Rouge Parish Library
- ★ Forbes Library (Northhampton, MA)
- ★ Grand Rapids Public Library
- ★ Henderson District Public Libraries (HDPL)
- ★ Kansas City Public Library
- ★ County of Los Angeles Public Library,
- ★ Marshall Lyon County Library (MN)
- ★ Metropolitan Library System (Oklahoma)
- ★ New Brunswick Free Public Library
- ★ Patagonia Library (AZ)
- ★ Pollard Memorial Library (Lowell, MA)
- ★ Queens Public Library
- ★ Lawrence Public Library
- ★ San Diego Public Library
- ★ San Francisco Public Library
- ★ NYPL - Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture
- ★ The Urbana Free Library
- ★ West Hartford Public Library
- ★ Westborough Public Library
- ★ Denver Public Library, Western History and African American Research Library

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26 libraries from 16 states

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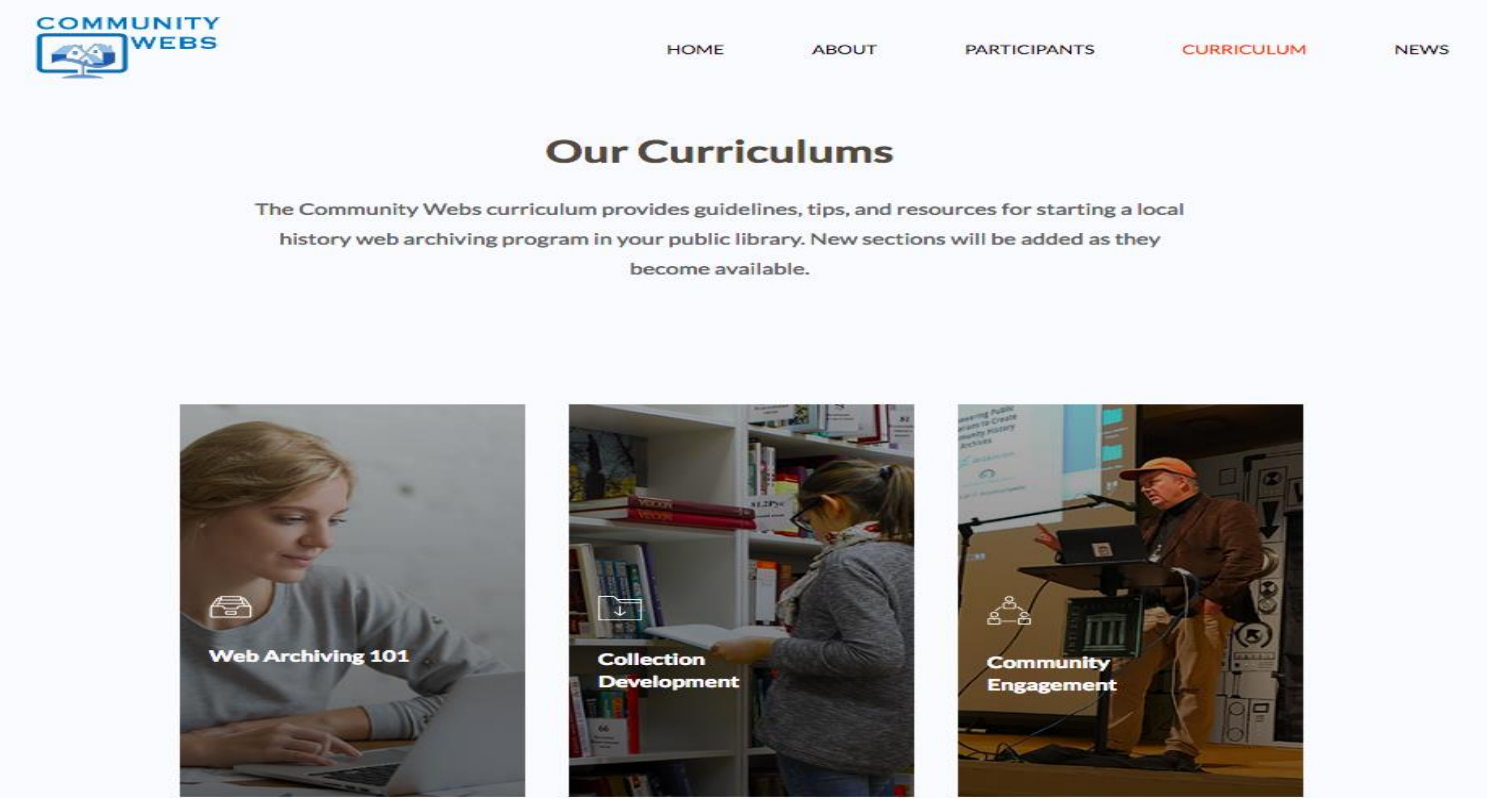

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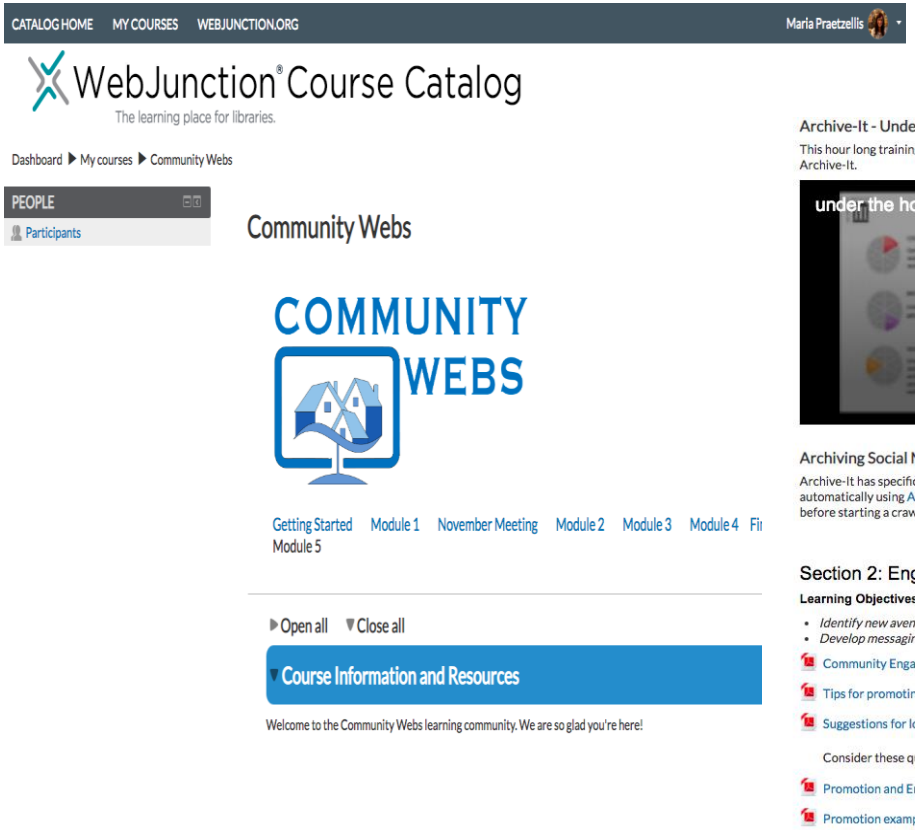
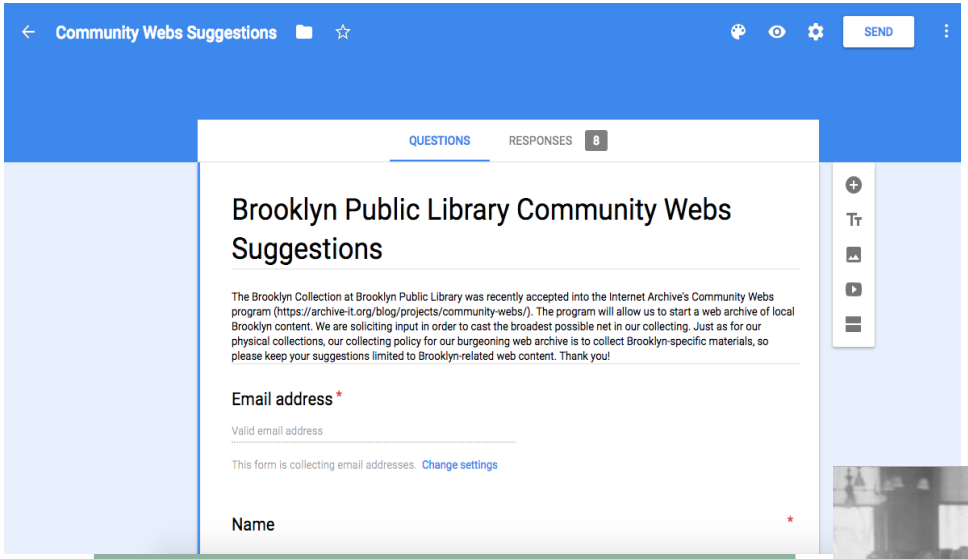
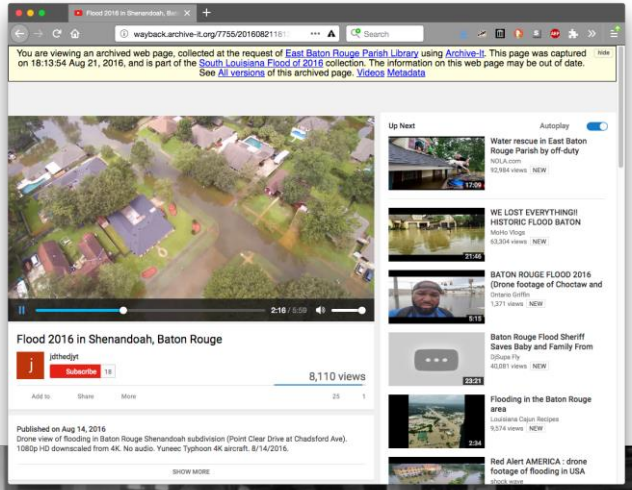


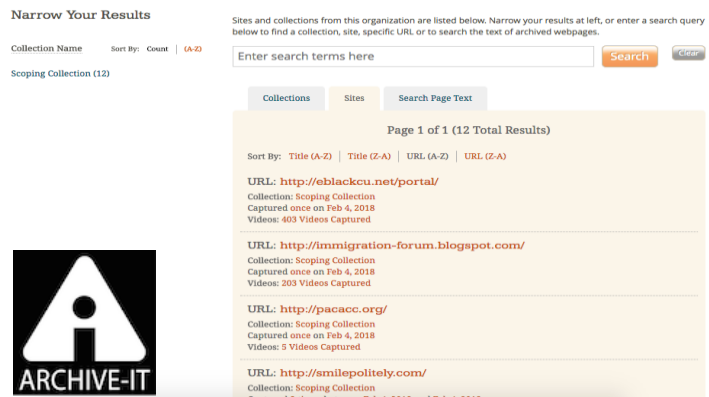
https://learn.webjunction.org/course/view.php?id=325

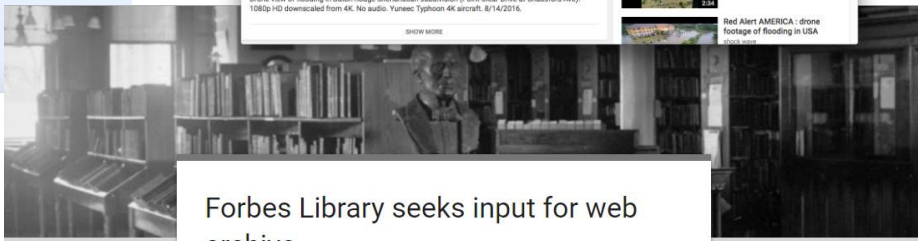
Training Modules

- Module 1: Intro to WA & Archive-It
  - 3 Sections, WA, AIT, Crawling & QA
- Module 2: Access & Collection Development
  - 2 Sections: Access & Coll Dev
- Module 3: Engagement & Promotion
  - 2 Sections: Advanced WA, E&P
- Module 4: Sustainability
  - 1 Section + speakers
- Module 5: Community Building & Expansion
  - 2 Sections [forthcoming]
- Full-Day National Meetings Y1, Y2
- All contain lesson plans, exercises, videos, readings, forums, speakers, etc









Forbes Library seeks input for web archive

Forbes Library is home to unique, invaluable and growing local history and image collections. While we continue to add to these physical collections, much of the record of our community today (including websites, blog posts, videos, photos, and social media) is created and presented as digital content, and is, by its very nature, ephemeral. Archives are embarking on new methods and practices to preserve the histories of their communities as they happen. Forbes Library was chosen as one of only a few public libraries nationwide to receive a grant from Community Webs, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which has enabled our staff to be trained in using web archives software to capture historically valuable web materials. This software utilizes the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine (https://archive.org/web/) to make archived websites visible as if they were on the live web.

Forbes Library has already begun to create collections based on people, events, issues and organizations in our community but would like your help finding sites to collect and preserve. If you believe you know of a website or web content that should be collected to preserve the story of our community for future citizens and researchers, please fill out the form below. If the site falls within our collection scope we will include it in our web archive.

Thank you for taking the time to assist Forbes Library in preserving our community's history.
Contact Dylan Gaffney (dgaffney@forbeslibrary.org) for more details.

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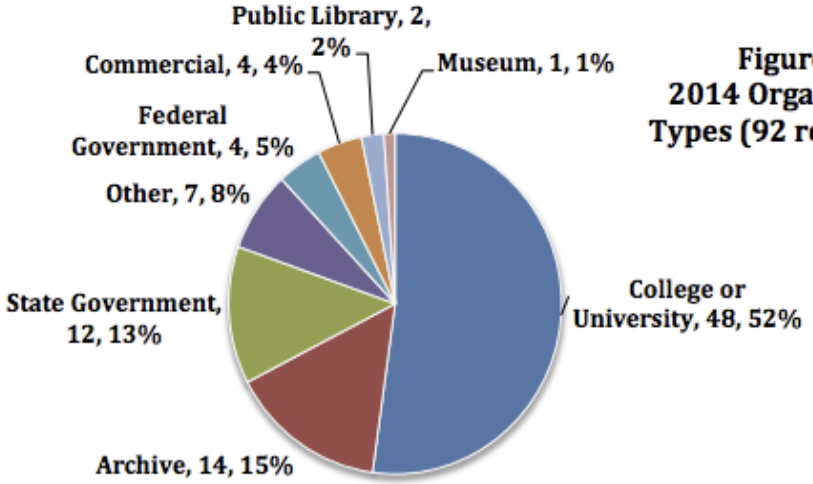

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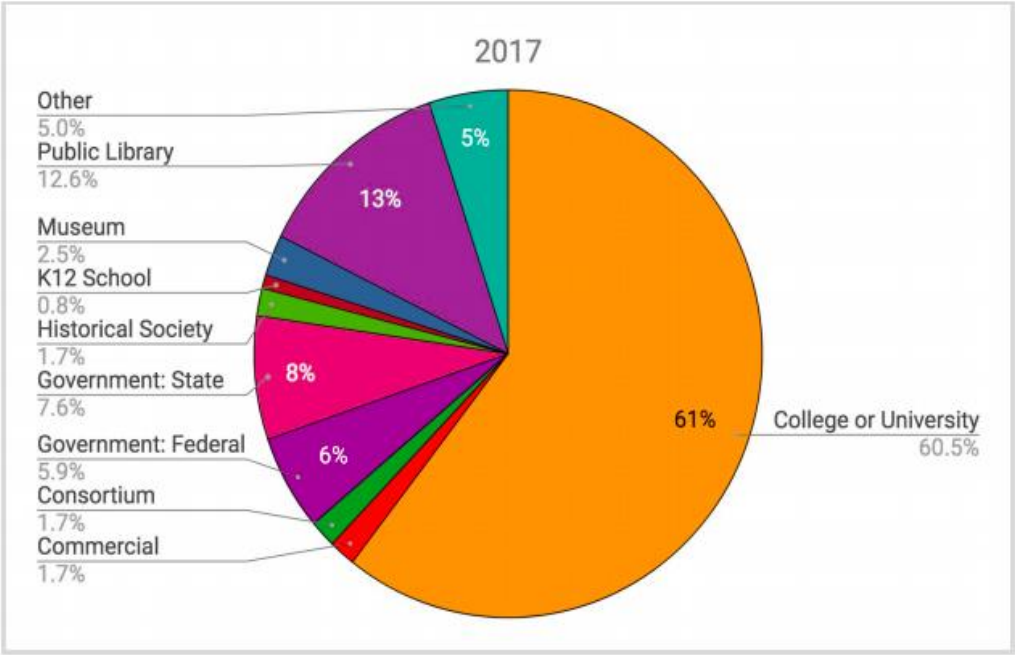

FIGURE 1: Responding organization type in 2017

- 2017: 13% PLs!
- Expanded diversity of org, prof, and collection types
- Numerous additional PLs now exploring/doing WA
- 10s of TBs of local history web resources preserved
- Public/professional events and outreach

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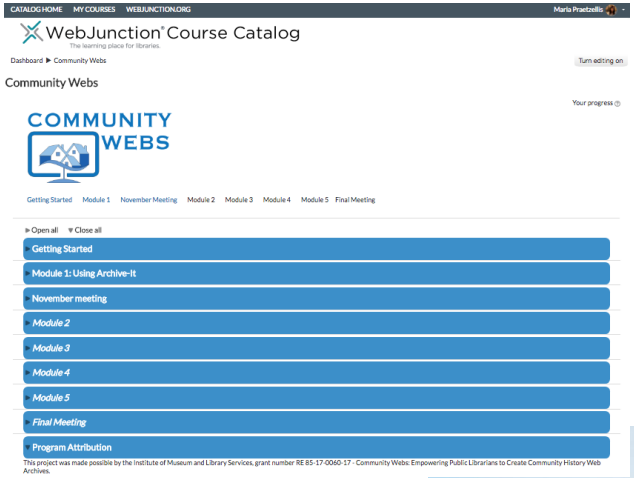
Remaining Activities & Work



- Continued community building by cohort & team
- Continued collecting at scale and public events
- Release of OER training materials
- Addition of more PLs
- Expansion to additional org types

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