

Publications Board
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Below are the major activities of the Publications Board in the year November 2025–February 2026. This report reflects regular reports made to Council and highlights activity in the publication, as well as other events and initiatives.

Publication

Initial, ongoing and projects nearing completion have the following updates:

- ***Accessibility in Archives*** (Ganz et al) (title TBD) is currently in first draft; draft expected June 2026.
- ***See You at the Meeting*** (Booth/Brown) completed copy edits, moving to graphic design. Publication expected Q3 2026
- ***Managing Digital Congressional Collections*** (Dearborn/Bibens/Lay) moved to editorial production (graphics, indexing).
- ***610 Measurable Learning Outcomes for Primary Source Literacy*** (Katz) moved to editorial production (copy edits, graphics). Publication expected 2026.
- ***Expanding the Record: Case Studies in Reparative Description*** (Wisser/Hinkle) moved to editorial production (graphic design). Publication expected 2026.
- ***Archival Futures series – Infinite Loop: Archives, Time Travel and Pop Culture*** (Thomas/Rawdon) currently available in ALA bookstore.
- ***Archives Fundamentals III series – Selecting and Appraising Archives and Manuscripts*** (Eagle Yun/Weber) moved to graphic design, conceptualizing marketing plan. (copy edits, graphics, indexing). Publication expected Q3 2026
- ***Radical Visions: New Perspectives on Special Collections Curatorship*** (Cuellar/Czebakow) moved to editorial production (graphic design). Publication expected Q3 2026.

Proposals:

Two proposals submitted for Archival Futures series, one related to Recordkeeping Informatics, one related to Caregiving in Archives.*

Updates

The following are ongoing recommendations for recruitment and retention of board members and peer reviewers

- **Publications-related onboarding for elected section heads** to communicate manuscript peer review as one of their *expected* service duties as a section chair or executive board member within SAA. Looking to Council and various section leads and communications teams to help underscore this throughout the year and during annual meeting. The Publications Program offers to work with Governance to host a post-annual webinar or information session outlining these responsibilities to section chairs.
- **Remuneration** or comparable compensation for the two section leader peer reviewers who see the first draft, as peer review may amount to significant labor or participation from people who are already volunteering as section leaders. If money or gift card are an issue, a comparable benefit, such as a reduction in annual meeting registration may be appropriate, to convey all parties' understanding that strong, critical peer reviews are key to the quality of SAA's book publishing program. As it becomes more challenging to secure peer reviewers at the current time, this recommendation may help advance recruitment and retention in this area.

*Some aspects of contract and production reside with ALA.