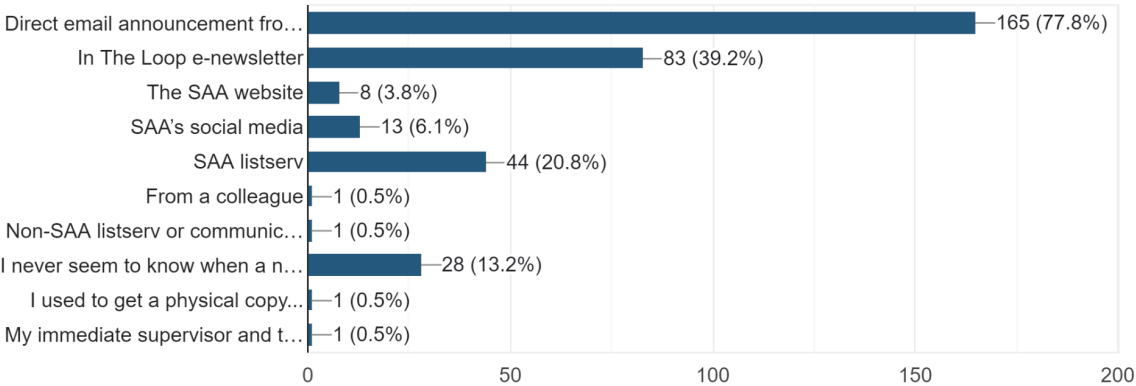


1. How do you typically find out about the release of a new issue of American Archivist? Check all that apply.

212 responses



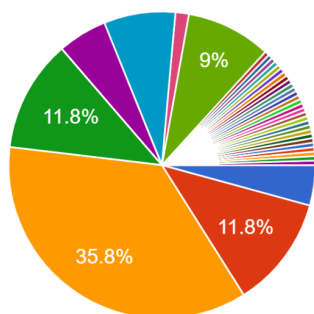
2. Which of the following most closely represents what you do when you learn of a new issue of American Archivist through an SAA email?

212 responses



3. How do you read a new issue of American Archivist?

212 responses

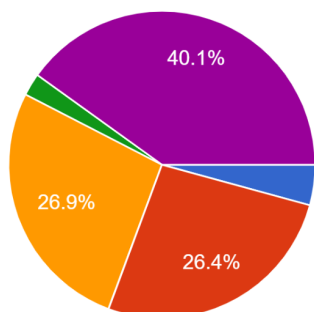


- I read all the articles in one or two sittings.
- I read one article at a time, over a long period of time.
- I read only one or two articles that really interest me.
- I skim a few articles.
- I bookmark articles to read later.
- I only browse the table of contents.
- I do not read the new issue. I access the archive through the Reviews Portal.
- I do not read the journal at all.

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4. How do you read the Journal's Reviews?

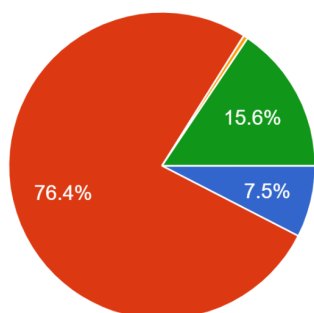
212 responses



- I read the Reviews Section in its entirety and consult the Reviews Portal.
- I read one or two reviews that interest me.
- I skim the reviews contents.
- I only read posts on the Reviews Portal.
- I do not read reviews in the Journal or on the Reviews Portal.

5. With what device do you read American Archivist and the Reviews Portal?

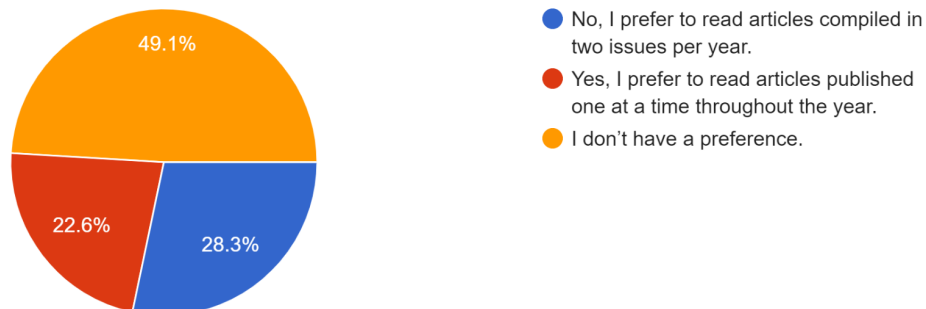
212 responses



- Via smart phone or tablet
- Via computer
- An accessibility tool such as a screen reader
- Print out PDFs

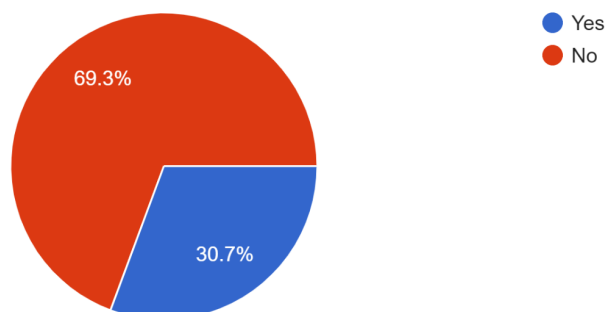
8. Currently, the Journal's publishing model is to release content all at once in two issues per year. Would you be interested in a continuous publishing ... publishes articles throughout the year instead?

212 responses



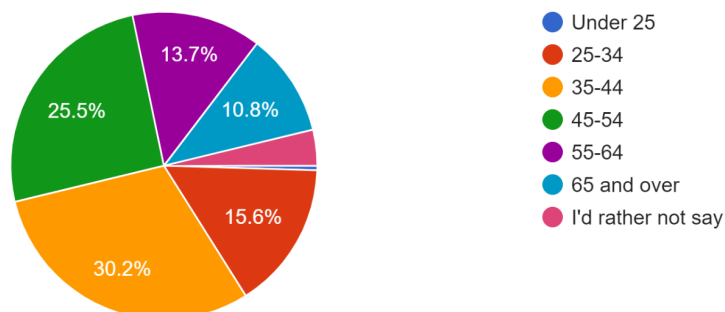
11. Do you discuss American Archivist articles in reading groups, research groups, among colleagues, or on social media?

212 responses

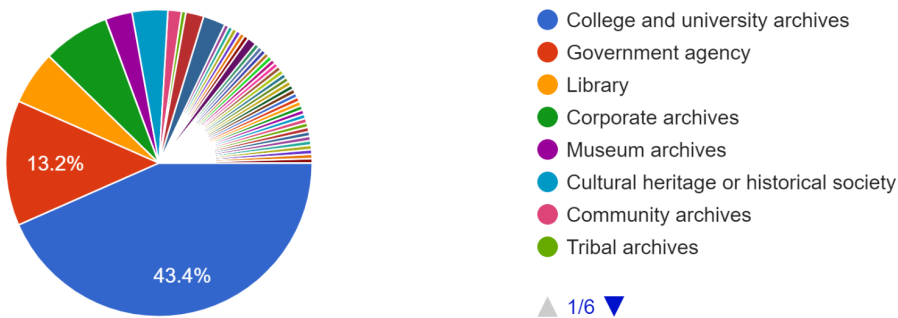


13. Please indicate your age range.

212 responses



14. Please indicate your institutional type.
212 responses



***American Archivist* Readership Survey Feedback**

6. What content do you most enjoy reading in the Journal?

- Articles on equity, liberation, and reparative justice
- Articles related to my interests, specialty, practice, etc.
- Case studies, original research (data-based/survey)
- Practical guidance
- Student projects
- Topics about specific material types (like architectural plans, maps, audiovisual)
- Editor's column
- Works that include a historical perspective or historical evidence
- Content related to college & university archives; archival processing; outreach & engagement.
- Success stories and new solutions to standard problems.
- Reviews and peer-reviewed articles
- Philosophical or scientific Speculation.
- Articles from early career archivists.
- I don't read it anymore since it's gone digital.

7. What focused topics would you like to see addressed?

- Digital preservation/digital processing tools
- Articles by archivists or color
- Born digital records
- Archival instruction
- Accessibility and DEI
- Content from people who work in other areas of the profession (nonprofits, research libraries, small archives, solo archivists)
- More of an awareness of the diverse institutions within the SAA membership.
- Environmental issues/climate change
- Legal issues, e.g., copyright, privacy, solicitor-client privilege
- Operating on a small budget
- Family history
- Music archives
- Vendor/product reviews and comparisons
- *A small sidebar in issues that talks about classes for the certificate programs. Not just the listing of their dates, but descriptions of what participants found applicable.*

9. What is the best feature of the all-digital format?

- easy to access/search
- searchability
- I like open access articles I can easily share with my co-workers who aren't SAA members
- OCR
- Printing to PDF
- easily avoid articles I don't want to read
- Accessibility. I can look at it on various devices
- N/A
- None
- I can easily share the issue with my staff for their professional development
- Searchability and on-demand accessibility.
- no opinion
- I do not like it
- The clickable table of contents
- I can download PDFs of articles I want to read later.
- Can't say since I don't read it.
- ease of use
- Searchability
- Able to save articles as a pdf for reference.
- table of contents
- I don't have to wait for it to come through the mail.
- Even though I usually print off the PDFs that I plan to read, I like that the digital format allows me to be selective. The physical issues of the Journal tended to be bulky, and the text was a tad small.
- For me there is no good feature of this format. I miss the hard copy. I don't like to read from the screen and so never even look at the journal anymore
- I don't go to the digital. I keep the print with me so I can have it laying around and eventually read what strikes me in between things.
- I can search for old articles I may want to use when teaching classes.
- there is none--I dislike reading things online
- Eco-friendly
- I couldn't say, I never get it and thought SAA had ceased publication during the pandemic.
- The ability to easily download individual PDFs
- Search function
- Save the destruction of trees for the printing on paper.
- I like that I can download a PDF
- Being able to access it on a variety of platforms
- Nothing
- Easier searching across issues
- Saves space on my bookshelf? This seems like a leading question.
- Access to old issues.
- The reviews
- It's cheaper for SAA
- It takes up less physical space.
- The search feature helps me discover articles of interest. Also, saves trees and recycling to access the all-digital version. I don't need the paper.
- For me--nothing. I can see that there are accessibility benefits, however.
- absolutely nothing - I only read print, and print out everything in the journal
- saves paper; easier to follow links in references
- cheaper to create and distribute
- Easy to browse and navigate. Can easily access back issues.
- It's green! I like accessing and printing only what I'm most interested in reading. I get to the issue much more quickly now that it's digital only where I used to set aside a paper issue and would sometimes get to it only months later. I appreciate the broad variety of topics that are often included. I always read the editor's notes and comments.
- Saving paper
- Keyword searching
- the ability to bookmark and go back to from anywhere, anytime
- Searching capabilities within all the issues; option of a PDF copy
- ease of access, searching
- Live links, but I really do prefer to read scholarly output in paper form still
- I really don't like the all-digital format
- The website is pretty easy to use. I can generally find what I'm looking for quickly and access the PDFs easily. Also, even though I usually don't read the Reviews Portal, I am very familiar with the website and know what kind of content is there if I need it.
- ease of KW searching; ability to give 'free' access to students
- ease of access
- Ability to read the article on one page, not having to download the PDF.

- It's digital. Stupid answer, I know, but we don't need to kill trees here.
- it's availability. Our postal system in Kenya is not very good.
- less office/home clutter, not wasting paper.
- None
- I can read articles immediately and clearly.
- I do not read the digital format - too hard on my eyes
- Downloading pdfs
- Paper and mailing saving
- Easier to select the articles of most interest and skip articles of less interest.
- Lower environmental impact although I do have a harder time actually sitting down to read the articles.
- I do not have time to read
- easy to navigate
- Less waste
- Ability to download and print out individual articles.
- do not like the digital format
- Can't say
- Accessibility. I like being able to access the articles from anywhere and being able to zoom in (on the PDF) to make the font and figures larger.
- Lack of paper issues cluttering my home, making me feel guilty, and filled with the trauma of 'imposter syndrome.'
- The ability to keyword search through articles.
- No paper to throw away or store.
- nothing. I suppose, saving trees. But nothing "best" for me personally.
- I don't know
- Paperless.
- zooming in to see without reading glasses, haha!
- Although I haven't had need for this myself, I imagine it would be the ability to quickly pivot from issue to issue to follow a citation, author, or the discussion around a certain topic.
- It's easy to navigate to the content you want.
- n/a
- Keyword search
- Accessible
- Ease of access
- quick notice that the articles are available
- That you can download individual pages as a PDF and save as.
- easy to read and download.
- The ability to save PDF copies of articles for later reference
- Being able to download PDF versions of articles.
- Searchable.
- PDF
- None
- greater accessibility
- It allows me to use an accessibility tool such as a screen reader.
- Ease of reading and bookmarking
- I don't need shelf space for it.
- That it provides ease of access for those who prefer it.
- I do not read the all-digital format. I REALLY miss the paper version. With the paper version, I could easily save back issues and show them to summer students, interns or other temporary workers while they are working at the archives to promote learning.
- Able to access past articles.
- Accessibility
- Easy access to back issues.
- It gives me a good over view of what is coming out and if I find an article in the print version then I will find it on the digital format to e-mail and share.
- Ability to easily navigate to back issues
- Easier to browse current and past issues for topics of interest and then to share the good articles with colleagues.
- Sustainability (no paper)
- ability to save articles of interest without needing more bookshelves
- Sustainability
- digital access
- Less environmental impact
- I read it faithfully when I had a printed copy, now I don't read it at all now.
- I like the PDF format and the ability to store articles locally in my own files.
- Portability
- There is no best feature...I prefer the printed version.
- Environmentally friendly.
- Case studies
- I don't feel bad if I don't read any of the articles - no wasted paper
- Immediate access including downloading print copies to support our for remote and rural archivists in an areas in which the digital divide exists.
- Is available to read when I want to.
- None that I can think of. I don't like it.

- search feature - don't have to have hard copy with you
- Access
- Articles
- I prefer the physical copy.
- Easy to search
- The ability to download and print out individual articles. The fact that the footnotes are hyperlinked.
- It's immediately accessible
- Ability to increase print size. Able to read it on a flat surface
- Easy to print an article if I am very interested in it
- I like that articles are available as both PDF and HTML.
- too new to say
- The search feature works well
- Reading on a screen is easier on my eyes.
- It's environmentally friendly.
- Honestly, I would prefer a print version.
- If I wasn't having access problems, I would say that the digital format is efficient and paper-saving.
- Ability to search the content of articles
- access on multiple devices
- Don't know as not reading
- The best feature is that I can share the link to the journal to others if I find something interesting.
- It doesn't use trees!
- being able to quickly skim things and titles and print out only what I need
- sustainability, convenience, lack of clutter
- convenience to read anywhere
- Always available
- I haven't used it enough to have an opinion
- immediacy
- Can read from anywhere
- I can print out individual articles and annotate them on paper.
- It makes it easier for me to read it at work
- ability to access articles from any location

- being able to search
- I can read it anywhere without having a physical copy.
- Access it anywhere. Easy to search for keywords if I am doing research on something and am looking for specific information.
- I like being able to search for content
- I can access it anywhere
- The ability to cut and paste--I'm finishing up my MLIS and I have used a couple of articles in my research papers.
- None. I stopped reading the journal when it went all digital
- Portability of access
- That it is all online.
- ability to download and share
- Being able to search within articles and the table of contents for what I need for a literature review
- None
- Access to everything
- No longer lost in the mail, damaged by weather, etc.
- Accessibility
- Easy access, sustainability
- clarity and good summarize
- Easily accessible
- I suppose it's cheaper to publish
- Linked table of contents
- Saves paper and I don't need to find a place to physically store the journal
- Convenient access on devices to articles
- there isn't one
- The interface is very user-friendly and easy to search.
- Having it available to reread no matter where I am because of the digital access
- Accessible!
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10. What feature of the all-digital format do you like least?

- Unsure
- having to read on a screen
- I skim too much online, I don't remember as much as when I read hard copy
- I like to collect physical issues of journals I like or publish in.
- I can't even figure out how to access it!!
- I end up printing the articles anyway. Have to dig out my log in information to access it.
- I've always preferred print editions. That's not going to change. And I prefer footnotes in the PDFs.
- Having to read it on a screen.
- If it's not sitting on my desk, I forget about it and don't bother reading it.
- I can't access it. The question 5 also isn't really fleshed out. If someone is using assistive tech, they might be using a magnification for low vision instead of a screen reader and it may be on either a phone/tablet or computer.
- NA
- Everything - You picked the field that would like an all digital format the absolute least
- 1. That it's digital and I forget it's there. 2. That if I want to read it on paper, I have to print it myself (if I remember I want to read something).
- n/a
- I look at a screen all day and do not enjoy (or find it comfortable) reading lengthy articles on a device.
- the fact it is only digital and I need to print out everything
- It was fun to get a physical copy in the mail, but that's more a sentimental attachment than a practical consideration.
- I miss print and the deep reading that print requires
- N/A
- Nothing in particular, just need to keep the download to pdf option available
- I prefer to receive a paper version of the entire issue
- Having to read from screen
- N/A
- I no longer read the new journal articles.
- that it is digital
- Nothing. It is my preferred way to access any journal these days.
- That we no longer have a choice in how we access the information.
- That it's all digital
- I hate the digital reading platform. It is impossible to get the text large enough to read without losing one's place. I have to download a PDF or read on the website or nothing.
- I wish it were fully open access
- I pretty much don't read it anymore now that it's digital. When I received a physical copy, it was something I would set aside time to read. Now it's just one of hundreds of different electronic resources I get sent and don't feel I have time to read.
- Having to log in and having to read on my phone.
- From an author standpoint, it's nice to have a hard copy of your research.
- Even though I pay for it, sometimes I'm locked out of articles and that's annoying.
- N/A
- it's digital.
- N/A
- It's easy to forget to read it unless I print it out and take it home to read in spare time
- Gets lost in a sea of online publications and internet reading.
- no opinion
- All of it
- The zoom feature (I find it difficult to navigate)
- I forget that I downloaded PDFs of articles I wanted to read later.
- Not having an issue in my hand means I never look to see what's in the journal.
- zoom feature can sometimes stick if the network is running slow, making it tricky to read on a computer screen.
- The all-digital only
- Less aware of when it is available and what articles are being published... learn more from Listserv these days.
- the all-digital format
- I prefer receiving a physical copy. Printed PDFs are large and cumbersome to carry around; I prefer the smaller bound edition for reading, carrying, and highlighting points of interest.
- N/A
- I don't think I have a "like least" feature.
- I actually don't like the digital format. I have a hard time navigating/enlarging articles to even

- Apparently the move to an all online version was a cost-cutting measure? It has no value to us since we maintain the physical copies for reference but rarely have the luxury of reading as they arrive(d). Toner, computer equip., and staff are expensive so we will not be printing something we already paid for. Answer to question 5 is a lie since "other" wasn't an option. In this case, I hadn't read AA in years so no answer applies.
- ?
- Downloaded file titles are gobbledygook and need to be renamed to make sense.
- that it is digital
- Not having a print copy
- I honestly dislike the all-digital format and don't read it. While I value the journal's content, I find reading long articles on a screen to be an unpleasant experience and miss being able to pick up the physical issue to read a little when I have a moment.
- Reading online
- It is not printed, which I prefer.
- keyword searching - although that's not limited to "all-digital"
- I do not have time to read
- having to log in to read it
- All of it. Now that it's digital I don't read it at all. I liked having a physical copy to refer to and keep on my desk as a reminder to read when I had some downtime. I don't want to spend extra time reading from a screen.
- The all-digital format.
- do not like the digital format
- It is impossible to read an article unless you print it out. I don't like the digital format at all.
- Again, I do not use the all-digital format.
- That it is digital. I find that I forget to read American Archivist. I was more likely to read the print journal because I kept it on my desk.
- Inability to read without a device, although I can download
- No comment.
- None really
- Can't say
- its digital
- N/A- I really like the all digital format.
- I forget to bother to read, because I don't have issues cluttering my home.
- I do not enjoy reading on a screen. It's harder on the eyes, so I find myself reading less articles.
- Searchability.
- The digital format. I never read it.

read them. It strains my eyes, and I usually give up quickly.

- I do miss having an option of a print journal. For one thing, it reminded me to read it. It was sitting in front of me until I did that. I was more likely to read through the entire thing rather than random articles. I could also mark up the pages. If I really liked something, then I would go to the digital, get a PDF and share.
- N/A
- None
- the fact that it is all-digital
- Editorials
- The search feature isn't always the best; I wish there were more advanced options. When searching for a particular phrase using quotation marks, the output includes all forms of that phrase, not an exact match. So, when looking for "archives," you get "archive" and "archival" and "archiving," etc. Additionally, I use "Cite" under Tools all the time, but the formatting of the citation is off. It would be great if you could adjust the format so that it's in line with the Chicago Manual of Style.
- Reading on-line. I do much of my reading in venues that don't have Internet access, so I'm reading less AA than I used to.
- hate reading on a screen
- I hate the format of Archival Outlook; the journal is much better
- Nothing comes to mind
- That I need an internet connection and a separate log-in to access it. That i need a device of some kind to read articles.
- It is very hard to read.
- Internal hyperlinking
- I simply dislike digital as an alternative.
- when a hyperlink doesn't work; we are human things happen. It's an annoyance on a phone, not really an aggravation on a laptop/desktop -- it is just easier to open up a window.
- I was wondering why each article is uploaded individually and not as one complete issue like that of the Outlook magazine.
- There isn't a serious downside, in my opinion.
- I hate the all-digital format. It doesn't work well on my iPad, and I detest reading on my laptop. I would read it if I could download an entire issue in pdf and send it to Kindle. As it is now, I just don't read it.
- I no longer read it because out of sight, out of mind.

- That you have to download each article individually.
- That I forget about the issue because it's on my phone/computer and not sitting on my nightstand reminding me I need to read it :-)
- I tend to delete the email and forget about the all-digital format and never go back to access it.
- I don't know
- Logging in. The endless whack-a-mole captchas.
- harder to take notes and make annotations
- I don't like that it is device-dependent and reading it requires steps: having to log in and locate the issue, or looking for the email that links to it and then logging in.
- I do like actual magazines.
- Any political leanings
- I don't like reading long articles on a screen
- Unfortunately, the ease of use to access Allen Press has been spotty. I am always asked to update my password. I would like to see members of SAA access American Archivist from the SAA site, not be sent to another website and then with these hassles.
- Hm that is hard question. I wish I was a member but the fee is too expensive for me you all should have special discount for non - provisional like me.
- The fact that it is only all digital.
- I sometimes don't get around to reading it.
- The digital version doesn't have the gravitas of the physical version. It's just the way it is.
- Love going through physical pages of a journal.
- I wish the search was more robust
- That it's all-digital.
- N/a
- I would be more likely to read a physical issue
- It's just me because I'm old, but I prefer to read everything on paper.
- I cannot just pick it up and start reading; I have to make an intentional decision to access the content
- That it is all digital
- Don't have one.
- I had difficulty accessing the full articles online.
- don't enjoy reading off a computer page
- That I cannot download a full issue at once, I am more likely to read the entire journal if I could download all the content at once, having to view each article separately makes me less likely to read the articles.
- Having to print an article that I find too long to read on line with comfort
- I prefer tangible media, but I understand the issues with cost on your side. And permanent storage on mine
- I have to do somewhere to find the content. If it was attached to the email I would be more likely to read it.
- No comment
- The difficulty I have in enlarging the font and reading the text on a page.
- Lack of ease to annotate while reading without printing.
- n/a
- Difficult to zoom in, difficult to navigate
- one has to be connected online and at a computer screen
- How easy it is to ignore if it hits my inbox on a hectic day. When the paper copy arrived on a hectic day, I left it on my desk and eventually would find the time to browse it. When the digital notice goes out on a bad day, I quickly move it to an SAA subfolder and forget about it.
- I prefer reading on paper, I don't enjoy reading on a screen, especially academic work.
- n/a
- Log in
- Content
- None
- I don't like to read lengthy articles online. I print out only those that are of interest to me.
- That the journal is only available online.
- I like digital format.
- navigation
- No cons for me
- nothing
- I prefer the physical copy.
- articles continued to another page are not linked at bottom of page to quickly jump to the remainder of article.
- Should be able to click on citations and go to them unless they aren't digitized
- I have to print everything out to read it.
- It was more fun to get the paper version in the mail and sit down with it, but honestly I'm so used to the digital version now that I wouldn't want to go back.
- For some reason, my access to the content is not always refreshed each time I renew my membership. Customer service is always very responsive, but it's a bit of a pain having to ask for access every 6 months to a year
- Want to be able to download entire issue at once (though I understand that could be a very large file). It's tedious and frustrating to download an issue individual article/file at a time

- Reading lengthy material on a screen.
- I have screen eye fatigue and tire easily/lose focus reading digital formats .
- the format
- Note-taking
- difficulties in the selection
- I wish I could flip through it like it would be printed
- I'm less likely to read it, since I receive so much email and it might get lost.
- I just miss the physicality of paper and not necessarily needing to be on a screen to read something.
- None
- hard to remember to read it
- easy to forget when issues come out
- I miss turning the pages to look back
- I tend to remember to read stuff that is physical format. Digital formats tend to sit in a tab or reading list for months.
- Navigation, having to enlarge the type, harder to read than a print copy.
- Some of the articles and case studies seem to be better suited for newsletters; the journal seems less scholarly in recent years. In general I don't find it to be all that useful in my daily work.
- I do miss tearing out the fun photographs to decorate my office!
- None

- I prefer to hold a printed journal
- None, it all works very well.
- Having a print layout for web based magazine
- Easy to forget about (physical copy used to remind me to read it)
- Having to sign-in. Poor search interface.
- can take a few tries to find what I'm looking for
- I don't have a print copy as a reminder to read it. An email is easily dismissed because it doesn't come at an opportunity time for reading, and then I never get around to reading it. With a print copy, I can more easily read it later when it is a good time.
- Spending too much time on laptop reading
- NA
- ?
- I can't find a way to download the entire journal issue. I usually read the American Archivist on my tablet (offline), and it is annoying to download multiple files from a single issue.
- My permissions didn't get updated when I renewed my membership, so I lost access for a year.
- It doesn't get advantage of the opportunities that the all-digital format offers, such as video, interactive tables, etc.
- None.
- I still haven't been able to read articles because I haven't been able to set up the IP address component.
- That I have access problems. Even when I've gotten through, there are too many steps getting there.
- I still miss the print issues and being able to highlight and take notes on paper; I don't like that I need to print out the PDF version in order to do that.
- none
- Don't know as not reading
- NA
- I prefer the physical format.
- I don't like the all-digital format and I have hardly read it since the switch to all-digital. I prefer hard copies so I can read them while I am waiting for something to load on my computer or while I am having a meal. I don't have time at the office when I am on my computer to read the online journal.
- absence of analog option

12. Other comments you want to share?

- I understand I'm probably in the minority but I really miss the print journal. I'm old enough that I prefer to annotate hard copies and can't accommodate an infinite pile of articles. I end up throwing them away after a while to clear out space in my file drawers. The journals are so much more compact and easy to store. I don't have to reprint the article every time I need to reread something, plus the journals have my annotations from past readings all right there.
- There's a Reviews Portal??
- It would be great to bring back a print edition. I don't have any nostalgia or sentimental attachment to print, I just find it physically much easier to read. I read on the train and also find it safer to not have my phone out.
- I understand the financial and logistical challenges of print publishing, but the reality is if I don't have something tangible to remind me of its existence and it's just one more electronic publication sitting in my inbox, I don't know what will compel me to read it.
- I have met not a single person in the field who prefers to not have a physical copy of the American Archivist
- I appreciate being a member of SAA, but I feel like I keep paying more for things and getting less: membership fees and publications are both high. I really miss getting a print copy of AA. And as an adjunct instructor in archives, I am infuriated that the textbook I ask my students to buy--which is a terrific and essential book--is so expensive. How does it help the profession to have these barriers? You could have an impact on more aspiring archivists by keeping those costs down than you do with a few competitive scholarships.
- I wish there was still a print version option. I would be willing to pay more for this option.
- I miss the print issues, SAA membership is expensive and it feels like something was taken away.
- The move to online has increased the invisibility of both the American Archivist and Archival Outlook. I used to read them at breakfast or lunch, but typically I don't look at devices at meals.
- For the membership rate SAA charges, there should be a print option for the journal
- I've never engaged with AA as an issue - my interest was always in specific articles. If the journal was published one article at a time and delivered via an RSS feed, I would be more likely to engage with the content. I am at least aware of new articles for other journals that offer that, and way more likely to look at those articles. I appreciate American Archivist but it just doesn't fit into my reading habits now that it's gone digital but hasn't in my opinion embraced the advantages that provides presents. I just looked and couldn't find an RSS feed - I would be happy to be wrong about that. Without that AA is just a black box to me now unless colleagues point me at articles.
- I appreciate all the work the editors put in to making the journal happen!
- Bottom line, for me, digital-only content is too easy to ignore and forget about. I understand the draw and significant cost-savings by going all digital, but for me it loses the ability to catch my eye and draw me in right then to at least flip through the pages to identify what I may want to read later (which I would do when I need a little break). In the all digital format: I receive the email and know I don't have time to look at it right then so I put the email in a folder to look at later. Then it gets forgotten. When it's a physical item I can skim it quickly while reading a sentence or two here and there. Even if it just sits on my desk at first, when I get ready to recycle it, I often find something to read first.
- Did not know of the Reviews Portal; miss the mailed hardcopy - I read that more.
- I solemnly swear that the print copy was better for reading. The all-digital is really only convenient for search.
- I really miss the print edition.
- The American Archivist is one of the reasons I continue to be a member of the Society of American Archivists.

- I miss the print journal. I am 37 years old so its not about being an older person and against digital. The print made me more likely to read it. Now, I get an email and I keep it in my inbox but I really haven't read the last few issues until I have heard about a specific article. I am sure I am missing a lot this way but unfortunately the print just made me more engaged.
- I read the journal less now that it is only digital. I think of it more as a reference source for future research/needs rather than as something I will read or want to read simply for information.
- I prefer to read in print. I look at computer enough each day
- The survey forces an answer as to how I read the journal--it leaves no option for "don't read"--if I were to look at the digital version it would be on my laptop
- Keep printing, please. I know its costly, but print is always laying around.
- If I find any articles I want to read in the Journal I print them out as I hate reading off of screens. I'm in front of a computer most of the day for work and the last thing I want to do is sit in front of a screen to read an article.
- Please bring back the option for a print version.
- I hadn't realized the journal was still being produced! We've been talking about cost cutting measures, and since the print journal was one of the few remaining benefits our staff took advantage of (conferences and workshops are prohibitively expensive now), our institutional membership is a candidate for cancellation.
- I'd love to see more articles in issues. It seems to always be heavy on reviews which aren't of interest to me. Perhaps more case studies and balance them with research articles? I would love to see more content by working archivists that is practically grounded. I've really enjoyed the most recent articles thinking critically about archival education and certification
- The problem with #8 above is that, if articles are published on a rolling basis, I don't want to be bombarded with announcements about new articles. I like getting two main emails per year about the new issues. But the benefit of publishing on a rolling basis is that I can better spread out my reading time across the year instead of feeling like I have to read an entire issue all at once. So, if you go with the one-at-a-time model, maybe you could strike a balance between releasing articles and sending announcements in batches. Or, I wonder if you could provide an alert feature for people who want immediate notification about new articles? SAA already sends lots of emails, and I'm engaged enough in the organization that I don't need constant reminders.
- Call me old-fashioned, but I still appreciate print. The option to order print versions of journal editions would be cool.
- Thank you for your work.
- The online reader software is really cumbersome
- I feel left out of the profession since the journal has been digital only - you might think about access for people who have difficult reading digital content
- Your ebook system is really horrible and unfair for MLIS students. Ebooks cost as much as a (very expensive) print book, and after paying all that money, there's no option to print out pages or even simply download them, without having to download a whole separate app. The bibliovault interface is also terrible. Aren't archivists and other LIS professionals supposed to enhance access to information? This is embarrassing.
- American Archivist should recruit articles from professionals whose work has been viable for more than 3 minutes
- Prefer printed version over web version.
- I fully understand why there's been a shift to all-digital, but I, personally, find it harder to sit down and catch up with the reading. Normally once I get home, the last thing I want to do is engage more with archival literature. I do think the one article at a time might be more conducive to reading since it's not so

much all at once but feel like that also defeats the "journal" aspect that many people rely on when trying to leverage for promotion in their institutions

- The answer to #5 is incorrect as I do not look at the digital format. Currently the only time I use it is to do online research of the journal articles should I need it.
- Please bring back the paper versions.
- I support the journal being digital, especially with the cost savings. It's difficult for me to read journals online.
- Having an article published if you are a student or new to the profession is next to impossible. It's all about who you know. Other online journals like the Journal of Contemporary Archival Studies are a much more egalitarian on publishing content.
- I would like to contact other reading groups
- In thinking about it- perhaps it would be advantageous to shove articles out one at a time, with a yearly compilation. That way, I'd have the guilt of having articles clutter my inbox, or I might read more.
- I truly miss the paper version. When I would receive it in the mail I would start flipping through it right away and read many of the articles. With the digital version, I usually don't realize when it has come out and don't find myself making the extra effort to go to a website to log in and read it. I have sometimes skimmed the table of contents but rarely read articles. I think readership would improve greatly if the paper version were to return, at least as an opt-in option.
- I have seriously considered dropping my very-expensive membership to SAA every year now that the journal has gone all-digital. And each year, I question my membership even more. The membership fees of over \$100 are simply not worth it to me. The main reason I was willing to pay the dues was for the journal, expensive as it is. I do not read digital content, can't find it when I need it, can't take it on the bus or to the reference desk with me, can't highlight, mark up or flag with sticky notes, can't share with my colleague at the next desk, can't take it with me to the processing room, and just plain don't even know of its existence in digital format. My shelf full of hard copies from 10+ years is easily accessed, I can find just the article I need because it still has a flag marking the place where "there's this great article about whatever" and so on. In other words, my hard copies "have enduring value" and use. For me, content does not "exist" in the digital realm. If it is out of physical sight, it is out of mind. So the digital version might as well not exist - that is the practical import, for me. When it was in hard copy, I would excitedly peruse the table of contents the same day I received it. I'd often read an article or two within the first two weeks. I'd highlight or flag other articles to read in the future. I'd look over the book reviews to see if there was something I should forward to our book acquisitions person. In short, I engaged with the journal on a regular and prolonged basis, and often went back to it months and even years after the fact. I have lost all this since it went digital. Now, I don't even make it to the table of contents, let alone, anything else. Also - Question 5 above is a "required" question - but it does not give me an option for "does not read" or "none of the above" - which is what my actual answer would have been if given a choice.
- Frankly, I prefer Archival Outlook for its shorter articles
- sometimes the articles do not offer new insight or information. sometimes they are repetitive.
- Please change to publish one article at a time mode. Please hire more editors. the current peer review process is too long and slow.
- Please encourage more students and new professionals and BIPOC folk to publish
- I have read significantly fewer articles since the move to digital-only
- The more I think about it, the more comfortable I am with releasing articles as they are ready throughout the year. And then maybe all the articles could be combined into the annual edition at specific times? It's definitely worth exploring this option.
- Please make the printed version available by request.
- Would love to be a member but can not afford the fees to expensive for me.

- I have not read American Archivist since it went all digital. I wish that there was still a hardcopy option.
- Thank you!
- I'm new to archives so this has been a terrific way to learn more about my *hopeful* future career.
- I'm new to the profession and expected there to be more content in each issue (research articles in particular) since the journal is only published twice per year. If publishing more frequently would allow for more content in each issue I would be in support of that option.
- wish you could still get paper copies for an additional fee. I can't read online for very long, but would gladly carry around a journal to read when I have spare time.
- I would like to read the articles in community. And while I don't have a preference for batch vs continuous release - ease for Publications staff and SAA seems paramount - the idea of regularly released articles is an interesting one and definitely has some appeals!
- I wish we still had the print version because I would be more likely to browse. I do not browse the digital version.
- I am retired but working with an historical museum house and so want to keep up with what is occurring in the field.
- See above -- access by members -- and you have our email addresses and know who we are, should be easy and direct, via a link in your email announcing the issuance of the issue.
- I wish that the print journal was still available - I'd rather receive it in the mail than have to login, download and print out the PDFs. I commute by public transit, and reading the print journal would be a good use of my commute.
- I loved getting the American Archivist when it was a physical journal, but I have hardly read a full volume since it went digital. It's just too easy to forget it's there and/or I'm not aware when it's published
- I enjoy the articles overall, I just find myself forgetting about it. I do read Outlook because of the shorter format though.
- The journal is less useful and less interesting to me now than it was at the beginning of my career.
- I prefer the physical format. In addition to being on my reading list, I often revisit issues, using them as reference vols while considering given concerns during regular operations.
- I feel out of the loop with the American Archivist ever since the switch to digital. I hardly ever read it now, and the email announcement is just another of thousands of other emails.
- Amy Cooper Cary is a fabulous editor! Keep it up, Amy!