

Changes to come

[Work Halting on Records Management Functions Thesaurus](#)
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Upcoming Events

Our leader, Beth Cron, discusses what will be happening in [the New Year for the RMRT](#)

Fascinating Facts

[WordPress.com prepared a 2014 annual report on our blog. The Schedule.](#)

What to Expect in

- [Records Management](#)
- [Archival appraisal](#)
- [Web archiving with records management](#)

Next Virtual Hangout: Processing Capstone Email Using Predictive Coding on March 3

Joanne Kaczmarek and Brent West of the Records and Information Management Services at the University of Illinois will be joining the RMRT to provide an update on their work in processing Capstone email using predictive coding.

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SERIES: Managing Patients' Records in an information management system like SharePoint

How can you manage patient healthcare when using information management systems' portals? Some Clinicians or Primary Care Physicians have attempted to keep their patients engaged with their healthcare by offering them patient portals, over the Internet, which would enable patients to manage their own personal health records. In the lifetime of the patient, a patient could have one or more physicians that specialize in different healthcare needs of the patient. The patient can end up having many personal health records that could have information that varies. Should the patient's health records connect to one main place? Would this ensure uniformity in the records and metadata if all of their health information were connected? Read about the techniques that the Personal Health Records Librarian uses in order to manage patient's records in information systems, for example, MS SharePoint for: [Records Management](#), [Making informational connections](#), and the [Personal Health Records Librarian position](#). Stay Tuned for more in the future.

“We have a RM program?”: Reaching Out to Users

Records management programs can provide great value to units and offices, assisting them with identifying, storing, and organizing their documents. However, to use these services, users have to be aware of them, and records management awareness---or lack thereof- can be a major stumbling block for a program.

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A (probably doomed) attempt to desensationalize Public Records reporting

So, I suspect that Journalists on a political beat pay more attention to potential changes in public records law than is warranted by public interest in the topic. This is not altogether surprising- Freedom of Information-like acts have a direct impact on journalists' ability to do their jobs properly by collecting key information about the actions of state government and bureaucracy. Because of this impact on their livelihoods, however, stories about potential restrictions to public records access tend to be... um... a bit overexcited. We saw this on this very blog a few years ago with the Franklin County Brouhaha, and now we're seeing it again closer to my own home with some stories about a change to retention schedules in Wisconsin.

On the one hand, great! Happy to see Public Records Law and retention scheduling in the news. On the other hand, both of these stories get a lot wrong about what is really going on in this situation. If only there were someone on a group blog who was informed about how Records Retention and Disposition worked in the State of Wisconsin... Hmm... Well, if there is such information I bet it's past the jump.

FULL DISCLOSURE: I am technically an employee of the State of Wisconsin, and while the schedule mentioned in these stories does not apply to UW, I do work with the Public Records Board to approve our local schedules. Because of that position I am also not going to comment on the political implications of these retention changes. (Much.)

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