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Section 1—General News

Canada

Federal Government—Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat

[Government information to be more accessible](#)

In a move to make government information more accessible, an [interim directive on the administration of the Access to Information Act](#) has been issued. The directive includes the elimination of all access to information request fees except for the application charge, and makes it easier for requesters to obtain information in the format of their choice.

See also: [Standing committee report on access to information, privacy and ethics](#)

Government of New Brunswick

[Government introduces open data policy](#)

The Government of New Brunswick has released its [open data policy](#). The policy creates a framework that facilitates the release of government data, making the information ‘open’ by default. The goals of the policy include increasing transparency, and improving public trust, citizen engagement and government services.

See also: [Montreal’s new open data policy](#)

Government of Nova Scotia

[Changes made to the public archives and government records Acts](#)

The amended [Public Archives Act](#) moves the responsibility for government records management to the amended [Government Records Act](#) and clarifies the mandate of the [Nova Scotia Archives](#).

Australia

[New open data policy gives public more power](#)

The [New South Wales Government](#) has shifted the focus even further towards the public’s right to access government information. Under a revised [open data policy](#), users can request new information, rate the usability of datasets as they are made available following a [rolling release schedule](#), and identify the development of a charter of rights for open data users to be written by the [Information and Privacy Commission](#).

See also: [ICT strategy update](#); [data sharing legislation](#); [appointment of first chief information and digital officer](#); [launch of OneGov](#)

[New National Archives preservation and storage facility ready by 2017](#)

Scheduled to open in 2017, the [National Archives of Australia](#)'s new preservation and storage facility will store approximately 15 million items with more than 100 kilometres of shelving. According to National Archives director David Fricker, there has not been a new purpose-built archive in Australia in the last 20 years and he expects this one will be the last.

See also: [New storage facility to be the last of its kind](#)

Brazil

[Government publishes digital governance policy](#)

The Brazilian government has published a decree that establishes the creation of a set of digital governance rules that will increase the use of open data.

Europe

[New action plan continues the digital transformation of government](#)

The [EU eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020](#) builds upon the accomplishments of the [2011-2015 plan](#). Policy priorities include facilitating digital interaction between government and the public.

In addition, 20 initiatives will be launched in 2016 and 2017.

Finland

[National Archives of Finland announces the use of handwritten text technology](#)

The [National Archives of Finland](#) has used this [handwriting recognition technology](#) on the first 500 pages of its digitized collections.

France

[“Petite Loi pour une république numérique”](#) (French only)

Countries around the world are stressing the importance of making data accessible to the public and France is no exception. Recent changes have been made to the [Bill](#).

India

[Government aims to make all government services mobile by 2021](#)

With mobile devices so much a part of our daily lives, the Government of India wants to make all government services available on mobile phones by 2021.

Ireland

[Government promotes digital content technologies research](#)

The Science Foundation Ireland Research Centre has been launched by the Irish government. The Centre will develop the next generation of digital content technologies that will change how customers and companies interact with each other digitally.

United Kingdom

[Commission determines no major changes to FOI law required](#)

According to a [report](#) published by the Independent Commission on Freedom of Information, no major changes are required to the UK's [Freedom of Information Act \(FOI\)](#).

[Appointment of government's first National Technology Adviser](#)

The responsibilities of the new adviser will include continuing the government's work on emerging technologies and improving government digital technology.

United States

Federal Government

[New Open Data Act proposed](#)

The [Open, Public, Electronic and Necessary \(OPEN\) Government Data Act](#), if passed by the United States Congress, would make it easier to share government data among agencies and set a new default standard for open data. In addition, agencies would be required to justify decisions not to publish data publicly.

See also: [New default standard](#) (includes audio)

[Most federal government agencies will meet records management deadline](#) (Includes audio)

Approximately 90 percent of federal agencies say that they will meet the government-wide [deadline](#) to manage all government records in an accessible, electronic format by the end of 2016. There remain, however, some outstanding challenges and questions.

[Freedom of Information Act \(FOI\) updated](#)

Countries around the world are enacting new access to information laws or modifying existing laws and the United States is no exception. President Obama has signed into law the [FOIA Improvement Act of 2016](#). This Act makes changes to the federal [Freedom of Information Act](#) for the first time in nearly 10 years.

Section 2—Events

Annual Meetings and Conferences

National

November 2016

[Government Technology Exhibition and Conference \(GTEC\) 2016](#)

1–3 November 2016
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

[National Capital Region Fall IM Days 2016](#)

November 14–15, 2016
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

February 2017

[2017 Ontario Library Association Super Conference](#)

1–4 February 2017
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

June 2017

[Association of Canadian Archivists 42nd Annual Conference](#)

8–10 June 2017
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

International

February 2017

[12th International Digital Curation Conference](#)

20–23 February 2017
Edinburgh, Scotland

[ICDIM 2017: 19th International Conference on Digital Information Management](#)

26–27 February 2017
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

April 2017[21st Annual Enterprise Data World Conference 2017](#)

2–7 April 2017

Atlanta, Georgia, United States

[26th International World Wide Web Conference 2017](#)

3–7 April 2017

Perth, Australia

[MW2017: Museums and the Web 2017](#)

19–22 April 2017

Cleveland, Ohio, United States

May 2017[The National Conference on Managing Electronic Records \(MER\) 2017](#)

8–10 May 2017

Chicago, Illinois, United States

[2017 PRISM International Annual Conference](#)

8–11 May 2017

Tucson, Arizona, United States

[Information and Records Management Society \(IRMS\) Conference 2017](#)

21–23 May 2017

Glasgow, Scotland

[IASSIST \(International Association for Social Science Information Services and Technology\) 2017—43rd Annual Conference](#)

23–26 May 2017

Lawrence, Kansas, United States

Section 3—Current Trends and Products

Recordkeeping: Current Developments, Projects and Future Initiatives

Canada

[Library and Archives Canada—“Building a Canadian National Heritage Digitization Strategy”](#)

The strategy will cover published and unpublished analogue materials of national, regional and local significance.

[Canada Science and Technology Museums Corporation—Open Heritage Digital Portal](#)

The [portal](#) will serve as a model for government-wide open information practices as information holdings will be shared on the principle of “open by default” and will provide open access to active historical, policy, working, and decision-making files.

See also: [“Go behind the firewall with museums’ new digital heritage portal”](#)

Australia

[State Library of Victoria virtual reality](#)

The [State Library of Victoria](#) will be using virtual and augmented reality technologies as part of their digitization program and the redevelopment of their library.

Europe

[Interactive visualization of Europe’s historical newspapers](#)

Through meetings and workshops the design and development of interactive visualization has been developed for [Europe’s historic newspapers](#).

[PRESIOUS \(Predictive digitization, restoration and degradation assessment of cultural heritage objects\) project](#)

This [project](#) has developed digital tools to assist researchers and archaeologists in their ongoing work to digitize and preserve cultural heritage objects.

France

[National Archives—“Le Projet scientifique, culturel et éducatif 2013-2016”](#) (French only)

The [project](#)’s three main objectives are to modernize, sustain and restore France’s archival collections through digitization.

Scotland

[National Library—Cloudy Culture project](#)

The goal of the project is to explore the potential of cloud services to store and preserve digital cultural heritage.

Switzerland

[CUS P-2 program](#) (French only)

The [CUS P-2 program](#) promotes the consolidation and development efforts of universities in their processing of scientific information.

The Netherlands

[National Library of the Netherlands—Preserving optical media](#)

The [National Library](#) has initiated a project to determine how to stabilize the contents of materials such as CD-ROMS, DVDs and CDs using disk imaging.

See also: [Access to digitized historical text](#)

United Kingdom

[National Archives—Traces through time project](#)

This project will make it easier to locate information held by The National Archives using the latest technology and historical data sets to link related records.

[University of Cambridge—“Ghosts from the past brought back to life”](#) (Imaging techniques)

Text from a 13th century [medieval manuscript](#) is being revealed using a combination of ultraviolet light and photo editing software.

See also: [“When Ancient Texts Vanish...”](#) (United States)

United States

[North Carolina State University \(NCSU\) Libraries—New Voices and Fresh Perspectives: Collecting Social Media initiative](#)

In order to supplement traditional data collection methods, the [NCSU Libraries](#) have collected more than 1.2 million tweets from approximately 380,000 Twitter accounts.

[University of Minnesota Libraries—Data Curation Network project](#)

The Data Curation Network will develop a network-of-expertise model for data curation services that will allow academic libraries to collectively, and more effectively, curate a wider variety of data types.

Products and Tools from Around the World

Canada

[Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec \(BAnQ\)—Guide de gestion des archives : à l'intention des établissements d'enseignement privé du Québec \(version 1.2\)](#) [PDF] (French only)

This guide was published in February 2016.

[British Columbia: Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner—"Accountable Privacy Management in BC's Public Sector"](#) [PDF]

This policy document provides step-by-step guidance for British Columbia public bodies on how to implement effective privacy management programs.

[Esri Canada—ArcGIS Open Data](#)

This [cloud-based geographic information system](#) (GIS) application enables organizations to create interactive open data catalogues or portals quickly, providing an efficient and effective system for sharing data with the public. (Municipal case studies included.)

Australia

[Government of New South Wales \(NSW\)—"Records and information management FAQs – things to think about when deleting backups"](#)

This article discusses the factors organizations need to consider when making decisions about deleting backups.

[National Archives—"Minimum metadata set"](#)

The minimum metadata set identifies nine properties required for the efficient and effective management of a business's information, regardless of the type of information and where it is held.

See also: ["Assessing information management functionality in business systems"](#)

France

[National Archives—"Note d'information relative à la publication de la version 2.0 du Standard d'échange de données pour l'archivage"](#) [PDF] (French only)

Version 2.0 of this data management guide replaces the previous version published in 2012.

Ireland

[Dublin Core and the Digital Repository of Ireland Version 2](#)

This updated guide was published in December 2015.

See also: [Launch of new digital objects factsheets](#); [MODS and the Digital Repository of Ireland](#)

New Zealand

[National Archives—“Records Management and the Cloud”](#) [PDF]

Public offices and local authorities are ultimately responsible and accountable for managing their records, wherever they are held. This guide describes the implications of the use of cloud services by public offices and local authorities as defined in the [Public Records Act 2005](#).

Switzerland

[Guide de gestion des documents pour l'administration cantonale](#) (version 2.0) (French only)

This new version of the guide was published in January 2016.

United Kingdom

[Transport for London \(TfL\)—Amazon Web Service \(AWS\) Cloud case study](#)

AWS Cloud is being used to protect [TfL's](#) archive of over 140,000 digital and digitized files.

United States

[EMC Corporation—EMC InfoArchive 4.0](#)

As organizations modernize they are looking for tools that will reduce costs while continuing to make large amounts of data available to the organization. The EMC InfoArchive 4.0 helps organizations do this efficiently and securely.

[National Archives Records Administration \(NARA\)—“Criteria for Managing Email Records in Compliance with the Managing Government Records Directive \(M-12-18\)”](#) [PDF]

The criteria were developed to provide clarification of the existing requirements related to email management.

See also: [“Archives Synthesizes Criteria for Agency Email Management”](#); [“Sample Agency Implementation on Capstone”](#); [“First Approvals to Use Capstone GRS \(General Records Schedule\)”](#)

[ZL Technologies Inc.—ZL File Analysis and Management tool](#)

This new tool's advanced file analysis capabilities allow organizations to better manage and share enormous amounts of corporate information.

Studies and Surveys

United States

Survey: [“2016 Socrata Open Data Benchmark Study”](#) [PDF]

Sponsored by [Socrata](#) and conducted by [EMC Research](#), March 2016

Using a list of respondents connected to open data provided by Socrata, a total of 506 surveys were completed. All respondents identified themselves as working for a government entity in the United States.

The [survey](#) was designed to better understand the current attitudes and opinions on the open data environment among publishers and users of open data.

The survey asked respondents from governments throughout the United States a series of questions about open data in their organizations.

The questions covered a wide range of open data aspects, including policy, philosophy and approach, benefits and impacts, and asked them to evaluate government performance on providing this data.

Global

Survey report: [“What will it take to be a NextGen InfoPro?”](#) [PDF] (Download is free)

Presented by Bob Larrivee, Director of Custom Research, AIIM, at the AIIM Conference 2015

The survey was carried out in May 2015, with 264 responses from individual members of the AIIM community. 61% of the respondents are from North America and 21% are from Europe, covering a representative spread of various industry sectors.

This survey report examines expectations organizations have of their information professionals over the next three to five years, how respondents see themselves in relation to these growing expectations, and the steps they can take to gain the necessary skill sets to remain relevant in today's world.

Section 4—Selected Readings and Recordings

Articles, White Papers, Presentations, Reports, Videos and Podcasts

Canada

Video: [“BAnQ numérique : Bâtir l’écosystème du savoir”](#) (French only)

Presented by Jean-François Gauvin, director of Architecture and Design at [Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec](#) (BAnQ), May 31, 2016.

This talk was given at the [Web à Québec 2016 conference](#).

Australia

Article: [“Digital Continuity 2020: A Vendor’s Perspective”](#)

Written by Rainer Krause, managing director of [ELO Digital Office AU/NZ](#). Published May 27, 2016.

The article discusses the importance of how industry and suppliers to government interpret and respond to mandates such as the [National Archives of Australia’s Digital Continuity 2020 policy](#). See also: [National Archives of Australia director-general David Fricker on the value of information](#). (Podcast)

Austria

Presentation: [“The Austrian National Library’s Vision 2025”](#)

Written by Max Kaiser, head of Research and Development [Austrian National Library](#) June 2015.

The presentation was given at the 5th International Colloquium of Library and Information Experts of the V4+ Countries.

France

Report: [“Rapport au Premier ministre sur la gouvernance de la donnée 2015”](#) (French only)

Published by: Administrateur général des données, December 2015.

This is the first in a series of annual reports from France’s General Secretariat for Modernization and Public Action.

Germany

Paper: [“Cloud-supported preservation of digital papers: A solution for special collections?”](#)

Written by Dirk Weisbrod, Graduated Librarian, PhD student at [Humboldt University, Berlin](#). Featured in *LIBER Quarterly*, Volume 25, Issue 3, 2016.

The author discusses the use of a cloud architecture to preserve digital papers.

New Zealand

Presentation: [“How to support participation and quality contribution on websites for crowdsourcing cultural heritage” \[PDF\]](#)

Presented by Donelle McKinley, [School of Information Management](#), Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, October 13, 2015. [PDF]

The presentation was given at the National Digital Forum 2015 conference. ([Includes PDF slides](#))

United Kingdom

Research report: [“The application of technology-assisted review to born-digital records transfer, inquiries and beyond” \[PDF\]](#)

Published by [The National Archives, United Kingdom](#), February 2016.

Trials of eDiscovery software were conducted to test how various tools and processes could help meet the challenges of born-digital records. The report summarizes key lessons learned.

Case study: [“Think big, start small, move fast—How the York Museums Trust started opening up its collection” \[PDF\]](#)

Written by Lieke Ploeger: [Open Knowledge International](#), February 2016.

This case study describes how the [York Museums Trust](#) published their online collection, and the effect this had, including different examples of the reuse of their content.

United States

Article: [“When data grows old: An agency model to optimize aging data”](#)

Written by Greg Gardner, chief architect, [Defense and Intelligence Solutions, NetApp \(US Public Sector\)](#). Featured in *GCN*, December 4, 2015.

Data does not last forever, a fact that has implications for how agencies secure and access their data.

Paper: [“A Case Study of Metadata Creation in the University of North Texas Libraries’ Digital Collections”](#)

Written by Hanna Tarver, Oksana Zavalina and Mark Phillips, [University of North Texas](#), 2016.

The paper provides an overview of how documentation, information organization, metadata, and technological infrastructure function together in large digital collections to address multiple needs.

Article: [“Tools for Discovering and Archiving the Mobile Web”](#)

Written by Frank McCown, Monica Yarbrough and Keith Enlow, [Harding University](#). Featured in *D-Lib Magazine*, March/April 2015, Volume 21, Number 3/4.

The authors discuss a new tool that will assist web archivists in the collection of ephemeral web content.

Books

Selected Readings

[*Management Skills for Archivists and Records Managers: Principles and Practice in Records Management and Archives*](#), Facet Publishing, (2016)

This book introduces the range of management skills employed by records managers and archivists, and shows how they may be applied to improve service delivery, accountability and transparency.

[*The Facet Preservation Collection 2*](#) (Facet Publishing, 2016)

This collection contains eight books written by leading academics and practitioners containing information and practical guidance on preservation for libraries, archives and museums.

David R. Matthews, [*Electronically Stored Information: The Complete Guide to Management, Understanding, Acquisition, Storage, Search, and Retrieval \(Second Edition\)*](#) (2016)

This book provides practical information for effectively managing electronically stored information.

Baptiste Essevez-Roulet, [*La numérisation d'archives – des fondamentaux techniques aux programmes de numérisation*](#) (2016) (French only)

This book provides useful information for organizations that are digitizing their archives.

[*Archiviste d'aujourd'hui : guide pratique*](#) (Association des archivistes du Québec, 2016) (French only)

This guide contains practical information of interest to today's archivists.