

Travel to Portland is always welcome, but never more so than when it involves the opportunity to meet new and familiar colleagues, tour art libraries, and to listen to presentations on projects and activities.



I had never visited PNCA in Portland and found Serenity's tour of the space very useful as I work in a similar (although smaller!) library. The issues she faces are familiar and I garnered many ideas that I brought back to my Director including simple idea such as the endcap book displays.

Similarly, I had not visited the PAM library and was pleased to be able to see it before they move into their new space. It was good to meet Jessica and to hear about some of her challenges as the sole librarian at this important Portland institution.

Traci and Paula's presentations were enlightening. I was inspired by the project Traci is doing with her archives and Shared Shelf Commons and plan to talk with her more regarding her work and process as I may be interested in doing something along the same lines. Paula's presentation was eye-opening as to the difference in professional practice in Canada and I loved this idea of taking time for professional and personal development while being supported by one's place of work. She obviously benefited greatly from her time in the UK with the Architecture librarians.



I also welcomed the time spent in discussions with Alan and Traci regarding the logistics and topics regarding the Wittenborn Award committee work we are doing. This is going to be a very big project and being able to touch base was invaluable.

I want to thank the travel award committee once again for this travel award as it enabled me to attend this valuable conference and I look forward to future meetings and in becoming more involved in my local chapter.

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