



U.S. Department of Transportation



NTL Reference and NTKN Update

Transportation Librarians Roundtable, December 14, 2023

Current Outreach/Reference

- Continuing to provide reference/expand ILL service (Vicki and Charlotte)
 - After closure of Volpe Library, ILL volume quadrupled from 2022 to 2023
 - Continuing to have majority BTS questions and most of those re airline data
 - Performing in-depth searches for DOT staff as needed (Rosalyn)
 - Updating directory of specialists in BTS/DOT
 - Expanding monthly reporting to include customer type information
- Transportation and Climate Change Clearinghouse monthly updates continue:
<https://transportation.libguides.com/TCCC>



Current Outreach/Reference

- National Library Week:
 - Intro to the NTL session, attended by 75+, was reprised for intern orientation in June
 - EBSCO database training demo
 - Featured collections/initiatives, special days on Twitter
- Represented NTL at the Special Libraries Association conference in May
- Expanding outreach to new USDOT employees: 5-minute library introduction to new staff starting soon
- Joined BTS Social Media Team, expanding and cooperating re Twitter use (@USDOTNTL)
- Attending TRB in January (worked with graphics on new NTL flyer)



National Transportation Knowledge Network

The National Transportation Knowledge Network (NTKN) is a voluntary alliance of transportation organizations, which supports a network of transportation information professionals, who collaborate to expand, improve access to, and preserve the domain of transportation knowledge.

- <https://transportation.libguides.com/NTKN>
- Rosalyn Alleman – NTKN Coordinator
- Updating events calendar and LibGuides;
- Scheduling future meetings (quarterly all-member meetings);
- 2 Coordinating Committee meetings per quarter
- Communities of Practice meet every other month (Library Advocacy, Cooperative Digitization, 508 Compliance and Data Curation);



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NTKN Activities:

- Monthly meet-and-greets for transportation librarians (MS Teams);
- New Transportation Librarians Mentoring Program:
 - Matched 4 pairs so far (since Sept. 2022)
 - Currently looking for mentors!
 - Provides list of important resources in the field
- New LibGuide and handout on Library Advocacy launched, just completed survey of librarians
- MnDOT transportation library report collection distributed to other libraries when it lost its website



NTKN Communities of Practice

New to the NTKN in October 2023:
Data Curation Community of Practice!

Coordinated by Jesse Long and Ariel Hahn

