

Archives & Archivists SIG Meeting
Wednesday, August 19, 2026; 2:00-3:00 pm MT on Teams
Facilitators: Co-chairs Abby Smith and Michael Mongeau
Attendance: 16

1. Welcome and Introductions- Michael Mongeau

Michael apologized for not sending out a reminder about the meeting and explained that he has been on vacation and that other issues left him pressed for time. He said that the meeting would be short, as he and Abby believed they had a repository highlight lined up, but the plan fell through. Abby says they will strive to have one for the SIG meeting in December, since the October meeting will be in person at the New Mexico Library Association conference.

2. Archives Bazaar in Santa Fe

The Archives Bazaar will be held on Tuesday, October 6 from 10-2 in the Piñon Room at the State Records and Archives Center. The theme is “New Mexico at the Crossroads,” reflecting the America 250 observations and simultaneously acknowledging the 100th anniversary of Route 66. Dr. Rick Hendricks will speak on the importance of archives for historians. The governor was invited, but has indicated that she will not attend; people suggested extending invitations to congressional representatives Melanie Stansbury and Teresa Leger Fernandez, as well as the mayor of Santa Fe. We are invited to vote on the event branding [here](#).

3. Archival News - Michael Mongeau

Capital B, a nonprofit news organization devoted to topics of interest to Black communities, has launched “For the Record,” a Black oral history archive.

The National Film and Sound Archive of Australia is working with YouTube to add the work of prominent Australian YouTube creators to its collection.

The Society of American Archivists has a new collection called *Radical Visions: New Perspectives on Special Collections Curatorship*.

The Spring/Summer issue of *American Archivist* is out.

The SAA has cosigned a statement with two other organizations objecting to the closing of three National Archives and Records Administration offices in different parts of the country, saying that the closures have been done with little explanation and will reduce the accessibility of materials currently held there.

4. Announcements - Everyone

Abbie Olivas says that she and Portia will deliver an online presentation on UNM historical resources on October 14 from 10:00-11:00. The event is cosponsored by the NMLA Open Access SIG and the UNM open access team.

Portia Vescio announced that an exhibition of photographs by Donatella Davanzo, "Life and Landscape: Route 66 in New Mexico," will begin on August 27 in the Frank Waters Room of UNM's Zimmerman Library. There will be an opening event from 4:00-6:00.

5. Other business

Michael announced that the SIG's next meeting will be a professional development event on September 21 at 2:00 pm.