

### Summary

CTG will bring together thought leaders from academia, government, and private and non-profit organizations through a national forum to explore the future role of public libraries as integral partners in local open government initiatives within the context of a community information ecosystem. CTG will work with an Advisory Committee of representatives from public libraries, local governments, and open government experts to develop an initial concept paper on the roles that public libraries can play in local open government ecosystems.

### Publications & Results

#### Reports and Working Papers (1)

##### Enabling Open Government for All: A Road Map for Public Libraries

Mon, 01 Dec 2014

This report presents the results of a year-long partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and public library and open government experts. The project focused on responding to a growing question about how efforts to open government are influencing, and possibly changing, the role of public libraries in their communities. The report offers six recommendations about leveraging past practices and ensuring a future role for public libraries in the expanding open government agenda emerged from the research and expert meetings. In addition, the report provides two resources to support these recommendations and to help public libraries get started in building their open government agenda.

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### Press Releases & News Stories

#### Press Releases

##### CTG Director is the 1st Woman Selected to Lead Jury in Middle East

Mon, 24 Oct 2016

##### CTG, Albany Law Collaborate on Issue of Urban Blight

Wed, 11 May 2016

##### UAlbany Center for Technology in Government and City of Schenectady Join MetroLab Network

Tue, 03 May 2016

##### CTG Completes Project with NYS Office of Children & Family Services to Help Improve Foster Care

Wed, 02 Dec 2015

##### CTG Launches Project to Help Open Government, Enhance Shared Service

Tue, 17 Nov 2015

UAlbany's CTG is Lead Partner in Increasing Capability of Government Leaders in Egypt  
Wed, 27 May 2015

Four Cities Kick Off Effort to Combat Urban Blight with New York Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grant  
Wed, 13 May 2015

Center for Technology in Government at UAlbany Collaborates with Microsoft on School of Government Program in Africa  
Thu, 29 Jan 2015

Center for Technology in Government publishes Enabling Open Government for All: A Roadmap for Public Libraries  
Wed, 08 Jan 2015

Center for Technology in Government Launches Online Forum to Gather Feedback on the Role Of Public Libraries in Supporting Opening Government  
Wed, 02 Apr 2014

University at Albany and Albany Law School Host Workshop to Address Information Sharing and Coordination Challenges in Financial Market Regulation  
Wed, 13 Nov 2013

UAlbany Center for Technology in Government Receives Federal Grant to Explore the Role of Public Libraries in Open Government  
Thu, 28 Aug 2013

## News Stories

Mind the Gap: 3 Internet of Things Challenges for Local Government  
GovTech  
October 17, 2016

White House plans to help with smart city projects  
ReadWrite  
October 2, 2016

Saratoga Springs can get 'smart' under new plan  
The Saratogian  
July 14, 2016

Schenectady, UAlbany center join MetroLab network  
Daily Gazette  
May 4, 2016

**Urban blight discussion held at UAlbany**

CBS6 Albany

April 19, 2016

**PennDOT Works on Updating Payment System at License Centers**

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

September 19, 2015

**Can Yelp Help Government Win Back the Public's Trust?**

Governing.com

September 09, 2015

**Cities Team Up to Fight Blight**

The Daily Gazette

May 15, 2015

**A Demand-side Open Government Planning Model for Public Libraries**

UpNext: The IMLS Blog

January 9, 2015

**The New And Improved Public Library**

Govloop

January 28, 2015

**Libraries' role in open government to be explored**

Schenectady Daily Gazette

August 31, 2013

**UAlbany to discuss public libraries' roles in government transparency**

American City and County

September 4, 2013

**Center for Technology in Government Will Use Federal Laura Bush Grant to Explore Public Libraries' Role in Open Government**

University at Albany

August 28, 2013

**IMLS Announces Grant for National Forum on the Role of Public Libraries in Local Open Government**

Institute of Museum and Library Services

August 28, 2013

### Advisory Committee

#### **Tom Lee**

*Director of Sunlight Labs, Sunlight Foundation*

Mr. Lee is director of Sunlight Labs, an open source community of thousands dedicated to using technology to transform government. They focus on transparency-the idea that government can be more effective, more honest, and more accountable when it makes data about its process, operations, and influences available to the public. Their work revolves around opening up government data of all forms.

#### **Chrystie Hill**

*Community Relations Director, OCLC*

Ms. Hill is a librarian, writer, and consultant on technology and community building. Ms. Hill has experience with hundreds of libraries and dozens of library organizations making her fluent in the issues related to community building through libraries.

#### **Homa Naficy**

*Chief Adult Learning Officer, Hartford Public Library*

Ms. Naficy joined the Hartford Public Library in 2000 where she designed and directed a program for Hartford's immigrants and refugees called The American Place. As a representative from the Hartford Public Library, she recognizes the needs, interests, and capabilities of public libraries.

#### **Jamie LaRue**

*Director, Douglas County Libraries*

Mr. LaRue has been the Director of the Douglas County Libraries since 1990 and has gained experience throughout his career in public libraries. In his published book, *The New Inquisition: Understanding and Managing Intellectual Freedom Challenges*, he advocates assuming a proactive role in every library function from collection to community outreach.

#### **Barbara Macikas**

*Executive Director, Public Library Association*

Ms. Macikas brings to the committee extensive association management and leadership experience having served as the Executive Director of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) and the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), divisions of the ALA.

#### **Christopher (Cal) Lee**

*Associate Professor, School of Information and Library Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

Dr. Lee teaches archival administration, records management, digital curation, understanding information technology for managing digital collections and acquisition of digital data from physical media. His interest in the professionalization of this work and the diffusion of existing tools and methods (e.g., digital forensics, web archiving, and automated implementation of policies) into professional practice brings a unique aspect to the committee within the field of digital curation practices.

#### **John Carlo Bertot**

*Professor and Co-director, the Information Policy & Access Center (iPAC) in the University of Maryland College Park iSchool*

Dr. Bertot currently serves as President-elect of the Digital Government Society of North America (DGSNA), chair of the International Standards Organization's (ISO) Library Performance Indicator working group, serves as a member of the National Information Standards Organization's (NISO) Business Information Topic committee and currently serves on the ALA Committee on Research and Statistics and E-government Services Subcommittee.

### **Vailey Oehlke**

*Director of Libraries, Multnomah County Library*

Appointed to her role of Director in 2009, Ms. Oehlke is an active member of the American Library Association's Digital Content Working Group, serves on the Executive Boards for the Public Library Association and the Urban Libraries Council and the Oregon Library Association.

### **Philip Eppard**

*Chair of the Information Studies Department, College of Computing and Information, University at Albany*

As a University at Albany faculty member since 1988, Dr. Eppard has worked to develop a specialization in archives and records administration at the University. His research, experience and leadership in archives, preservation management, rare books, contemporary publishing and the history of recorded information have helped build ties amongst the University and the library and preservation community.

## **Funding Sources**

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## **Related Websites**

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

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