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Tribal Libraries, Museums, and Archives of the United States: Directory and Interactive Map

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Developing a Tribal Libraries, Archives, & Museums (TLAMs) Directory

[https://triballibraries.wordpress.com/](https://triballibraries.wordpress.com/)

1. **Background**
   - American Indian Library Association (AILA) proposed an online directory & map to:
     - Support AILA mission of improving library & information services for American Indians
     - Create an accessible resource listing TLAMs
     - Advocate for tribal institutions & organizations nationally
   - Emerging Leader Team (J.L. Colbert, Aisha Conner-Gaten, Netanel Ganin, Garrison Libby, Rhiannon Sorrell) began in February 2018

2. **Process**
   Given the timeline, the scope of the online directory was initially narrowed to basic TLAM institutional information including address, website, & nations affiliated with the institution.
   - Create long form survey
   - Create short survey
   - Create & send to test list
   - Send & collect data via short survey from TLAMs

3. **Results**
   - Given the response rate, data collection was altered by:
     - Minimizing questions from 25 to 15
     - Providing additional time for institutional conversations around data and permissions

4. **Further Work**
   - Resource sustainability
     - Keep current listing up to date
     - Project metadata & documentation
   - Switch platforms to online ArcGIS for more flexibility
   - Expanding Directory Content
     - Addition of institutional heritage & knowledge
     - Intentional interviewing & data collection of TLAMs