

DALAM



Thematic Network on Decolonization of Arctic Library and Archives Metadata

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The DALAM network works in the area of decolonization of metadata, descriptive cataloguing, archival description, classification systems, subject headings, and other terminology that is used by libraries and archives. The network serves as a community of practice for librarians, archivists and information professionals who work in this area.

Goals

- ✧ To help libraries and archives correct the culturally inappropriate, incorrect and colonially centered metadata, subject headings and descriptive records which currently exist in Arctic collections.
- ✧ To support Indigenous Peoples in defining the ways in which they and their environments are described in this domain.
- ✧ To make Arctic Indigenous languages more present in metadata, subject headings and descriptive records.
- ✧ To build infrastructure, practices, tools, and relationships among Thematic Network partners to promote sustainability going forward.

Activities

- ✧ Regular meetings of the network to identify issues and problems that the network partners can jointly address
- ✧ Biennial Network meetings in conjunction with the Polar Libraries Colloquy to provide opportunities for sharing research results
- ✧ Develop shared tools to help partners in their decolonization work
- ✧ Develop educational activities for partners
- ✧ Meets monthly
- ✧ Recruit additional partners, particularly Indigenous partners
- ✧ Planning sessions for the 29th Polar Libraries Colloquy to be held in Tromsø, Norway in 2024
- ✧ Educational events for members
- ✧ Development of an inventory of community approved dictionaries and terminology lists

The DALAM network relates to SDG 10 (Reduced Inequality). This new global Arctic network among polar librarians and archivists was established in 2022. Its emphasis is on promoting the inclusion of all and reducing inequalities of outcome by eliminating discriminatory practices and promoting appropriate policies and tools.

DALAM network is open for all.

Join Us!

DALAM is seeking an Indigenous Co-Lead for our network and we are always welcoming new members!

