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Since 2009 the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Research Library has worked to make its publications, museum artifacts, research data, and archival collections accessible to our own researchers and the public. This poster illustrates the paths taken to make the various collections findable, accessible, and properly preserved.

The effort has involved collaboration with several other government agencies such as the Library of Congress, the Government Printing Office, the National Center for Biotechnology Information, and private vendors. Each was chosen for their ability to meet requirements and their missions' alignment with our own.

Several members of the NIST Research Library staff have worked together on this successful journey over the past decade. Librarians have created and repurposed administrative and descriptive metadata for the collections; worked to create digital surrogates of artifacts; researched historical information to correct and update documentation; written statements of work; contributed to and written collections policies; and much more. The work performed affects a cohesive approach to preserving and showcasing the agency's heritage.