Geo4LibCamp 2017

Where: Stanford University
When: January 30 - February 1, 2017
Who: GIS developers, librarians, managers
Website: https://wiki.duraspace.org/display/hydra/Geo4LibCamp+2017
Twitter: #Geo4LibCamp

Geo4LibCamp is a hands-on meeting to bring together those building repository services for geospatial data. The main focus is to share best-practices, solve common problems, and address technical issues with integrating geospatial data into a repository and associated services. For the purposes of the camp, we broadly define geospatial data from scanned maps and aerial photography to highly structured shapefiles. The camp is structured as an unconference with suggested topics coming from the participants on the first day of the meeting, but we will also have a few prepared sessions.

Following the camp, on Thursday and Friday, we will have optional post-conference working sessions. We are organizing the 2 day post conference working sessions around the theme of "Becoming a contributor", both for librarians and developers. For contributing data, we’d consider issues like: What is OpenGeoMetadata? What tools are available for sharing? What data and metadata are available from elsewhere? We’d like you to bring your own data and get consultation from others on what to do! For contributing feature, we’d consider issues like: how to harvest more data, developing index maps, being a contributing software developer, etc. We’d like you to bring questions about new or existing features you’d like to see and discuss them with others!

Agenda

The main event will be a 3 day unconference on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, followed by an optional 2-day working session on Thursday and Friday (detailed agenda). We will have a dinner on Monday evening, a catered lunch on Monday, and coffee/snacks each day.

There’s a blog post which summarizes what we did during Geo4LibCamp 2016 here: http://library.stanford.edu/blogs/digital-library-blog/2016/02/inaugural-geo4libcamp-forges-new-collaborations.

Registration

Registration will open in September 12, 2016 and cost $125. We're limiting the event to 40 attendees.

Travel and Lodging

Stanford University is located in Palo Alto, CA which is near both San Francisco Airport (SFO) and San Jose Airport (SJC). The campus is connected to the Palo Alto Caltrain station and the campus itself has a free shuttle service called Marguerite. From the train station, you can take the P shuttle to the "Campus Oval" or the X / Y shuttles to elsewhere on campus. There is limited visitor parking available on campus. Uber, taxis, and metro buses are available too.

We recommend the Cardinal Hotel in downtown Palo Alto (235 Hamilton Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94301; 1-650-323-5101; http://www.cardinalhotel.com). We’ve arranged discounted rates which you can book using this direct link. They have standard and shared bath rooms.

Aside from the Cardinal Hotel, there are numerous lodging options near campus and along the Caltrain route. The lodging expenses vary quite a bit in Palo Alto and the surrounding areas as we are located in the heart of Silicon Valley. Downtown Palo Alto (along University Avenue) is the most convenient location as it's a short walking distance to the Palo Alto train station, campus, and to many restaurants. Try Kayak, Yelp, Airbnb, etc. to identify lodging options in the mid-Peninsula region.

Event Location

The main event will be held at the Hartley Conference Center located on the 1st floor of the Mitchell Earth Sciences Building (at 397 Panama Mall, Stanford, CA), which is near to the main quad on the Stanford University campus. The Branner Earth Sciences Library is just upstairs from our meeting room. The building is on the route of the X / Y / SLAC shuttles, or walking distance from the Campus Oval on the P shuttle route.

The post-conference sessions will be held on the 3rd floor of Lathrop Library, which is adjacent to the Campus Oval.

Sunday Night Dinner

If you're in town Sunday night (Jan 29th) and want to grab dinner, we will meet in the lobby of the Cardinal Hotel (235 Hamilton Ave) at 6pm. There are several great restaurants a short walking distance from the hotel.

Tuesday Morning at David Rumsey Map Center

We're excited to have our Tuesday morning sessions in the new David Rumsey Map Center. Take a moment to pre-register (http://bit.ly/geo4lib) as it will save you a lot of time getting through the visitor protocol at the Green Library entrance. The center is part of our special collections, so we have a few rules:

- While food and drink are not permitted in the center, closed containers with water are permitted for your event.
• Please do not sit or lean on the tables. They are finicky and expensive to repair.
• We have one all-gender restroom for your use. A key will be provided.
• The next closest restrooms are one flight down our staircase and through the door. The men's restroom is immediately to the left. Follow the path all the way around the corner to get to the women's restroom.
• Additional restrooms are located off the rotunda at the bottom of our staircase.

At the Green Library entrance, mention that you are here for the Geo4LibCamp Meeting at the Rumsey Map Center and the Portal Monitor will let you in.

Directions: The best way to get to the David Rumsey Map Center is as follows:

1. Enter Green Library through the Bing Wing Entrance (entrance facing the Main Quad). If you are unable to use the stairs, please turn right past the entrance turnstile and take the elevator to the 4th floor. Ring the bell and we will be with you shortly.
2. If able, proceed up the grand staircase (recommended) to the 2nd floor, onto the Rotunda. The Rotunda has a large round table at the center.
3. Turn to your right as you face the table and find the entrance to the Center, marked “David Rumsey Map Center.”
4. Come up those stairs to the 4th floor and ring the bell at the top of the stairs. We will be with you shortly.

Code of Conduct

Our conference is dedicated to providing a harassment-free conference experience for everyone, regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, or religion (or lack thereof). We do not tolerate harassment of conference participants in any form. Sexual language and imagery is not appropriate for any conference venue, including talks, workshops, parties, Twitter and other online media. Conference participants violating these rules may be sanctioned or expelled from the conference without a refund at the discretion of the conference organisers.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact us via email at darren.hardy@stanford.edu.

See a summary blog post about the event.