



samvera

2022 Annual Report



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From the Community

In 2022, much of the Samvera Community's focus was on our software development planning, exploring how our technology stack and components will serve future needs of our community. This work included pledging and fulfilling dedicated technology maintenance development, directing resources to sustain the Hyrax Technical Lead role; and eliminating barriers to community development work by eliminating contributor license agreements. The community also looked to the future of our supported technologies by piloting the [It Takes a Village toolkit activities](#) for strategic planning and technology goal setting.

2022 was our first year with institutions and organizations pledging maintenance hours. This approach allowed institutions to better plan when they could commit staff time to working on Samvera's much needed maintenance across a myriad of applications. Our goal of 2,000 hours was far exceeded with 3,300 hours pledged, resulting in the equivalent of almost 2 FTE devoted to maintaining our software. We were able to upgrade both Hyrax and Avalon to Rails 6, Blacklight 7 and Bootstrap 4. We made significant improvements to Analytics for Collections and Works in Hyrax, and cleared out a significant backlog of maintenance issues. Looking at our Github repos, this focus on maintenance paid off, as we saw a significant increase in individual contributors and doubled our number of contributing institutions.

This year the Samvera Board sent a proposal to Partners to use community funds to reimburse a Partner institution for part of a developer's salary for the Hyrax Tech Lead role. The Roadmaps Alignment Group recommended this funding as a one year pilot, as a more affordable alternative to the funding of a broader technical role outlined in the 2018 Governance recommendations. The group came to the conclusion that a broader technical role could not be effective when Hyrax development is without stable technical leadership. Hyrax is currently in use at 20 Partner institutions, and the Community acknowledges that past volunteers in the Hyrax Technical Lead role found the position to be challenging and likely to cause burnout. After approval from the Partners to dip into cash reserves, we were happy to welcome Daniel Pierce from Indiana University to the role in July 2022. This approach will be evaluated in 2023 to determine a path for sustainability for this and other important community volunteer roles.

In early 2022, the Board decided to no longer require Contributor License Agreements from individuals or institutions to contribute to Samvera technologies. Rather, we now rely on the protections already included in the Apache 2 license and in the GitHub license agreement to meet the same legal protection needs. Thanks to our fiscal sponsor, OASIS Open, we were able to discuss and confirm this approach with legal counsel experienced in open source licensing. The elimination of CLAs allows for a more efficient and friendlier contribution process, and demonstrates that Samvera is committed to ensuring participation is easy and that the Community is welcoming.

Now we're looking at what comes next for Samvera software. Throughout 2022, the Samvera Board and Community leaders piloted a series of activities that are included in the It Takes a Village toolkit, created as part of an IMLS grant managed by Lyris. We found these activities to be invaluable strategic planning tools, and have carried the outcomes of these activities forward into 2023. We're also focused on completing the work to fully integrate Valkyrie into Hyrax, so that all our supported technologies can offer greater flexibility and adaptability to future requirements.



Samvera Partners

In 2022, Samvera welcomed El Colegio de México as our newest Samvera Partner. We also saw one institution, University of York, withdraw from Partnership. We concluded 2022 with 33 Partners committed to leading and supporting Samvera Community work:

Boston Public Library	Stanford University
Columbia University	Tufts University
Cornell University	Ubiquity Press
CoSector, University of London	University of California, San Diego
Data Curation Experts	University of California, Santa Barbara
Digital Repository of Ireland	University of Cincinnati
Duke University	University of Houston Libraries
El Colegio de México	University of Hull
Emory University	University of Michigan
Hyku for Consortia	University of Notre Dame
Indiana University	University of Oregon
Lafayette College	University of Utah
Northwestern University	University of Virginia
Oregon State University	Washington University in St. Louis (WUSTL)
Penn State University	WGBH Media Library and Archives
Princeton University Library	Yale University
Software Services by Scientist.com (formerly Notch8)	

We are grateful for the many kinds of support that we are given, not only from our formal Partners and their staff, but also from many other organizations in our Community.



2022 At A Glance

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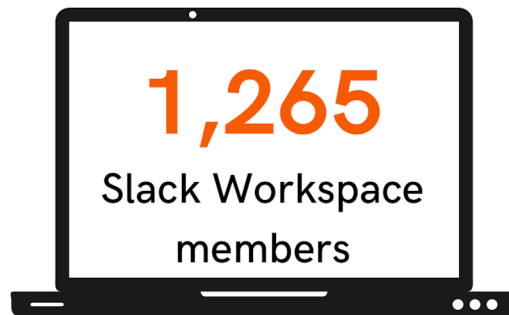
Active Working Groups
& Interest Groups

Developer Congress Efforts

- Valkyriized Hyrax
- Dependency upgrades
- Onboarding new developers

2022 Julie Allinson Award

Awarded to
Tamsin Johnson,
University of California,
Santa Barbara



Virtual Connect

142 attendees

22 presenters

Connect 2022

200+ attendees

85+ organizations

48 presenters

3,300
pledged maintenance
hours fulfilled

Most Active Components

hyrax

bloom-iiif

bulkrax

clover-iiif

hyku

GitHub Activity

71 contributors

28 institutions

11 active Github

repositories

2,253 commits



Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2022

Assets

Cash	_____	\$398,642
Accounts Receivables	_____	\$38,500
Prepaid Expenses	_____	\$1
Prepaid Host Admin Fees	_____	\$12,500
Total Assets	_____	\$449,643

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	_____	\$4,017
Liability: J Allinson Memorial Award	_____	\$169
Deferred Liabilities: Partner Dues	_____	\$108,208
Total Liabilities	_____	\$112,394
Surplus/(Deficit)	_____	\$5,972

Total Liabilities and Net Assets **\$449,643**



Combined Statements of Activities

December 31, 2022

Revenues

Samvera Partners

Partner Dues: Academic/Non Profits	_____	\$192,625
Partner Dues: Service Providers	_____	\$1,500
Total Partner Dues Revenues	_____	\$194,125
<i>Adjustment for Deferred Revenues</i>	_____	\$(0)
Total Recognized Income from Dues	_____	\$194,125
TOTAL INCOME	_____	\$194,125

Expenses

Salaries, Taxes, and Fringe: Community Manager	_____	\$108,540
Consulting & Related Expenses	_____	\$4,578
Conferences, Meetings & Travel Expenses	_____	\$9,640
Marketing Expenses	_____	\$500
Other Operating Expenses	_____	\$6,629
Other Administrative Expenses	_____	\$240
OODF FaaS Admin Fee Expense	_____	\$50,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	_____	\$180,127
TOTAL INCREASE IN NET ASSETS		\$13,998