I would like to thank the Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians for its generous support in helping me to attend its Annual Conference. It provided an opportunity for me to explore a number of areas in technical services that I was less familiar with while also building on previous knowledge and experience.

I was able to attend a number of sessions including: "Project Management 101: What is a Project Charter and How Do I Create One?”, "Decisions, Decisions: How to Determine the Appropriate Method of Cataloging Special Collections in the 21st Century," "Getting Content the Institution Needs for a Price the Library Can Afford," "Welcome Aboard! Now Get to Work!", "Xposing the Archives," "Using OmekaS for Linked Data."

The Keynote session by Karen Estlund on Retrocon included a scintillating conversation on bias in data and various principles of Linked Data. I have heard frequent discussions surrounding these subjects and it was very helpful to gain more perspective on this. The presentation also touched on a subject that I have frequently heard several of my technical services colleagues discuss: the potential lack of manpower and qualifications in the cataloging work force in the future. This part of the presentation along with the ensuing discussion of machine learning and AI provided much insight into challenges that face the cataloging industry and how these changes might affect other areas in the library and information science field.

As a student concentrating in archives and records management, the "Xposing Archives" session was particularly relevant to my interests and provided me with additional insight into some of the challenges of converting EAD to MARC. The "Decisions, Decisions: How to Determine the Appropriate Method of Cataloging Special Collections in the 21st Century" also gave me quite a bit of insight into the thinking process behind determining which cataloging methods and types accessibility best fit different situations.

Craig Boman and Cara Mia Calabrese's "Welcome Aboard! Now Get to Work!" session was also much appreciated as I will soon be establishing myself in a new work place. Both are relatively new to their positions which provided me with helpful perspectives and tips in acclimating to a new working environment. There was also some great discussion by supervisors within the group on how they help to orient their new colleagues.

In moving forward in my career, I hope to continue to be directly involved with content creation and outward facing aspects of libraries and archives. As such, the session on "Using Omeka S for Linked Data" was a particularly relevant topic. I have worked with the Omeka Classic before and hope to continue to develop projects with this or a similar platform. I was not familiar with Omeka S before coming to this conference and came away with another option for building Omeka sites that I definitely hope to explore in the future.

I also anticipate that collaborative projects will be a continued part of my career as I take on new opportunities and the "Project Management 101: What is a Project Charter and How Do I Create One?" provided helpful guidelines on how to build a framework to set up a cooperative project for success as well as tips on how to execute it. There are so many moving parts to these types of undertakings and it
can be difficult to keep project objectives consistent and on track throughout the entire process. It was especially helpful to receive some guidance on how to organize and execute various aspects of a project and discuss how to approach some of the challenges one might encounter in various stages.

The trip to the Studebaker National Museum was an added treat and provided a wonderful atmosphere to continue to get to know several of the individuals I met. I also quite enjoyed the Digital Visualization Theater activity and hope to see more programs like it in the future. I would love to see some more discussion on the applications for this and similar technologies in the field.

In closing, I would like to say that the experience from this conference has encouraged me to continue to attend conferences that are slightly out of my area of expertise. Some of the information presented here either directly or indirectly interacts with the work that I hope to do in the future and I wish to continue to expand my knowledge and understand different parts of the library profession. It most certainly helped me to understand some of the conversations I hear when speaking with individuals in technical services and also provides me with an opportunity to incorporate some of this knowledge into my own work directly.