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PROFILE

ANDREA
Graduate Student
Large Midwestern University

In the midst of researching for her dissertation she is moving out of her apartment and finalizing plans for an archive trip spanning 3 southern states.

CURRENT WORK
Mining book citations to inform what she will want to see at various archives. Then, she heads to the library in the afternoon with a specific goal of getting more context around Georgia within the timeframe she is studying.

UNIQUE EXPERTISE
She is super organized! She uses several methods to track and manage her productivity, including bullet notebooks and OneNote.

TOOLS I USE

APPLICATIONS USED
- Word
- Excel
- OneNote
- OneDrive
- DEVONthink Pro

WEBSITES USED
- Various archives
- Google
- Library website and linked sources

DEVICES USED

SUPPLIES

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STUDY LOCATIONS
Working from her apartment, downtown and university library

ARCHIVE TRAVEL
Various archives
- Georgia
- South Carolina

BREAK
“The way I use books has changed over time. We don’t really read books.”

“You can’t beat the searchability of a digital book. Because some sections are not relevant so getting to the relevant section in a large book is important.”

**WHAT I CHOOSE**

**CITATION MINING**
She loves when digital copies allow her to click on a citation and jump to the relevant passage in a book.

**EXTRACTING SPECIFIC INFO**
While she likes scanning a physical book, pulling out the quotes and putting them in another document is easier with a digital version.

**CLOSE READING**
She likes to make notes in the margin and keep her thoughts with the text.

**REUSING -OR- REVISITING A TEXT**
For those books she references again she uses different colored pens and dates to denote each reading.

She mentioned that she likes physical books because “I have a conversation with the book”, writing in the book instead of handwritten notes.