



The CRRA Liaisons Council Bulletin brings monthly news on members' professional development, achievements and conferences, as well as institutional projects and grant opportunities. This bulletin looks to help support and grow our community. Thanks for submitting your news and articles.

1. CRRA Data Collection on the Value of the Portal

CRRA Liaisons, Collections, DAC and Scholars committees have developed a survey designed to better understand scholars' use of Catholic research resources and to explore what is unique and important about the Portal, where is it duplicative, and how it might be improved and made more relevant or useful.

The survey is intended to be shared with current and prospective Portal users by CRRA members. In order to assist member institutions in collecting data locally, a short video presentation of the Portal accompanies the survey. The questionnaire is short with open and closed questions specific to the goals. The survey will remain open through the fall semester. Please complete the survey and also share with others at your institution. To start the survey, please go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/crra_portal_survey.

Special thanks to Josh Dinsman, Ph.D., CRRA Website Manager and Digital Projects Assistant for his assistance in designing the survey and Barry University for putting together the intro to the Portal video.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pat Lawton, Digital Projects Librarian, CRRA, University of Notre Dame, at plawton@nd.edu.

Thank you in advance for participation!

2. CRRA Liaisons Council New Chair

Desirae Zingarelli-Sweet, Reference & Instruction Librarian for Theology, Loyola Marymount University, has accepted the position of Chair of the CRRA Liaisons Council. This is a two-year appointment. Her duties will include coordinating informational webinars, submitting brief reports on Council activities and ensuring there is an open line of communication between member libraries and CRRA. The chair may also participate in strategic planning discussions with the CRRA committees and/or the board via phone conferences. More information on her responsibilities may be found at [Liaisons group](#). Let's welcome [Desirae](#) to her appointment and help her to complete it successfully.

Sincere Thanks to Outgoing Chair, Ximena Valdivia

On behalf of CRRA and the Liaisons Council, we extend a warm and sincere THANK YOU to Ximena Valdivia for her service as Liaisons chair. Ximena's accomplishments during her tenure have advanced the work of the CRRA and fostered the sense of community among Liaisons in many ways. A few of her many contributions include: Ximena spearheaded and supported the publication of this *Bulletin*, a terrific resource for sharing Liaison news and building community. Ximena coordinated the making of the Portal video, and was chief architect of the Portal Survey and a major force behind the discovery of links to the Portal and News Archive to member websites. Sincere thanks, Ximena, for your generous service and sharing of your many talents.

3. 2017 Conferences and Workshops

3a. Digital Preservation 2017: "Preservation is Political"

The National Digital Stewardship Alliance (NDSA) will hold its annual conference, Digital Preservation 2017: "Preservation is Political," in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 25-26, 2017. Digital Preservation is the major meeting and conference of the NDSA—open to members and non-members alike—focusing on tools, techniques, theories and methodologies for digital stewardship and preservation, data curation, the content lifecycle, and related issues. Our 2017 meeting is once again held in partnership with our host organization, the Digital Library Federation (DLF). DLF's October 22nd [pre-conference](#) event (bringing together HBCUs and liberal arts colleges) and the [2017 DLF Forum](#) (23-24 October) are all happening in the same location. Registration and details at <http://ndsa.org/meetings/>.

3b. LITA Forum

November 9 – 12, 2017, Embassy Suites by Hilton Denver Downtown Convention Center, Denver, CO. The Library and Information Technology Association Forum is the annual gathering of about 300 technology-minded information professionals. This 3-day technology-focused conference is where technology meets the practicality of daily information operations in archives, libraries, and other information services. The Forum is an ideal place to interact with fellow library technologists. Attendees are working at the cutting edge of library technology and are interested in making connections with technically-inclined colleagues and learn about new directions and projects in libraries. Information and details at <http://forum.lita.org/>

3d. ALA Midwinter

February 9 – 13, 2018, Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO

Full registration for the 2017 Midwinter Meeting will include the new Symposium on the Future of Libraries, sponsored by the ALA Center for the Future of Libraries.

Information, registration and details at <https://2018.alamidwinter.org/>

3e. More on Conferences

Listing of digital library meetings, workshops, and conferences, as well as other activities associated with digital libraries research and technologies, click on Digital Library Federation [DFL Community calendar](#)

4. Grant Opportunities

Michigan State University Libraries publishes a compilation of web pages and books of potential interest to nonprofit organizations seeking funding opportunities related to religion. Please go to [Grants for Nonprofits: Religion and Social Change](#) . Also for Faith Based Grants, check out GrantWatch for faith based grants supporting at-risk youth, crime victims and community organizations. 86 Faith Based Grants available at <https://www.grantwatch.com/cat/11/faith-based-grants.html>. Library of Congress published a Foundation Grants for Preservation in Libraries, Archives, and Museums list, to access the 2010 edition go to <https://www.loc.gov/preservation/about/foundtn-grants.pdf>

OPPORTUNITY NUMBER	OPPORTUNITY TITLE	AGENCY NAME	POSTED DATE	CLOSE DATE
20171017-AKA	Humanities Connections	NEH	8/17/2017	10/17/2017
LB21-FY18-1	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program	IMLS	7/20/2017	1/16/2018
NLG-LIBRARIES-FY18-1	National Leadership Grants for Libraries	IMLS	7/20/2017	1/16/2018
MAJOR-201807	Access to Historical Records: Major Initiatives	NARA	7/14/2017	7/11/2018
PRELIM-201801	Access to Historical Records: Major Initiatives (Preliminary)	NARA	7/14/2017	1/18/2018
LEADERSHIP-201712	Archives Leadership Institute	NARA	6/12/2017	12/7/2017
ENGAGEMENT-201710	Public Engagement with Historical Records	NARA	6/9/2017	10/5/2017
ARCHIVAL-201710	Access to Historical Records: Archival Projects	NARA	6/9/2017	10/5/2017
20170927-FT	Summer Stipends	NEH	5/19-17	9/27/17
20171227-MR	Programming Grants to Accompany NEH on the Road Exhibitions	NEH	1/6/2017	12/27/2017
EDITIONS-201710	for Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions	NARA	12/9/2016	10/5/2017

Source <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>