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 Pilot Project Resource-Sharing Initiative

Membership Committee is looking for volunteers to join a 4-month pilot project the objective of which is to assist users in accessing materials in CRRA member and partner collections. This service will be free of charge among CRRA members and partners, it is not meant as a substitute for members' existing consortial borrowing services, but rather to provide access to unique materials not readily available elsewhere. The pilot will run from late-February through May 2018.

CRRA members will continue borrowing from their current "first line" borrowing partners, usually a state or other consortial resource-sharing network. Participants in the CRRA resource sharing will add CRRA members to their list of borrowing partners and when requesting, identify themselves in a note field as belonging to CRRA. Members and partners will participate based on their capacity for loaning and/or digitizing, and to the extent possible, share resources with CRRA members free of charge. OCLC membership is not required. Participants can use ILLiad, Tipasa, email or web submissions for requesting materials. We encourage keeping statistics of CRRA transactions in order to measure the impact of this pilot project.

2. Archdiocese of Philadelphia announces New Archives Director (Cait Kokolus)

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia announces that Leslie O'Neill has been appointed Archives Director at the Catholic Historical Research Center (CHRC), the new archives for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The collections also include the records of the American Catholic Historical Society (ACHS) and the archives of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, including St. Katherine Drexel's papers. Leslie comes to the CHRC from the University of Pennsylvania Law Library Archives.

3. 2017 Conferences and Workshops

3a. 2018 Western Archives Institute

The 32nd annual Western Archives Institute will be held at San Diego State University from June 10 – 22, 2018. Tuition for the Institute is $725 and includes a selection of archival publications. Other non-negotiable fees including program transportation, facility fees, opening dinner, and luncheon at the closing program will be available in early February. Housing and meal plans are available at additional cost. The application deadline is Friday, February 16, 2018. For additional

program information see http://www.sos.ca.gov/archives/admin-programs/western-archives-institute/

3b. 2018 Digital Initiatives Symposium

Fifth annual Digital Initiatives Symposium will take place at the University of San Diego on April 23 and 24, 2018. The symposium is a forum for librarians and researchers to share their knowledge of institutional repositories and the digital elements of library ecosystems. The event, hosted by The University of San Diego's Copley Library provides educational programs, networking and collaboration opportunities for professionals at the regional, state and national level. Information and details at Symposium.

3c. JCDL 2018: Joint Conference on Digital Libraries

The ACM/IEEE Joint Conference on Digital Libraries in 2018 (JCDL 2018) will be hosted by three units of the University of North Texas (UNT) — the College of Information, the UNT Health Science Center, and the UNT Libraries. It will be held at the UNT Health Science Center in Fort Worth, the rustic and artistic threshold into the American West. Its co-organizer includes the School of Information Management at Wuhan University. Theme: From Data to Wisdom: Resilient Integration across Societies, Disciplines, and Systems.

Communities Welcomed: JCDL welcomes interesting submissions ranging across theories, systems, services, and applications. We invite those managing, operating, developing, curating, evaluating, or utilizing digital libraries broadly defined, covering academic or public institutions, including archives, museums, and social networks. We seek involvement of those in iSchools, as well as working in computer or information or social sciences and technologies. Multiple tracks and sessions will ensure tailoring to researchers, practitioners, and diverse communities including data science/analytics, data curation/stewardship, information retrieval, human-computer interaction, hypertext (and Web/network science), multimedia, publishing, preservation, digital humanities, machine learning/AI, heritage/culture, health/medicine, policy, law, and privacy/intellectual property. More information at http://2018.jcdl.org/.

3d. 2018 CLA Annual Convention

Catholic Library Association Annual Convention is going virtual, Wednesday, April 18, 2018 from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Eastern. Speakers will include award winners Father Bryan Massingale and Father James Martin. More information will be posted soon but be sure to SAVE THE DATE!

3e. 2018 American Theological Library Association

The 2018 American Theological Library Association (ATLA) Annual Conference – "Connections at the Crossroads, Creating Collaboration in a Changing Landscape" -will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on June 13-16, at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis. The conference will bring together a wealth of educational programs, interest group meetings, excursions, and events. For more information, please click here.

3f. 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
20180411-FEL	Fellowships	NEH	2/2/2018	4/11/2018
20181226-MR	Programming Grants to Accompany NEH on the Road Exhibitions	NEH	1/19/2018	12/26/2018
20180315-CHA	Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants	NEH	1/16/2018	3/15/2018
20180313-HT	Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities	NEH	1/11/2018	3/13/2018
20180222-FS	Summer Seminars and Institutes	NEH	12/22/2017	2/22/2018
ME-FY18	Museums Empowered: Professional Development Opportunities for Museum Staff - A Museums for America	IMLS	12/8/2017	3/1/2018
LB21-FY18-2	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program	IMLS	11/29/2017	6/8/2018
EDITIONS-201806	Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions	NARA	11/29/2017	6/13/2018
EDITIONS-201810	Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions	NARA	11/29/2017	10/4/2018
STATE-201806	State Board Programming Grants	NARA	11/29/2017	6/13/2018
NLG-LIBRARIES-FY18-2	National Leadership Grants for Libraries	IMLS	11/29/2017	6/8/2018
MAJOR-201807	Access to Historical Records: Major Initiatives	NEH	7/14/2017	7/11/2018

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