



This new CRRA Liaisons Council initiative will bring 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. Add your OCLC symbol! By Fran Rice (University of Dayton)

To help with the discovery of the rich resources available in the Catholic Portal, the University of Dayton planned to add CRRA to our database list of religious resources. We intended to create an OCLC record for CRRA, but to our surprise, the University of St. Thomas had created a record in 2013! So far, only four OCLC libraries have added their symbols to the record. I encourage other CRRA members who are also members of OCLC to not only add their symbols to this record, but also download the record into their catalogs to add this wonderful resource to their lists of databases.

2. CRRA Annual Meeting

2016 CRRA Annual Meeting details and information will be available soon.

3. CRRA Holy Cards Exhibit

Josh Dinsman, Ph.D., CRRA Website Manager and Digital Projects Assistant, put together a rotating exhibit on the CRRA homepage. This exhibit features a selection of holy cards from various digital collections at CRRA member and partner institutions. Holy cards in the Catholic tradition are small, religious pictures roughly the size of a playing card. The reverse sometimes contains a prayer or other devotional text. These cards, which typically depict a Catholic saint or religious scene, are often blessed by priests for the use by the faithful. The creation, circulation, and use of these cards is an important part of the material culture of Roman Catholics. The images in the exhibit include embedded links that will take viewers to the library website where the digital collection is housed. Thanks to Barry University, DePaul University, the University of Dayton, and the University of St. Thomas for sharing their collections. To view the exhibit click on [CRRA](#).

4. 2016 Conferences and Workshops

4a.The 2016 American Theological Library Association (ATLA) Annual Conference will be held in Long Beach, California, on June 15-18, hosted by SCATLA (Southern California Theological Library Association). The conference will bring together a wealth of educational programs, interest group meetings, excursions, and events. For more information, please click [here](#).

4b.The ALA 2016 Annual Conference and Exhibition - Transforming Our Libraries, Ourselves- will be held in Orlando, Florida, on June 23-28, 2016. Attendees from all over the world will have access to the latest on futures thinking, digital content, e-books, innovation, library transformation, community engagement, books and authors, leadership, advocacy, policy updates, and more, as they enjoy networking and social events. They will be informed, inspired, and entertained through: 500+ programs, discussions, and sessions - Memorable events and speakers - 900+ exhibitors – the newest titles, hottest products, emerging technologies - Preconferences, in-depth professional development - 100s of authors, Conversations--facilitated and informal, planned and impromptu - ALA JobLIST Placement Center - Events and programs related to the ALA public awareness campaign, Libraries Transform. [Registration](#) is now open, for preliminary program please click [here](#).

4c.The 30th annual Western Archives Institute will be held at Santa Clara University from July 10 – 22, 2016. Tuition for the Institute is \$700 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, March 4, 2016. For additional program information, see <http://www.calarchivists.org/WAI>, or contact ArchivesWeb@sos.ca.gov.

4d.Third annual Digital Initiatives Symposium will take place at the University of San Diego on April 27 and 28, 2016. 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. The registration deadline is March 23, 2016. For additional program information, see <http://digital.sandiego.edu/symposium/2016/>, or contact kriddle@sandiego.edu.

4e. 2016 Society of American Archivists annual meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, July 31, 2016 - August 6, 2016. The annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists includes a wide array of informative education sessions, pre-conference workshops, networking opportunities, special events, exhibits, and tours of local repositories. In 2016 Atlanta will become the ARCHIVES*RECORDS capital of the world as the Council of State Archivists and Society of American Archivists join forces again! You'll have access to the year's largest audience of archives, records, and information professionals who are eager to learn about your products and services, ask questions, and provide their perspectives. The ARCHIVES*RECORDS 2016 Expo brings together—in one place and at one time—the purchasing decision makers at the national, state, and local levels. Take advantage of their great ideas—and share a few of your own! For details and registration please check [here](#).

4f.The Digital POWRR (Preserving digital Objects with Restricted Resources) Project has moved into a new phase that extends the reach of the POWRR Preservation Workshops. Thanks to the funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities Division of Preservation and Access, the POWRR project will conduct a minimum of six workshops across the country over the course

of 2016 to continue providing practical, hands-on solutions for information professionals from small and under-funded institutions looking to begin digital preservation practices. The POWRR Project will have a limited number of travel bursaries available to under-represented institutions in need of assistance traveling to the workshops. For more information on POWRR and for upcoming workshops, please go to <http://digitalpowrr.niu.edu/>.

5. Grant Opportunities

OPPORTUNITY NUMBER	OPPORTUNITY TITLE	AGENCY NAME	POSTED DATE	CLOSE DATE
20160512-PY	Common Heritage	NEH	3/11/2016	5/12/2016
20160503-PG	Preservation Assistance Grants	NEH	3/10/2016	5/3/2016
20160503-PE	Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants	NEH	3/10/2016	5/3/2016
20160428-FA	Fellowships	NEH	2/26/2016	4/28/2016
20160504-ZH	Humanities Access Grants	NEH	2/23/2016	5/4/2016
NEAPS1504	2017 National Heritage Fellowships Awards Program	NEA	1/28/2016	4/5/2016
20161229-MR	Programming Grants to Accompany NEH on the Road Exhibitions	NEH	1/4/2016	12/29/2016
NLG-LIBRARIES-FY16-2	National Leadership Grants for Libraries	IMLS	12/21/2015	6/1/2016
LB21-FY16-2	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program	IMLS	12/21/2015	6/1/2016
STATE-201606	State Board Programming Grants	NARA	11/24/2015	6/15/2016
ACCESS-201606	Access to Historical Records	NARA	11/24/2015	6/15/2016
EDITIONS-201606	Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions	NARA	11/24/2015	6/15/2016
EDITIONS-201610	Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions	NARA	11/24/2015	10/6/2016

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