



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. CRRA Annual Meeting

The CRRA Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday June 7, 2016. This year, we will meet simultaneously at multiple locations with on-site participants and others joining via video conferencing. CRRA meetings are open to everyone interested in our mission and activities. You are welcome to invite others from your campus or colleagues from other institutions. The meetings will be held in Post Learning Commons, Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia; Davis Library, St. John's University – Manhattan Campus, NYC and Lauinger Library, Georgetown University, Washington DC.

Program

10:00 – 10:30 Registration, coffee and networking; log-in for distance participants

10:30 – 10:35 Welcome Steve Connaghan, Chair, CRRA Board and University Librarian, Catholic University

10:35 - Noon Lightning talks on CRRA member unique collections. Moderator: Ximena Valdivia, Barry University, and Jennifer Younger

Noon – 1:15 Lunch (Lunch options will be determined by each hosting location. Distance participants can log-off and rejoin the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Eastern.)

1:15 – 2:30 CRRA in action

- *Catholic, Crowdfunded and Collaborative: A Unique Approach to Newspaper Digitization:* introducing the Catholic News Archive. Megan Bernal, DePaul University and Chair, Catholic Newspapers Committee / Digitizing Partners. Pat Lawton, CRRA Digital Projects Director and Nick Casas, CRL Project Coordinator for CRRA
- [Subject guides](#) to Resources on Catholic Themes and Events. Ted Bergfelt, Duquesne University and chair, [Subject Guides Subcommittee of the Collections Committee](#)
- *Three Year Strategic Plan 2016/17 – 2018/19: Goals for 2016/17* Jennifer Younger, CRRA Executive Director; Board chair and/or vice-chair

If you need more details please contact [Jennifer Younger](#).

2. Lightning Talks... enlighten us, but make it quick!

You have some exciting unique Catholic digital and archival collections in print and other formats and want to get the word out across the CRRA community. We are pleased to announce the June 7, 2016 CRRA Annual Meeting Lightning Talks session. You can join from your computer in your library or from one of the hosting libraries. We will open log-in for distance participants about 10:15 a.m. The Lightning Talks will run from 10:35 a.m. to Noon Eastern time.

What is a Lightning Talk?

A short and efficient presentation intended to grab the attention of the audience, convey key information, and allow for several presenters to share their ideas in the same brief period of time - 4 minutes per lightning talk.

Lightning Talks will be a great way to efficiently introduce your digital and archival collections. You may use slides in your talk, or the CRRA portal – as you choose. Your visuals will be displayed on screen for all on-site and distance participants to see.

Find your favorite digital or archival collection and send an email to me - [Ximena Barry](#) - with the name of the collection, your name and email address. In the following week, I will get back to participants with information on how you will log-in for the meeting.

3. CRRA DAC/Liaisons Webinar on Collaborative Digitization

The Digital Access Committee will be offering a webinar on digitizing Catholic pamphlets for CRRA Liaisons on June 1, 2016 (11:00 Pacific, 1:00 Central, 2:00 Eastern). Jean McManus and Eric Lease Morgan of Notre Dame will describe a Notre Dame project to digitize Catholic pamphlets and make them available in the portal. They will share their experience with in-house and outsourced digitization, workflow, connecting images to MARC records, copyright issues, etc. The next project phase will be to reach out to CRRA members to add their Catholic pamphlets to the portal, thereby creating a collaboratively curated collection of Catholic pamphlets held by members. Call-in information will be sent closer to the date.

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. 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](#).

4e.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
20160929-FT	Summer Stipends	NEH	5/5/2016	9/29/2016
20160719-PW	Humanities Collections and Reference Resources	NEH	5/5/2016	7/19/2016
20160623-AB	Humanities Initiatives	NEH	4/21/2016	6/23/2016
20161005-AK	Humanities Connections	NEH	4/19/2016	10/5/2016

20160621-PR	Research and Development	NEH	4/18/2016	6/21/2016
20160608-MD	Digital Projects for the Public	NEH	4/5/2016	6/8/2016
20160913-HZ	Humanities Open Book Program	NEH	3/22/2016	9/13/2016
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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