



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 Three Year Strategic Plan and the Goals**

The Board approved The *Three Year Strategic Plan* and the *Goals for 2016/17* at its last meeting. Board members applauded a one-page high level strategic plan and measurable priorities in the annual goals.

Josh Dinsman has linked to the Three Year Strategic Plan and the [Annual Goals for 2016-17](#) on our website under About. For more information on the CRRA's vision and mission and for details on goals please go to [Strategic Plan 2016-19](#).

Nice work everyone!

### **2. Warm welcome to new liaisons**

- Lucy Fazzino, Scholarly Communications Librarian of College of New Rochelle.
- Sylvia Contreras, Library Director, Edgewood College
- Kristin Vogel, Director, Miriam B. and James J. Mulva Library, St. Norbert College

The CRRA Member Liaisons serve as the point of contact for both individuals at the [member and partner institutions](#) and for the CRRA. The primary role of the Liaison is to serve as the communication link between the member institution and the CRRA. The Liaison acts as the local clearinghouse for CRRA information, vetting questions and disseminating information from the member institution to the CRRA and from the CRRA to the institution. For more, see [Responsibilities of Official Representatives and Member Liaisons](#).

### **3. CRRA EAD Template**

Submitted by Kevin Cawley, University of Notre Dame, CRRA Digital Access Committee chair

The CRRA EAD Template is a Windows program that allows CRRA members to generate valid EAD (Encoded Archival Description) finding aids. You can fill out a simple form in a text editor, save it, and use Windows' drag and drop feature to generate appropriate EAD markup.

The template can be found on the [CRRRA website](#), along with instructions for using it. [Click here](#) to download the zip file, which members can find on the page linked above.

#### **4. CRRRA Catholic Newspapers Map**

CRRRA webmaster, Josh Dinsman, has added a new feature to the CRRRA website: a map providing a visual representation of the papers included in our list of [Catholic Newspapers Online](#) (CNO).

The link at the top of the [CNO page](#) directs interested parties to the map. When you go to the map, clicking on an icon brings up a sidebar within the map that lists the name and location of the paper, as well as a link to where the paper can be accessed online. The visual overview that you get when first open the map really shows the coverage we've been able to achieve. Thanks to your help in identifying papers, there are now *over 200 papers* listed. Have a look! If you know of others to add, please let us know and also alert your users to this resource by linking to it from your website.

Please continue also to check in on the [Catholic News Archive](#), with 23,000 pages of digital Catholic newspapers and more on its way.

#### **5. 2016 Conferences and Workshops**

##### **5a. NISO-NFAIS Joint Virtual Conference. Making Certain Digital Content is Preserved: Archiving Digital Resources. Webinar, December 7, 2016**

Over the last several years, best practices have been developed and many initiatives have been launched to rise to the challenge in preserving these works but perhaps without a clear vision for how or who will support long-term maintenance to ensure this critical information is not lost or degraded. This webinar will address the past, present and future state of digital preservation including an overview, institutional policies, metadata and formats, accessibility, types of archives and repositories, back-up systems and issues of security. For information and details go to [http://www.niso.org/news/events/2016/virtual\\_conference/dec7\\_virtualconf/](http://www.niso.org/news/events/2016/virtual_conference/dec7_virtualconf/).

##### **5b. ALA Midwinter Meeting & Exhibits, Atlanta, GA, January 19-24, 2017**

Registration and housing for 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits are open. 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. For more information on the past Midwinter Meeting & Exhibits and to get a sense of the activities, events, sessions, exhibitors, and more, visit <http://2017.alamidwinter.org/>

##### **5c. ACRL 2017, Baltimore, Maryland, March 22-25**

Representing more than 11,000 academic and research librarians and interested individuals, The Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL - a division of the American Library Association) is the higher education association for librarians. The ACRL Conference is your

once-every-two-years opportunity to access the best information, discover new ideas, and stay at the forefront of the profession. ACRL 2017 features more than 500 conference programs selected and presented by leaders in the profession. Connect with colleagues from all over the country and globe and get access to content all year long.

Information and details at <http://conference.acrl.org/about-the-conference-2/>.

## 6. 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
20170111-GW	Public Humanities Projects	NEH	11/10/2016	1/11/2017
20170111-TD	Media Projects Grants	NEH	11/10/2016	1/11/2017
NLG-LIBRARIES-FY17-2	National Leadership Grants for Libraries	IMLS	11/9/2016	6/9/2017
LB21-FY17-2	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program	IMLS	11/9/2016	6/9/2017
20170215-ZR	Creating Humanities Communities	NEH	11/4/2016	2/15/2017
20170112-PJ	National Digital Newspaper Program	NEH	10/31/2016	1/12/2017
20161213-PF	Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections	NEH	10/13/2016	12/13/2016
20161207-RQ	Scholarly Editions and Translations Grants	NEH	9/20/2016	12/7/2016
20161207-RZ	Collaborative Research Grants	NEH	9/20/2016	12/7/2016
20170111-HAA	Digital Humanities Advancement Grants	NEH	9/6/2016	1/11/2017
NLG-LIBRARIES-FY17-1	National Leadership Grants for Libraries	IMLS	7/28/2016	1/13/2017
LB21-FY17-1	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program	IMLS	7/28/2016	1/13/2017

PRELIM-201701	Access to Historical Records - Major Initiatives Preliminary Proposals	NARA	7/25/2016	1/19/2017
MAJOR-201707	Access to Historical Records - Major Initiatives	NARA	7/25/2016	7/12/2017
ARCHIVAL-201612	Access to Historical Records - Archival Projects	NARA	7/25/2016	12/6/2016
20170112-AE	Humanities Initiatives at Community Colleges	NEH	7/5/2016	1/12/2017
20161229-MR	Programming Grants to Accompany NEH on the Road Exhibitions	NEH	1/4/2016	12/29/2016

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