**CRRA Liaisons Council Bulletin**                                  **January 2017**

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 2017 Annual Meeting - Mark the Date!**

Plan now to join colleagues for breakfast and discussions of libraries, archives, and CRRA initiatives at the CRRA Annual Meeting on Tuesday morning, June 27, 2017.  The meeting will be held in Chicago (at the end of the ALA Annual Conference) at a downtown location TBD.  Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Central Time.

**2. CRRA Liaisons Meeting** (Notes by Patricia Lawton & Jennifer Younger)

On January 10 we held the first of the Liaisons biannual meetings.  This was an opportunity to officially welcome new member institutions: Edgewood College (Madison, Wisconsin) and Daughters of Charity Provincial Archives (Emmitsburg, Maryland); and new liaisons: Lucy Fazzino, Scholarly Communications Librarian of College of New Rochelle; Caesar A. Montevecchio, Ph.D., Catholic Peacebuilding Network; Kristin Vogel, Director, Miriam B. and James J. Mulva Library, St. Norbert College.

The meeting included guests speaking on the ongoing and enhanced strategies to more [member content](#) available in the portal.  Stephanie Shreffler, Collections Committee chair on [Portal Scope (audio file),](#) Diane Maher on  [Subject Guides and ](#)Demian Katz, former DAC chair reported on Portal innovations and [Making your content available in the portal.](#)
CRRA has a subscription with LibGuides, which makes easy for members to copy the guides created by the Subcommittee and add them locally.  **Liaisons are encouraged to add to local LibGuides or simply link from your website to the CRRA** [Subject Guides.](#)
**Contact Ted Bergfelt** at [bergfeltt@duq.edu](mailto:bergfeltt@duq.edu) for more information.

Diane Maher also reported on the DAC/Morgan-developed tool to assess the rarity of member resources.  It takes the record number and runs it in WorldCat, showing how many institutions own the resource.  Collections and DAC hope it will be a useful tool for members in assessing the rarity of their print collections, and hasten to add that it is not prescriptive to have only unique materials.   The tool will be completed and rolled out later this year.
**Volunteers wanted!** If your institution would be interested in participating in a **pilot program** for launching this tool among CRRA members, please contact [Pat Lawton](#).

Demian Katz provided some details and went through Making the Content available in the portal, including metadata and digital content. He also talked about how the Portal software is being upgraded and the new version will soon be released.  One of the most important feature now available is to limit your portal searches to Full Text only.

Pat Lawton did an overview of the Catholic News Archive, search capabilities
There was great interest in text correction.  If you want to do text correction, you need to register and have an account.  Registering is easy: name, email and check if you want communication from CRRA.   Names and emails are NEVER associated with searches. CRRA takes privacy very seriously as will be noted in the privacy policy to be posted shortly.

Newsletters and student newspapers fit the scope of the Program. Todd, Jennifer, and Pat will be discussing timelines, strategies, and costs for adding members' content to the Archive.  Stay tuned and **please send any sample issues you are interested in adding to the Archive to Pat (**plawton@nd.edu**).  This will help in understanding the type of material that is out there and in determining the processes to put in place.**

We finally reviewed Liaisons 2016-17 goals and identified strategies to meet them.
What is the role of Liaisons in regard to the focus groups?
DAC and Collections are charged with designing the focus groups which will focus on the value of the Portal to users.  Once the focus group questions and strategies are determined, we will enlist the aid of Liaisons to host focus groups at their home institutions this spring.  They will be provided with full guidelines for hosting the focus groups. In hosting focus groups at many institutions, we are able to get data from a broad audience.

The goal sets a target. Add links to the CRRA Portal, Newspapers Online, and/or the Catholic News Archive to ten member websites. Some liaisons said they have already added links to CRRA, the Portal and/or Catholic Newspapers Online to their websites or list of A-Z databases. Liaisons agreed it was helpful to see examples of what other libraries have done.

The Catholic Peacebuilding Network has linked to the Portal, making it possible for users to directly search the portal from the search bar on their website (scroll down, left side.)
Here are instructions for embedding the Portal searchbar into your website as CPN has done.

Please also consider adding links to these resources to your website:  CRRA Subject Guides and The Catholic News Archive.


**3. Exhibit Preserving the Steadfastness of Your Faith** by Jean McManus (University of Notre Dame)

Hesburgh Libraries' Rare Books and Special Collections at the University of Notre Dame, will host an exhibit starting next week entitled "Preserving the Steadfastness of Your Faith: Catholics in the Early American Republic," including printed works from 1783 until the early 1840s. The exhibit is curated by Rachel Bohlmann, our American History and American Studies Librarian, and by Jean McManus, Catholic Studies Librarian. They will create an online exhibit that expands on the physical one, and will make that available through the Catholic Portal this spring.

**4. 2017 Conferences and Workshops**

**4a. CLIR Six-Week Webinar Series: Strategies for Advancing Hidden Collections**

The Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) announced the opening of registration for a new practical education project: Strategies for Advancing Hidden Collections (SAHC). The project includes six 90-minute webinars and an online resource library presenting techniques and best practices for increasing the visibility, usability, and sustainability of collections in the GLAM (Gallery, Library, Archive, and Museum) communities. The series will be especially relevant for organizations with limited funding and resources but will be applicable to all collecting institutions. All webinars will take place from 2:00-3:30 pm ET and are offered free of charge. Sessions will function as a series, and we request that those interested in live viewing be available for the entire series. Live participation will be limited to the first 100 respondents. Recordings will be made available shortly after the conclusion of each session.
For more information on the individual topics and speakers: https://www.clir.org/hiddencollections/sahc
To register to receive links to the recordings, both the entire series or individual sessions: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6Z8B28P
To access the resource library:
https://wiki.diglib.org/Strategies_for_Advancing_Hidden_Collections


**4b. 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/.

**4c. 2017 CLA Annual Convention**

The 2017 Catholic Library Association Annual Convention in conjunction with National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) will be held in St. Louis, MO, on April 18-20, 2017. The NCEA Convention & Expo is the largest private-education association gathering in the nation. Those participating represent all aspects of Catholic school and faith-based education from preschool, elementary, secondary, adult education, colleges and universities. Registration is now open, for preliminary program please click here.

**4d. University of San Diego 2017 Annual Digital Initiative Symposium**

The fourth annual Digital Initiatives Symposium will take place at the University of San Diego on May 1 and 2, 2017. 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 and registration, please go to http://digital.sandiego.edu/symposium/

## 5. 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

## Special Grant Opportunities

Please pay special attention to the following grant programs of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for expanding Access to Historical Records (Flyers attached). All types of historical records are eligible.  Archival collections in libraries and religious congregations are eligible.  If you need any assistant, please contact Pat Lawton (e: plawton@nd.edu, p:574-631-1324) or Jennifer Younger (e: jyounger@nd.edu, p: 608-206-1617).

- The Archival Projects seeks projects that create new online finding aids and/or that digitize historical records collections and make them freely available online.  NHPRC encourages organizations to actively engage the public in the work of the project. The application deadline is Oct. 5, 2017.

- The Major Initiatives seeks projects that digitize and make historical records held by a single institution freely available online, provide access to born-digital records, create new freely-available virtual collections drawn from historical records held by multiple institutions and/or create new tools ad methods for users to access records.  Individual and collaborative proposals are welcome. The due date for preliminary proposals is Jan. 19, 2017.

| OPPORTUNITY NUMBER | OPPORTUNITY TITLE | AGENCY NAME | POSTED DATE | CLOSE DATE |
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| 20170314-HT | Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities | NEH | 1/10/2017 | 3/14/2017 |
| 20171227-MR | Programming Grants to Accompany NEH on the Road Exhibitions | NEH | 1/6/2017 | 12/27/2017 |
| 20170301-FS | Summer Seminars and Institutes | NEH | 12/9/2016 | 3/1/2017 |

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| EDITIONS-201706 | Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions | NARA | 12/9/2016 | 6/14/2017 |
| STATE-201706 | State Board Programming Grants | NARA | 12/9/2016 | 6/14/2017 |
| EDITIONS-201710 | for Publishing Historical Records in Documentary | NARA | 12/9/2016 | 10/5/2017 |
| 20170201-FZ | Public Scholar Program | NEH | 11/28/2016 | 2/1/2017 |
| 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 |
| 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 |

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