



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!

The CRRA Annual Member Meeting that will be held at the Loyola University Chicago's Water Tower Campus in downtown Chicago. We will meet in the Schreiber Center, 16 E. Pearson Street. Plan now to join colleagues – in-person or online – on Tuesday, June 27. Please reserve the morning from 8 a.m. – Noon Central Time. We are planning box lunches to eat on premises or to go. For everyone flying out on Tuesday, please book a flight departing at 3 p.m. or later. That way you can stay for the whole meeting and maybe even a bite of lunch with colleagues on-site.

If you are interested in joining a program planning committee, please contact [Pat Lawton](#) or [Jennifer Younger](#). We welcome your ideas and participation.

2. Update on CRRA Subject Guides by Ted Bergfelt, Chair, CRRA Subject Guides Subcommittee. Currently CRRA has a stable of 19 subject guides on various topics, created in order to assist users of the Catholic Portal and CRRA website in finding materials on subjects of interest in the Portal and in digital collections at CRRA member institutions. The number of guides is always growing. Recently two new guides were added:

Catholic Social Action: <http://guides.catholicresearch.net/catholic-social-action>



Religion and Citizenship: <http://guides.catholicresearch.net/religion-and-citizenship>



The Subject Guides Subcommittee has the eventual goal of creating a subject guide on each of the [twelve CRRA collecting themes](#), but is always open to any ideas for new guides from users of the Catholic Portal and CRRA website. To suggest a topic for a guide, send email to Ted Bergfelt, Subject Guides Subcommittee chair, at bergfelt@duq.edu

To see all CRRA subject guides created to date, please click the following link: <http://www.catholicresearch.net/cms/index.php/catholic-portal/subject-guides/>

3. Book “What Must Arise: poems” by Donald Beagle

CRRA liaison Donald Beagle, Director of Library Services at Belmont Abbey College (Charlotte NC), announces his book of poems, WHAT MUST ARISE, newly published by Library Partners Press @ Z. Smith Reynolds Library / Wake Forest University. 86p. These poems have appeared in journals from *Carolina Quarterly* in Chapel Hill to *Blue Unicorn* in San Francisco, from *Agora* in the south to *Lake Superior Review* in the north. Several were in a collection that won top prize in the “Major Poetry” category of the University of Michigan’s Avery Hopwood Awards.

Quoting from the advance review by eminent poet X. J. Kennedy (1/12/17): “...*WHAT MUST ARISE* is worth the wait; an achievement both impressive and hugely enjoyable; Donald Beagle has the rare ability to involve the reader with the poem, revealing that things of which we haven’t been aware deeply matter to us. This book will surely be among the outstanding poetry titles of its year, if not, indeed, of its century.”

Amazon order link for print edition: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/1618460269/>

4. Collections Assessment for Preservation Program Application

The Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (FAIC) will open applications for the 2017 Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP) program on January 24, 2017, with a deadline of March 1, 2017. Participating institutions receive support for a general conservation assessment from a qualified collections assessor and a building

assessor. The two assessors work collaboratively to provide institutions with recommendations for improved collections care. Assessments consist of preparatory work, a two-day site visit, a written report, and a one-year follow-up consultation.

Information about the program, including eligibility, process, cost, and schedule, is available on the [CAP Webpage](#) and in the brief video, [What is CAP?](#)

5. 2017 Conferences and Workshops

5a. 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](https://wiki.diglib.org/Strategies_for_Advancing_Hidden_Collections)

5b. 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/>.

5c. Catholic Archives in the Digital Age: The Fate of Religious Order Archives

The Catholic Archives in the Digital Age: The Fate of Religious Order Archives Conference is the third in a series of conferences under the theme of how Catholic archives are evolving in the digital age. As religious orders across the United States consolidate and close houses, many

are at a loss to preserve the invaluable historical materials they have conscientiously collected across their history. Some orders have actually had to dispose of much of their archival material for lack of a properly cared for location to put them. The Fate of Religious Order Archives will focus on the importance of religious order archives in understanding the American Catholic experience, as well as possible solutions to the preservation of these archives.

The free conference will be held on the CUA campus in the Pryzbyla Center on March 29th, 2017 and will feature a range of scholars and archivists of the American Catholic experience and archival stewards of religious order records. The conference is funded by the Our Sunday Visitor Institute, and sponsored by the American Catholic History Research Center/University Libraries, the Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies, and the Department of Library and Information Science.

More information and details: <http://iprcua.com/2017/03/29/the-fate-of-religious-order-archives/>

5d. 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](#).

5e. 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/>

5f. 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 [D-Lib](#)

Digital Library Federation [DFL Community calendar](#)

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
20170412-FEL	Fellowships	NEH	2/3/2017	4/12/2017
NLGSPECIALINITIATIVE--COMMUNITYCATALYST-F	Activating Community Opportunities Using Museums/Libraries as Assets - A National Leadership Grants	IMLS	2/1/2017	4/3/2017
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	12/6/2016	3/1/2017
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 Editions	NARA	12/9/2016	10/5/2017
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
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>