



The CRRA Liaisons Council Bulletin brings 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 Data Collection on the Value of the Portal

CRRA Liaisons, Collections, DAC and Scholars committees have developed a survey designed to better understand scholars' use of Catholic research resources and to explore what is unique and important about the Portal, where is it duplicative, and how it might be improved and made more relevant or useful.

The survey is intended to be shared with current and prospective Portal users by CRRA members. In order to assist member institutions in collecting data locally, a short video presentation of the Portal accompanies the survey. The questionnaire is short with open and closed questions specific to the goals. The survey will remain open through the fall semester. Please complete the survey and also share with others at your institution. To start the survey, please go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/crra_portal_survey.

Special thanks to Josh Dinsman, Ph.D., CRRA Website Manager and Digital Projects Assistant for his assistance in designing the survey and Barry University for putting together the intro to the Portal video.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pat Lawton, Digital Projects Librarian, CRRA, University of Notre Dame, at plawton@nd.edu.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, and help with this project.

2. Catholic Historical Research Center (Cait Kokolus)

The Philadelphia Archdiocesan Historical Research Center has moved its location from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. It now occupies a newly renovated building with state-of-the-art

HVAC system to help preserve its collection. This \$4 million project gives the Center expanded space to house the archival collections and records, offices, workrooms, and exhibit space. At the same time, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, Saint Katherine Drexel's order, relocated their archives to the center, which includes the saint's letters and reports as well as the Drexel family papers. This collection joins the Records of the American Catholic Historical Society and the Archives of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, making the Center a valuable gem of Catholic history, social structures and politics.

The facilities, renamed to reflect its broader Philadelphia collection is now the Catholic Historical Research Center (CHRC) of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. It will be dedicated by Archbishop Charles Chaput on September 21, 2017.

Congratulations CHRC!

3. Kapsner Cataloging Bulletin (Gina Solares)

Gina Solares, Head of Cataloging and Metadata Management at the University of San Francisco, has a Letter to the Editor in the July 2017 Oliver Leonard Kapsner, O.S.B. Cataloging Bulletin, e-newsletter of the [Catholic Library Association](#). She wrote about the contradictions she found when trying to identify the author of a 17th century biography of Sor Maria de Jesus, a Conceptionist nun from Puebla, Mexico. To read the letter please go to Letters to the Editor (p. 10) at <http://cathla.org/Documents/KapsnerBulletin/kapsnerbulletin40.pdf>

4. DePaul University – the Sr. Helen Prejean Dead Man Walking Teaching Kit (Jamie Nelson)

DePaul University Library's Special Collections and Archives is pleased to announce the release of our Dead Man Walking Teaching Kit. The kit is designed for middle and high school educators who incorporate Sr. Helen Prejean's book, Dead Man Walking or Tim Robbin's play of the same title into their curriculum. Twenty primary sources were selected from [Sr. Helen Prejean's archives collection](#) to complement the experience for those reading or performing Dead Man Walking. The teaching kit also includes discussion questions, short biographies of the people who created the primary sources, and links to additional resources. The project was developed in collaboration with David Bates and John Gieger of the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Program in DePaul's College of Education. We debuted the teaching kit during Sr. Helen's visit to DePaul University on April 21, 2017, which coincided with her birthday, and she exclaimed after seeing it, that it was a "wonderful present!"

To view the teaching kit: <https://spca.depaul.press/prejean/>

For more information about the Sr. Helen Prejean Papers, contact Special Collections and Archives at 773-325-7864, or spca@depaul.libanswers.com

5. 2017 Conferences and Workshops

5a. BH and DH 2017 Conference

BH and DH: Book History and Digital Humanities will take place September 22-24, 2017 in Madison, Wisconsin.

Often celebrated and criticized as the next big thing in humanist research and teaching, “the digital humanities” get a lot of press for shaking up the way things are done. But is “dh” a continuation of some of the most “traditional” scholarly work in the humanities: bibliography, textual criticism, and book history? This conference, convened by the Center for the History of Print and Digital Culture at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, aims to study how digital humanities grows out of book history, how “bh” and “dh” continue to be mutually informative and generative, and how they also contradict each other.

More information at <http://www.wiscprintdigital.org/conferences/>

Questions to: printculture@slis.wisc.edu

5b. Digital Preservation 2017: “Preservation is Political”

The National Digital Stewardship Alliance (NDSA) will hold its annual conference, Digital Preservation 2017: “Preservation is Political,” in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 25-26, 2017. Digital Preservation is the major meeting and conference of the NDSA—open to members and non-members alike—focusing on tools, techniques, theories and methodologies for digital stewardship and preservation, data curation, the content lifecycle, and related issues. Our 2017 meeting is once again held in partnership with our host organization, the Digital Library Federation (DLF). DLF’s October 22nd [pre-conference](#) event (bringing together HBCUs and liberal arts colleges) and the [2017 DLF Forum](#) (23-24 October) are all happening in the same location.

Registration and details at <http://ndsa.org/meetings/>.

5c. 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
LB21-FY18-1	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program	IMLS	7/20/2017	1/6/2018
NLG-LIBRARIES-FY18-1	National Leadership Grants for Libraries	IMLS	7/20/2017	1/6/2018
MAJOR-201807	Access to Historical Records: Major Initiatives	NARA	7/14/2017	7/11/2018
PRELIM-201801	Access to Historical Records: Major Initiatives (Preliminary)	NARA	7/14/2017	1/18/2018
20170913-HZ	Humanities Open Book Program	NEH	6/22/2017	9/13/2017
LEADERSHIP-201712	Archives Leadership Institute	NARA	6/12/2017	12/7/2017
ENGAGEMENT-201710	Public Engagement with Historical Records	NARA	6/9/2017	10/5/2017
ARCHIVAL-201710	Access to Historical Records: Archival Projects	NARA	6/9/2017	10/5/2017
20170927-FT	Summer Stipends	NEH	5/19-17	9/27/17
20171227-MR	Programming Grants to Accompany NEH on the Road Exhibitions	NEH	1/6/2017	12/27/2017
EDITIONS-201710	for Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions	NARA	12/9/2016	10/5/2017

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