



## CRRRA DECEMBER 2009 Update

December was a month of "hidden labor." We made good progress on a number of fronts (in addition to cookies, eggnog, and snow-shoveling), but most of our activity was behind the scenes. We made great strides on the following, yet the fruits of our labors may be made manifest only in the weeks and months to come:

- **CLIR grant announcements** were sent to a number of venues. To date, the announcement has appeared in:  
*Library Journal* <<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6709666.html>>, *ACCU's Winter 2009 Newsletter* <[http://www.accunet.org/files/public/Winter\\_09\\_newsletter.pdf](http://www.accunet.org/files/public/Winter_09_newsletter.pdf)>, Marquette University's website, and St. Catherine University website.

Look for future announcements in: *Catholic Library World's News Notes* (March 2010), *Midwest Archives (MAC) Newsletter* (April 2010), *ATLA-RC list and Newsletter*, *H-Catholic list*, *Cushwa Center Newsletter*, *Archival Outlook*, and the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist*.

We welcome your suggestions for other venues!

- **Focus group data** analysis has begun. To date, four institutional members have conducted focus groups at their institutions, with a total of 34 participants. We hope to have data from at least two more institutions between now and Feb. 1. It is not too late to talk with groups or individuals at your institutions about portal content. Ideally, we would like to have input from *all* member institutions in the final analysis. The data so far has been rich with several discrete, emergent themes.

To explore ways that you can contribute, please contact [Pat Lawton](#).

- **The CRRA website** is being updated to include new members, participants, and an updated directory of library, seminary and archive directors at Catholic institutions in the United States and Canada. If your contact information has recently changed or will be changing, please be sure to notify us.

Records from the VuFind test site have been moved into the CRRA website, bringing us to a total of 33,000+ records and counting.

- **Kim Kelley**, Associate Provost for University Libraries and Dean, School of Library and Information Science, at the Catholic University of America announced that she would be leaving the CRRA Board of Directors, effective Jan. 1, 2010. Kim has been a great supporter of the CRRA and her calm and thoughtful input will be deeply missed. We look forward to engaging Kim in future CRRA activities and wish her well in her new Wisconsin adventures!

**Steve Connaghan**, Acting Director of Libraries, will succeed Kim on the Board. A warm welcome to Steve!

- **Upcoming events.** *ACCU 2010 Annual Meeting: Strategic Issues for Catholic Higher Education* will be held at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Washington, DC, January 30 to February 1, 2010. For more information, visit: <https://www.accunet.org/i4a/ams/publicLogin.cfm>.

*All CRRA events and events of possible interest to members are posted to the CRRA calendar, available at <http://tiny.cc/Calendar798> and also accessible from the Admin area of the CRRA website.*

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*CRRA Update* is an electronic newsletter distributed via email the first Friday of each month to provide members with an update on CRRA activities. The Update is also posted to the CRRA [Blog](#). Please contact us at 574.631.1324 or email [plawton@nd.edu](mailto:plawton@nd.edu) with your questions, comments, or news to share.

Happy New Year to all!