**DAC**

**Friday, March 22**

**2:00 CENTRAL time and 3:00 EASTERN**

Present: Kevin, Tracy, Demian, Shana, Pat

AGENDA and Minutes

**Announcements**

  - Farewell to Vani, hello to Shana

  - CRRA all-members meeting ALA Chicago July 2

Please plan to join - all are invited to the CRRA Annual meeting Tuesday, July 2 from 10am-2pm in Chicago; place TBD though will be easily accessible to ALA attendees. Join your CRRA and DAC colleagues for dinner Monday evening, July 1. Place and time TBD.

**Updates**

- Metadata mapping update (Kevin)

Kevin reported on work with mapping portal subject headings to themes. From this investigation, Kevin recommended that a) it would be helpful to be able to link from the list of headings to records in the portal so one might determine the appropriateness of the heading to a theme by seeing records attached to the heading, b) the approach of starting with headings is not the way to go c) a hybrid approach may be the way to go, supports the idea to begin with two themes: Women religious and Vatican II.

Next steps:

* Demian volunteered to generate a list with links to the headings;
* Pat, Kevin, Jean McManus and Diane Maher of the Collections Committee will map headings to two themes: Women religious and Vatican II.

- Catholic Newspapers update

The Newspaper Directory Group has:

1.       Identified and explored different hardware/software platforms for the CRRA Newspaper Directory, including Veridian, VuFind/VuDL, CONTENTdm, Greenstone, CRL ICON (Center for Research Libraries International Coalition on Newspapers) and Readex.

2.       Identified 3 key factors in making a recommendation to the Board on preferred and/or best options:

o   Capacity to create and/or use clean data based on international/national standards and MARC records (recognizing that records in other formats can be translated into MARC)

o   Hosted solutions which do not require additional CRRA technical expertise or capacity to develop or operate

o   Ability to contribute to and collaborate with other international & national newspaper programs, including

§  The International Coalition on Newspapers (ICON) housed at the Center for Research Libraries, which maintains a directory of newspaper titles, locations and holdings

§   *Chronicling America* with information about historic newspapers in the U.S. Newspaper Directory

§  National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP), a partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Library of Congress (LC), to develop an Internet-based, searchable database of U.S. newspapers with descriptive information and select digitization of historic pages

§  International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) to ensure Catholic newspapers are uniquely identified and included in the global bibliographic database of all serials, periodicals and newspapers

Discussion

  - Catholic Newspapers – Software Options

* With these hosted solutions, can you get data in and out? Be sure to check contracts. Hosted is good as long as you can move the data out as needed.
* Any solution will require administration and oversight through an editorial committee and identification of best practices and procedures.

  - New “Member login” area of website

All were able to login and see DAC minutes. This area will develop according to member needs. Suggestions for additional pages or modifications are welcome.

* Add links to subject headings in portal to this area (pat).

- Review current goals; set goals for next year

2012/2013 plan: <http://www.catholicresearch.net/cms/files/4313/5464/0392/CRRA_Strategic_Plan_2012-13.pdf>

1.1.1

Pat suggested we conduct a pilot program with a handful of members to move this forward.

Complicated to determine what resources are where and how to harvest them. Has to be done on a case by case basis, still a long way to go to carry this forward.

1.2.1. Complete. Support others as needed.

1.2.3. Complete.

2.1.4. FaceBook

3.1.2. Ongoing work with LCSH and Themes.

3.1.3. Complete. Eric’s revisions to EAD indexing. Longer-term we will be using VuFInd collection module, not in next year’s goals.

3.1.4. Goal for next year - continued work on associating themes and subject headings.

3.3.2. Support Catholic Newspapers Program.

3.3.3. ArchivesSpace. Beta release end of summer, version 0.4 for testing. Want to make the hosted solution work so folks can test. Beta release July or August. Georgetown will explore becoming a member, though not a charter member. No discussion at VU, they use AT on a small scale.

5.7. Advocate for more technical support.

Next time:

* Analyze ArchivesSpace situation
* Discuss costs/benefits of becoming a member or charter member of ArchivesSpace.
* How might DAC support responsibility for image, brand, and communication?

Suggested goals for next year:

* Add more digital content
* Get CRRA message out through social media, CRRA website and blog
* Show collections and themes
* Secure technical support to oversee and administer the portal, the website, blog, other social media such as FaceBook, and the newspaper directory
* Explore and implement ArchivesSpace per DAC recommendations
* Hold on text mining discussions and new solutions until the portal has more full text content and technical support.

Next meeting: Friday, April 12 2:00 CENTRAL, 3:00 EASTERN.