



Catholic Research Resources Alliance

CRRA Catholic Newspapers TF

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Agenda

Present: Darren, Megan, Nick, Rob, Shawn, Cait, Noel, Malachy, Dustin, Jean, Jennifer, Pat

1. **Approve minutes from July 24, 2014** (attached)

Approved.

2. **Announcements**

· Dustin Booher, Catholic University of America, Committee member
Dustin reported on efforts at CUA to describe their newspapers holdings. Dustin noted that there were massive numbers of reels. The initial approach was to look at reels, get date ranges, and put the information into a [LibGuide](#) on CUA's website. People then contacted them about their holdings via google searches. Current work is on creating catalog records and still ongoing. The team is working issue by issue to see where gaps are, and in what order, then into MARC records. Formatting this mass of text into easily readable text has been challenging. The group has attempted workarounds with short records and links to detailed records. The goal is actual, accurate cataloging data on all these newspapers.

Jennifer asked what people were requesting. Dustin reported that people were interested in actual titles. Sometimes they were interested in a month or year of a paper, but could not scan that much content. Users could come in and use papers in house. This kind of work reinforces what we are doing with ICON, people do want that detail. They want to know whether specific dates/issues are available.

· Betsy Post, Boston College, Committee member and chair, Repository group and Digitization Specifications group
Specs have been on brief hiatus, stuck with how to move ahead, hard to develop detailed

specs when you don't know what system. Going alone or engaging in cost recovery model is a pivotal question.

· CRRRA activities and next steps in fundraising (Jennifer)

Work on digitization agreements, Darren and Amy are on this subgroup. The group took these to the board for discussion and whether needs a legal review. Yes, it does. Pursuing that in Jan/Feb.

Fundraising opportunity with IMLS National Leadership Planning grant, debated going for grant to plan for repository. Did not go, but good other result. Catholic Press Assoc. (CPA) Tim Walter interested in working with us on needs assessment and planning a repository. This is an opportunity to look at a digital news content repository. We will be working with CPA for needs assessment, looking at Raskob as a funding target. Identifying the repository is an important piece in getting funds to digitize.

How can we support local efforts as well to identify grants? Several of us are meeting with Reveal Digital (RD), a cost recovery model for digitization. Board reaffirmed its commitment to open access for newspapers.

Cait asked if in the RD model, the institution with content also pays. We will ask this at the next meeting. Megan reports that the results of this meeting will be given. Please email your questions to either Pat or Megan.

Jean reported that ND met with RD, and will coordinate conversations with Pat and Jennifer concerning newspapers.

Jennifer and Pat attending a conference next month on digital news content: *Dodging the Memory Hole: Saving Born Digital News* (<http://www.rjionline.org/events/memoryhole>)

Megan noted that two years ago CRL did a program and tried to get energy around a full news repository. CRL got a grant to look at these systems and how they do. Could be a good guide. Megan will send to task force. From Megan, 10/21:

CRL's Archiving & Preservation page (<http://www.crl.edu/archiving-preservation>), including their *Trustworthy Repositories Audit & Certification* criteria and reports (<http://www.crl.edu/archiving-preservation/digital-archives/certification-and-assessment-digital-repositories>). As part of this work, they assessed the repositories used by the Associated Press, LexisNexis, and Newsbank, among others (page down to NEWS from <http://www.crl.edu/archiving-preservation/digital-archives/digital-archive-reports> to view AP etc.).

In 2013, CRL hosted a roundtable much like *Dodging* called "Beyond the Fold: Access to News in the Digital Era," (<http://www.crl.edu/events/8896>). One particularly relevant or interesting presentation to us was by Mark Phillips, Assistant Dean for Digital Libraries at the University of North Texas (UNT). UNT is engaged in creating a distributed model for preserving born-digital newspapers as well as those already digitized/published in print. I also presented at this forum and covered what the picture looks like from the news agency perspective. That is, what systems and processes exist on the news agency end. Born-digital news and the 24/7 news cycle as well as proprietary news creation and archiving systems used by news agencies make capture by outside entities like a Library a bit daunting but not impossible.

After this meeting, CRL outlined a *New Cooperative Agenda for News Preservation* (<http://www.crl.edu/focus/article/9559>) that specifies measures research libraries might take to ensure that the journalistic record will continue to be available and usable by scholars in the future.

- Committee reappointments, please confirm with Megan whether one more year or a full two-year term. Jency Williams, CRRA webmaster, will be adding this data to the Newspapers Committee page
- Eighteen people attended the ICON webinar over the summer, which covered some of the details involved in getting data into the database. An archive of this webinar can be found in the member area (<http://www.catholicresearch.net/cms/index.php/member-login/>) among other content useful for committee members. Contact Pat if you need help logging in.
Participants noted the need for deeper data.
- Digitizing Partners meet next week. Hartford Archdiocese is working with ProQuest to create the second generation print masters from the master copy and submitting a grant to a local foundation (the Hoffman Foundation) for funding to have the second generation film created. The grant application is due Nov. 1.
Will report back to this group at the next meeting.
- CRRA at IFLA (in recent Update http://www.catholicresearch.net/cms/files/4314/1297/4818/CRRA_Update_Summer_2014.pdf)

3. Draft Charge for the Newspapers Committee

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_0DuH1DIDWiQVBfdGxwb1hwS00/view?usp=sharing

At our last meeting, the group agreed to change the name to from Newspapers Task Force to Newspapers Committee. We now need an official, board-approved charge.

Desired action: Discuss draft charge, revise as needed. Vote for approval, send to Board.

Comments, edits? Megan suggests purpose in terms of goal and scope to provide access to all extant. Include preservation access? That is the goal. Highlighting preservation aspect is a good goal. People will not mistake this for what an aggregator would offer. Jean offered “Enduring global access” in alignment with the CRRA mission. Megan will send out different versions to the group via email and try to finalize via email. Board meets Dec. 3.

4. ICON.

- Introducing Nick Casas, CRL Project Coordinator for the CRRA.
Nick’s initial primary responsibility is to expose Catholic newspapers data in the ICON database, with eventual responsibilities in other aspects of the program.
As we began our search for a project manager, Pat contacted Andy Elliot of CRL, who manages the ICON database to spread the word on the position. Both Andy and Amy Wood (CRL) recommended Nick to us, who was working at CRL on a PT basis. Long story short, Nick now works on CRL responsibilities 25 hours per week and with CRRA 15 hours a week.

While wearing his CRRA hat, Nick works out of his CRL office. Nick has been working closely with Andy Elliot to sort out data requirements for CRRA and has already begun working with one of our DPs, the team from Hartford, to form their data and move it into ICON. This will facilitate Nick's learning process and will contribute to developing user documentation, tutorials, and training. A warm welcome to Nick Casas.

Nick: loves the communication aspect of this job. Comes from a music background. Nick said it had been a bit of a whirlwind, and cannot stress enough how helpful the webinar by Andy was, I use that a lot as a point of reference. Nick invited any questions and noted that he was working with Karen Lesiak from Archbishop O'Brien Library to sort out data for the Catholic Transcript.

Jennifer noted that French colleagues want to add holdings and asked the group whether this is something to pursue.

· **ICON Priorities.** This document identifies seven activities for adding content to ICON. Nick and Pat would welcome the Committee's input on prioritizing these items. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PKEojYHUmA647bA6zYP-1-liYdHz5O7bSSSMBkDNPYY/edit?usp=sharing>

This document is based on the many activities that have been proposed since the beginning of the project but yet may not be comprehensive. Pat welcomes suggested activities that are important to building a CRRA presence in ICON that serves our members and users of Catholic newspapers worldwide.

The goals of the directory project (ICON) are

- to expose Catholic newspaper holdings,
- to identify endangered items (collection mngm tool),
- to facilitate in ready identification of runs for digitization.

As Nick comes on board, we turn to the committee for guidance in prioritizing our activities. Nick has already begun work with Hartford as simple case study for liaising between CRL and CRRA. Next step is to complete the records of the Digitizing Partners' holdings of the [12 priority papers](#) with known missing issues.

Betsy supports the goal of working with CONSER, if records are going to be merged etc. It would be a great service. Jennifer noted an important byproduct is to be able to address and give guidance in members to tag as newspapers rather than periodicals (008). Betsy in some sense it is groundwork, put something in the toolkit.

Add holdings for papers also for holdings that are already digitized.

5. Proposed webinar with CRL/WNA (World Newspaper Archive)
Cost recovery model, Megan and Pat will work on setting that up. If other models you're interested in, let Megan know.

6. Next meeting: TBD. Pat will send doodle polls for November and December.