

RLG launches ArchiveGrid

RLG has debuted a new historical archive Web site, ArchiveGrid, which offers a worldwide database of collection descriptions from hundreds of libraries, museums, and archives. ArchiveGrid provides direct search access to dispersed collections and an easy way to gather primary source information. Of special use to genealogists are links to locations for birth and death records, ship logs, and cemetery records, along with other historical documents. In 1998, RLG, an international not-for-profit membership organization, introduced Archival Resources to give unified access to archival collections descriptions of all kinds. Over the past eight years, archives, libraries, and museums around the world have added descriptions of their holdings to this database, which forms the core for ArchiveGrid. Institutions wishing to contribute to ArchiveGrid should go to archivegrid.org/contribute. To access ArchiveGrid, visit archivegrid.org.

ACRL seeks comments on revised security guidelines

ACRL invites comments from interested parties on the revision of the Guidelines for the security of rare books, manuscripts, and other special collections (1999). A draft of the revision, prepared by the Security Committee of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section, can be accessed at www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlstandards/securityrarebooks.htm. Comments may be sent to the revision committee chair, Everett Wilkie, at ewilkie@ix.netcom.com.

Free access to Women and Social Movements available through April 15

Alexander Street Press, in partnership with the State University of New York-Binghamton's Center for the Historical Study of Women and Gender, has made its online resources, Women and Social Movements in the United States 1600-2000 freely accessible from March 15 to April 15. Librarians, students, instructors, and

scholars can log on without passwords or fees during this time. Women and Social Movements brings together books, images, documents, scholarly essays, commentaries, and bibliographies documenting the history of women's activism in public life. To access the resource, visit www.alexanderstreet2.com/wasmlive.

University of Pittsburgh search engine wins WebFeat innovation award

The University of Pittsburgh Library Systems (ULS) online library search engine has been awarded the 2006 WebFeat President's Award for Innovation. Zoom!, which was launched in 2004, allows users to search using keywords in a simple search box on the ULS homepage, with search results coming from a wide range of sources, including databases, e-journals, online books, and online newspapers. Users do not need to know the exact titles of the databases they wish to search. In 2005, Zoom! was used to access 5.5 million databases. WebFeat, which produced the software, praised ULS staff for its creativity and demonstrating that libraries are not restricted to one-size-fits-all solutions.

Morgan Library to reopen following major expansion project

The Morgan Library, which has been closed for almost three years while undergoing a major expansion, will reopen to the public on April 29. The \$102 million building project is the largest in the library's history and is Pritzker Prize-winning architect Renzo Piano's first completed commission in New York. The expansion provides the museum and center for scholarly research with double the exhibition space for its collections. In addition, the project includes a dramatic new entrance on Madison Avenue, a spacious central court, a 280-seat performance hall, a naturally lit reading room, storage space for the collections, and visitor amenities, such as two cafes and a gift shop. The Morgan will make the occasion with a week-long series of special activities, capped by the public opening.

Blackwell introduces online reviews journals in the humanities

Blackwell Publishing has launched a series of new online reviews journals designed for researchers, students, and teaching faculty in the humanities. *History Compass*, *Literature Compass*, and *Philosophy Compass* are available and will be joined by six additional titles over the next two years. Each Compass journal publishes 100 peer-reviewed survey articles from across its discipline each year. The articles provide overviews of current research in the field and fresh thinking on key issues. Information about the journals is available at www.blackwell-compass.com.

Webcast of University of Michigan digitization symposium available

On March 10 and 11, the University of Michigan University Library and the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science cosponsored a symposium entitled *Scholarship and Libraries in Transition: A Dialogue about the Impacts of Mass Digitization*. The five panel discussions and four keynote speakers discussed the transformative issues and implications that emerge from mass digitization initiatives. More than 500 onsite attendees and 150 Webcast viewers participated in discussions about the challenges and opportunities of mass digitization initiatives. A full list of presenters and the Webcast (in RealMedia and Windows Media Player formats) is available at www.lib.umich.edu/mdp/symposium.

St. Olaf and Carleton College libraries celebrate one-millionth entry

St. Olaf and Carleton College's libraries are celebrating the entry of the one-millionth bibliographic record into their joint catalog, the Bridge. The milestone was made possible by the colleges' 2004 merger of their separate catalogs, through a grant from the Mellon Foundation. The joint catalog gives students and faculty quick access to resources from both institutions and allows the libraries to collaborate on collection development. The millionth record was an electronic document from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory titled *Facility Microgrids*.

EBSCO announces live integration of SUSHI

EBSCO has announced that SUSHI (standardized usage statistics harvesting initiative) is now in production within EBSCO-host Electronic Journals Service (EJS). As a result, customers of Innovative's Millennium platform will be able to automate the transfer of journal usage data from EJS for use within Millennium's ERM module. SUSHI builds on the work of Project Counter by allowing completely automated request and delivery of COUNTER reports. SUSHI will be released by NISO (National Information Standards Organization) as a draft standard for trial use in 2006.

Community of Scholars available through CSA

The Community of Scholars database, which provides direct access to more than 1 million active researchers working in more than 200 disciplines in 8 countries, is now available through the CSA platform. Searches in the database provide exposure to the community currently studying a topic of interest,

C&RL News seeks Job of a Lifetime editor

C&RL News is looking for a new editor for its "Job of a Lifetime" column, which features interviews with librarians in innovative and unusual positions in academic and research librarianship. The editor may conduct interviews himself or herself or coordinate interviews of librarians by colleagues and associates. The column is expected to run three-to-four times a year, be 1,000 words in length, and include a photograph of the interviewee.

If you would like to apply, send an e-mail or letter outlining your interest and experience and a sample interview by May 10 to: Stephanie Orphan, *C&RL News*, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611, e-mail: sorphan@ala.org.

Selected applicants will be invited to discuss their ideas with the *C&RL News* Editorial Board over the phone or in person at Annual Conference, New Orleans.

and users are directly connected to a comprehensive, richly linked guide to scholars reflecting the community behind the content. CSA specializes in publishing and distributing in print and electronically 100 bibliographic and full-text databases and journals in four primary editorial areas: natural sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities, and technology.

Columbia University launches Notable New Yorkers site

The Columbia University Libraries Oral History Research Office and the Libraries Digital Program Division have launched Notable New Yorkers, an innovative Web site with new and unpublished source material on ten key figures in publishing, politics, philanthropy, and the cultural life of New York City. The site offers digital audio recordings and transcripts of interviews drawn from the collections of the Libraries Oral History Office. Each oral history is accompanied by three background essays and a briefer methodological introduction. The site is available at www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/digital/collections/nny/. *ZZ*



ACRL participated in a joint program with REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking, at Catholic University in February. The purpose of the program was to talk about academic librarianship to LIS students from Catholic University and University of Maryland. Speakers were, front row (l-r), Camila Alire (ACRL president and dean of University Libraries, University of New Mexico), Johnnie Love (coordinator of personnel programs, University of Maryland Libraries); back row (l-r), Mario Ascencio (treasurer, REFORMA DC Metro Chapter and visual arts liaison librarian, George Mason University), Laura Maldonado (president, REFORMA DC Metro Chapter and reference and instruction librarian, George Washington University), Jack Siggins (university librarian, George Washington University).

ACRL National Conference paper, panel, workshop, and preconference proposals due May 10, 2006

Proposal submissions for contributed paper, panel session, workshop, and preconferences for the ACRL 13th National Conference, "Sailing into the Future—Charting Our Destiny," are due May 10, 2006. The ACRL 13th National Conference will be held in Baltimore, March 29—April 1, 2007, and offers a forum for an exciting and energizing exchange of ideas on research, practices, developments, and visions in the field of academic and research librarianship.

Submitters are encouraged to investigate the issues and topics described as part of the conference tracks and themes, and to think about both the future for academic librarianship and the practices that will

help librarians get there. Conference track and theme descriptions are available at www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrl/alevents/baltimore/program07/trackdescriptions.htm.

The complete Call for Participation is online at www.ala.org/ala/acrl/alevents/baltimore/program07/program07.htm. Proposals must be submitted via the online proposal form, available at www.eshow2000.com/acrl/2007/program_proposal_submission.cfm.

Questions about the Call for Presentation should be directed to msutton@ala.org, (312) 280-2522. Complete details about the Baltimore conference are online at www.acrl.org/baltimore.