## IU Libraries digitization project creates rich repository of Hoosier authors

An Indiana University Libraries project that will allow anyone to research Hoosier authors and their bibliographies online—as well as access hundreds of digitized books—is nearly complete. Conceived years ago and funded in 2006 by a Library Services and Technology Act grant through the Indiana State Library, the "Indiana Authors and Their Books" project oversaw digitization of a three-volume reference set published by Wabash College that covers nearly 200 years of Indiana's literary history. The books include authors who were born, raised or educated in Indiana, or who lived in the state for a major portion of their lives.

The site includes more than 7,000 author entries and nearly 21,000 book citations. It links directly to approximately 400 digitized copies of selected titles and allows users to search for remaining titles via external services like Google Books, WorldCat, Hathi Trust Digital Library, and the libraries' online catalog IUCAT. In addition to works of literature, there are a number of nonfiction works, including histories of local towns, counties, and churches. Indiana Authors and Their Books is available at webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/inauthors.

## ACRL sets 2013 Legislative Agenda

Each year, the ACRL Government Relations Committee, in consultation with the ACRL Board of Directors and staff, formulates an ACRL Legislative Agenda. Drafted with input from key ACRL committees, ACRL leaders, and the ALA Washington Office, the ACRL Legislative Agenda is prioritized and focuses on issues at the national level affecting the welfare of academic and research libraries. The 2013 ACRL Legislative Agenda focuses on three issues that the U.S. Congress has recently taken, or will most likely take, ac-tion on in the year ahead: first sale doctrine, public access to federally funded research, and federal funding for libraries.

New this year, the agenda includes a watch list of policy issues of great concern to academic librarians. Legislation on these issues is not likely to arise and, moreover, ACRL does not believe that any legislation about these issues is necessary. Issues on the watch list are: government information, safe harbor provisions of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, orphan works/section 108, and fair use. ACRL will continue tracking these issues and advocate for the best interests of academic and research libraries, if necessary. The complete legislative agenda is available at www.ala.org/acrl/issues/washingtonwatch/legagenda.

## Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health adopts open access policy

The Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University is joining a growing movement among universities and research institutions to make scholarly research available to the public and free online. The Mailman School is the first school at the university and one of the first of U.S. schools of public health to adopt an open access resolution, which calls for faculty and other researchers at the school to post their papers in openly available online repositories such as Columbia's Academic Commons. The resolution passed unanimously by a vote of the standing Faculty Steering Committee and went into effect May 1, 2013.

"We applaud the leadership of the Mailman School as the first Columbia school and among the first U.S. schools of public health to advance open access to research articles. It will serve as a model as the Libraries continue to work with other Columbia schools, centers, and institutes to expand the commitment and participation," said James G. Neal,

# Academic librarians discuss cloud computing at international conference

Cloud computing is an emerging area in the profession of Library and Information Science, but India took the lead to host the Second International Conference on Academic Libraries with the theme "Academic Library Services Through Cloud Computing: Moving Libraries to the Web." This conference was held on the beautiful campus of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University in New Delhi from February 12 to 15, 2013, and attracted academic librarians from many countries, including Australia, England, France, India, Mauritius, Switzerland, and the United States.

Marshall Breeding, an authority on cloud computing and a well-known author/speaker, was the plenary speaker on the opening day and he spoke on the "Cloud Based Technologies Enable Large Scale Collaboration for Academic Libraries." During his talk he mentioned many new and important developments in the field of library automation and the need to keep-up with the developments for the benefit of all users because cloud computing libraries will be relieved from maintaining hardware and software.

Arthur Smith of the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) during his plenary talk spoke on the cross linking of data on OCLC World Share Platforms: Features and Technologies." He is of the view that users and librarians are more interested in finding the information and answers to their questions regardless of the source of the information.

Ravindra N. Sharma in his keynote address, "Academic Libraries and Technology in the Twenty-First Century," discussed why a majority of developing nations are behind in introducing technology in their academic libraries. He suggested that rich nations of the world and United Nations should make a commitment to work together to remove all barriers in the new global environment of cooperation, development, and resource sharing to help academic libraries of developing nations succeed and invest wisely in introducing technology, including cloud computing, for the benefit of information seekers.

Nicholas Fleury of Switzerland International Organization for Standardization informed the delegates that to date 19,500 standards have been developed on different aspects in the world, but no standards have been developed on cloud computing.

Alan Hopkinson of Middlesex University, in London, England, spoke on the topic of "What We Need to Know about Cloud Computing in Academic Libraries." He mentioned that libraries in developing nations are moving to cloud in patches and cautioned libraries by saying "Do not throw yourself into the cloud until the fog clears."

A highlight of the conference was an excellent plenary talk by N. Vijayaditya, retired director general of the National Informatics Center, and a fellow of National Academy of Sciences, India, on "Cloud Computing Indian Initiatives." He discussed information technology and challenges and said that cloud computing was introduced in 1996 with the introduction of Hotmail, Amazon Web Service in 2006, Gmail, and Microsoft Azure in 2007. Vijayaditya mentioned that according to *Forbes* survey, "Cloud computing market will reach $241 billion by 2020 and cloud- based services will grow from $12.1 billion to $35.6 billion in 2015." India is adopting fast to the cloud computing but he warned that the privacy, security, legal jurisdiction, and other concerns of cloud computing must be addressed for academic and other types of libraries.

More than 100 librarians, library educators, IT professionals, and other prominent leaders from all over the world presented papers and talks in various sessions in this well-organized conference, which emphasized the new roles academic librarians must play in the changing environment of technology and adopt new management styles to prepare academic libraries for the next generation of students, faculty, scholars, and other users in the 21st century.—*Ravinda. N. Sharma, Monmouth University, rsharma@monmouth.edu*

vice president for information services and university librarian.

The Columbia University Libraries will begin working immediately to support Mailman School researchers as they make their articles available through Academic Commons, the repository platform hosted by the Center for Digital Research and Scholarship (CDRS), a division of the Columbia University Libraries/ Information Services.

## HBCU Library Alliance announces ASERL Librarian Exchange participants

The Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Library Alliance recently announced the participants of the Librarian Exchange Program with the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL). A component of the alliance's Leadership Institute, the Librarian Exchange Program focuses on development of emerging leaders at HBCU libraries. The goals of the exchange program are to develop and foster connections between libraries and strengthen skills of emerging leaders through focused initiatives to improve library services and programs.

Each exchange includes significant time on site at the partner libraries—typically about two weeks—to design and plan implementation of a project that is strategically important to the HBCU library. The first set of exchanges occurred in the summer of 2006, with additional exchanges in 2008 and 2010. By identifying, analyzing, designing, and implementing these projects, both ASERL and HBCU librarians gain valuable insight into the workings of each other's library, and build new project management and leadership skills. A list of participants and projects is available at www. hbculibraries.org/docs/0415PressRelease.pdf.

## 2013 CLIR Mellon Dissertation Fellows named

Seventeen graduate students have been selected to receive awards this year under the Mellon Fellowships for Dissertation Research in Original Sources, administered by the Council on Library and Information Resourc-

es (CLIR). The fellowships are intended to help graduate students in the humanities and related social science fields pursue research wherever relevant sources are available; gain skill and creativity in using primary source materials in libraries, archives, museums, and related repositories; and provide suggestions to CLIR about how such source materials can be made more accessible and useful. The fellowships carry stipends of up to $25,000 each to support dissertation research for periods of up to 12 months. More information on the program, including a list of fellows is available, is available at www.clir.org/fellowships /mellon.

## UNT Portal to Texas History named TLA Project of the Year

The Portal to Texas History, administered by the University of North Texas (UNT) Libraries, has received the Wayne Williams Library Project of the Year Award from the Texas Library Association. The award recognizes a project that exemplifies the highest levels of achievement, professional standards, and inspiration to other libraries. The Portal to Texas History was created in 2002 by the UNT Libraries' Digital Projects Unit to provide online access to books, photographs, artifacts, maps, newspapers, letters, and other historic materials from more than 200 archives, historical societies, small and large libraries, museums, and private collections from all areas of Texas. With more than 3.3 million pages of materials, the portal incudes many primary source historical materials, such as diaries and personal accounts of events and daily life. The portal is available at http://texashistory.unt.edu/.

## NCSU Libraries project shares stories of past student leaders

The North Carolina State University (NCSU) Libraries launched a new Student Leadership Initiative project as part of the dedication of the new James B. Hunt Jr. Library in April 2013. The Web site uses video oral histories, photographs, and other documents to chronicle the experiences and impact of indi-

viduals whose formative time at NCSU shaped their subsequent careers and whose memories provide a valuable and interesting window into the period in which they helped shape the university. The initiative currently highlights more than 130 former student leaders and provides engaging video interviews with more than 30 who share memories of their experiences on campus. The project will add new profiles as research continues and is also available as a multimedia presentation on the large-scale visualization display in the iPearl Immersion Theater in the Hunt Library. The project is available online at http://d.lib.ncsu.edu /student-leaders/.

## EBSCO launches Civil War Primary Source Documents

EBSCO recently introduced Civil War Primary Source Documents, a comprehensive collection of primary source materials chronicling aspects of the American Civil War. Drawn from the holdings of the New York Historical Society, the collection captures various accounts of the Civil War as it was experienced on land and sea. Civil War Primary Source Documents represents both Northern and Southern perspectives. The archive focuses on the war as it was fought from 1861 to 1865 and includes important contextual documents in the crucial years leading up to the war and after the fall of the Confederacy.

The collection is comprised of more than 110,000 pages and includes information from more than 400 individual collections. The invaluable primary resources include original manuscripts of letters, diaries, administrative records, photographs, illustrations, and artifacts. Personal accounts appear in various scrapbook journals and family portraits, and strategic initiatives are evident in maps

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*— Michelle Armstrong*
*Albertsons Library, Boise State University*

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## Springer signs e-book deal with Virtual Library of Virginia, Washington Research Library Consortium

Springer recently announced that it has signed a deal with the Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA) and the Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC) to provide students and researchers from across more than 80 campuses access to Springer e-book content.

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