On July 21, the Center for Research Libraries (CRL), in cooperation with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), hosted a conference of library directors, administrators, and planners to help inform and shape a national-action agenda for preserving the nation’s printed heritage. The conference – Preserving America’s Printed Resources: the Roles of Repositories, Depositories and Libraries of Record [http://www.crl.edu/content/PAPRprogram.htm] – brought together a slate of presenters from the U.S. and abroad who are actively engaged in major repository and collection-of-record programs. It provided a forum for exploration of high-level preservation strategies affecting multiple libraries and broad sectors of the community.

The following day, Tuesday, July 22, a planning meeting, structured as an extended discussion among conference presenters and other invited representatives of the major sectors engaged in the stewardship of the nation’s print library materials. Federal libraries, the Government Printing Office (GPO), independent research libraries, large academic libraries, law libraries, smaller academic libraries, and state libraries were all represented.

The planning meeting focused on the question – “How can the nation’s libraries build upon existing regional and national efforts to optimize management of knowledge resources in printed form?” Conferees agreed that management of these resources is optimized when it provides the scholarly community the greatest possible richness and diversity of knowledge resources, minimizes inadvertent losses, and makes the most efficient use of available human and financial resources.

Discussions drew heavily upon the previous day’s conference presentations, which outlined a range of cooperative collection management and print preservation efforts.

The report of the planning day is now in draft and is circulating among the participants for comment. It will be published on the CRL website in October. The day’s discussions, however, yielded two broad goals for a national-action agenda:
1) Synchronize the extant and emerging print archiving and collections-of-record efforts. The existence of overlap between many of the print management and preservation activities undertaken by the Library of Congress, GPO, CRL, regional repositories, and independent research libraries strongly suggests that inter institutional and cross-sector cooperation could promote the rational and economic use of scarce resources, and scholarly confidence in the libraries’ efforts to preserve heritage materials.

2) Increase the availability of information needed for preservation decision-making by individual libraries and consortia. The availability of robust holdings data for print archives and collections of record, and information on the strategies, terms, conditions, and standards adopted for those collections and archives would enable greater inter reliance among libraries in preserving important heritage materials.

With some effort the framework will help to ensure the long-term survival of important research and heritage materials. We at CRL are grateful to the Institute for Museum and Library Services for their support of the PAPR conference and planning day, and look forward to working with IMLS and others to build upon the strategic framework developed.

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A change in our masthead
The new background for our masthead is actually very old. From Peter Bertius’ Ancient Geography, Paris, 1630, it depicts the world of Posidonii Dionysius – philosopher, historian, geographer, and mystic who studied natural as well as moral science in the second and first centuries, B.C.

Sphendone, that is, the World of Posidonii Dionysius, in the World Traveled by the Greeks
Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division
Texas A&M University and Reed College Join CRL Partnership

Texas A&M University and Reed College recently joined the CRL partnership, as a voting member and associate member respectively. The two new members span the range of institutions of higher education: Texas A&M is a major research university of the first rank; Reed College is an outstanding four-year liberal arts college with a strong commitment to research-based learning.

At Texas A&M (http://library.tamu.edu/) the mission of providing the highest quality undergraduate and graduate programs is viewed as inseparable from its research mission. The university libraries support a strong humanities and social sciences curriculum. Texas A&M’s history program has earned distinction in comparative border studies, diplomatic and military history, modern European history, and 20th-century U.S. history. The Department of Political Science is a research-oriented department with a nationally-ranked Ph.D. program and a highly productive faculty. The department is the editorial home of the American Journal of Political Science and Presidential Studies Quarterly. The approximately 30 tenured and tenure-track faculty in the Department of Sociology have expertise in a wide range of substantive areas such as culture, demography and human ecology, law, deviance, and social control, race and ethnic relations, rural sociology, social organizations, and social psychology.

The libraries also support the following colleges: Agriculture and Life Sciences, Architecture, Education, Geosciences, Liberal Arts, Science and Veterinary Medicine, as well as the Dwight Look College of Engineering, George Bush School of Government and Public Service, and Mays Business School.

Since its founding in 1908 as an independent undergraduate institution, Reed College (http://web.reed.edu/), in Portland, Oregon, has remained committed to provide a balanced, comprehensive education in liberal arts and sciences, fulfilling the highest standards of intellectual excellence. The distinctive Reed experience includes a challenging curriculum involving wide reading, conference and laboratory-based teaching in small groups, and a student body motivated by enthusiasm for serious intellectual work. Reed offers a B.A. in 22 major fields and numerous interdisciplinary fields, as well as a master of arts in liberal studies degree.

Reed College strives to create a research-rich environment for its faculty and students. Reed faculty (http://web.reed.edu/faculty_grant_info/funding_news.html) have earned national distinction in such fields as modern European history, the economics of international trade, genetics, and historical sociology. In addition, Reed ranks first in the nation in the production of future Ph.D.s in the life sciences, second in foreign languages, third in political science, chemistry, and mathematics and statistics, and fourth in history and the humanities. Among all institutions of higher learning, it ranks fourth in the nation in all fields.

1 According to the Weighted Baccalaureate Origins Study (Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium, 2002). This reflects institutions in the nation ranked by percentage of graduates who goes on to earn a Ph.D. in selected disciplines.
Green Accepts New Position; Poole Moves Into New Role

James Green, the Center’s Chief Financial Officer and Vice President for Membership and External Affairs since 1994, resigned in August to accept a new position as Vice President and CFO of the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans. Accounting Manager Susan Poole, who has been with CRL for five years, was appointed Acting Chief Financial Officer. In this capacity, Poole assumes all management and oversight of CRL budget and finance activities. Membership activities and issues – the other part of Green’s responsibilities – will now be managed through the office of the President.

“During his almost nine years at CRL, Green played a key role in ensuring the Center’s fundamental fiscal and organizational health,” CRL President Bernard Reilly said. “His dedication to the Center and exceptional understanding of the economics of academia and its libraries were instrumental in CRL’s meeting the daunting financial and strategic challenges of the rapidly changing world of higher education.”

“His new position offers an exciting opportunity for Jim, and a role in which he will surely achieve great things,” Reilly added. Green takes on his new role at a very critical time in the museum’s history. Just recently, Congress declared the museum “America’s National World War II Museum,” and awarded $3.5 million toward its $150 million expansion.

The National D-Day Museum (www.ddaymuseum.org), which opened June 6, 2000, celebrates the achievements of the men and women who won World War II, and chronicles the economic and political routes to the build-up and military mobilization of Allied Forces in the 17 D-Days around the world. The 70,500-square-foot museum is the only museum in the United States that exists for the exclusive purpose of interpreting the American experience during the World War II years on both the battlefront and the home front. It showcases the personal stories of the men and women who won WWII, and preserves important materials for research and scholarship.

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Ford Foundation Grant to Improve South Asia Study

South Asia scholarly study will be significantly improved as a result of a $90,000 Ford Foundation grant recently awarded to the Sundarayya Vignana Kendram (SVK) research library in Hyderabad for the creation of a South Asia Union Catalogue. The three-year, self-sustaining project will create an on-line bibliography of books and periodicals, including newspapers, in addition to a union catalogue of holdings.

“Currently only a small fraction of South Asian imprints are described with electronic records, resulting in inefficient expenditures of researchers’ time and degradation of the quality of scholarship.” James Nye, bibliographer for Southern Asia at the University of Chicago and co-principal investigator for the project, explained. “The creation of this new program will substantially improve the production, distribution, and consumption of scholarship about South Asia.”

The first phase of the Union Catalogue will focus on imprints from South India and Sri Lanka. Publications in all modern and classical languages in the region – including those in Persian and Arabic, especially important because of India’s role in the nineteenth-century revival of Muslim learning – will be encompassed. Subsequent phases will focus on the northeastern and northwestern regions of the subcontinent.

During three years of funding, the program will:

- Create bibliographic records for all books and periodicals published in South India and Sri Lanka during the period of 1801 to 1959, a period not well covered through other sources;
- Distribute the new bibliographic data to the Online Computer Library Center and South Asian bibliographic databases such as INFLIBNET;
- Prepare a new site on the internet containing bibliographic records for South Asian publications with imprints from 1556 through the present for use by scholars and librarians; and
- Develop the mechanism for South Asian and other libraries to attach holdings information to the bibliographic records and to upgrade the data on the new website.

International Collaboration Key to Project Success

The project will rely heavily on international collaboration. Initial partners include members of the Council of South Asia Library Centres, the Center for South Asia Libraries, the Digital South Asia Library, and the University of Chicago. The SVK will be the administrative home for the program’s first phase. The University of Chicago Library, a principal participant in the Digital South Asia Library and the Center for South Asia Libraries, will serve as the U.S. base. CRL President Bernard Reilly will serve on the Governing Board. Other collaborating partners include: the Roja Muthiah Research Library and Urdu Documentation Centre. Additional partners will be sought as the program develops.

Work Officially Began in September

To help populate the South Asia Union Catalogue, the Library of Congress is delivering a full set of its bibliographic records for South Asian publications. The database is also expected to receive relevant catalog records from earlier South Asia Microform Projects, the Official Publications of India, the Indological Series project, and other unique records from the Committee on South Asia Libraries and Documentation.

In addition, experimentation with a server that meets the requirements of the Z39.50 protocol started in September.

Funding for subsequent phases will be sought from other sources. The full text of the proposal can be found at http://dsal.uchicago.edu/csal/sauc/sauc.pdf.
Correspondence of Johann Caspar Lavater Microform Set Acquired

CRL, the University of Iowa, and five other CRL voting-member libraries joined together to fund the acquisition of the major microform set – Correspondence of Johann Caspar Lavater. The set was given a favorable rating in the 2003 voting round of the Center’s Purchase Proposals Program, but sufficient funds were not available to purchase all proposed materials. Later CRL was able to assemble a small number of interested members to enable the purchase to be made. Contributing members were the University of Iowa, Duke University, McGill University, University of Missouri-Kansas City, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Yale University. The full citation for the work is Letters to and from Johann Caspar Lavater (1741-1801) IDC Publishers. It includes 1,843 microfiche, and its published price is $18,430.

Best known today for his Essais sur le Physiognomie, which was published in hundreds of editions since its initial appearance, Lavater was both admired and detested in his time for his unconventional approach to theology and his views on the human character as expressed in facial and cranial features. He was an avid correspondent with many of the leading European thinkers of the Enlightenment and early Romantic periods. The IDC collection includes more than 21,000 letters in Lavater’s estate in the Zentralbibliothek in Zürich, which display the enormous thematic variety produced during a remarkable forty years of correspondence. Now published for the first time, the material is a unique source material for research to such disciplines as theology, history, literature, arts, and the humanities.

The initial impetus for acquisition of the Lavater corpus was provided by a member of the University of Iowa faculty, whose research on the development of English editions of the Essais grew out of an interest in artist William Blake’s contribution of four engravings to one of the editions. The faculty member’s proposal noted:

…Johann Caspar Lavater (1741-1801) seems to have corresponded with most of the leading literary, philosophical, political, and cultural figures in Europe, including Goethe, Fuseli, Herder, de Staël, Catherine the Great, Joseph II, Queen Charlotte of Great Britain, and many, many more. But only snippets of his vast correspondence have been published over the years.

Now that the Lavater Correspondence has been acquired, the collection will be available to all CRL members.

Other Materials Recently Received by CRL - (May 2003 - August 2003)

The following materials have been received since the last issue of Focus. OCLC record numbers are supplied as reference to more complete bibliographic information when possible. If there is not an OCLC number supplied, material is still being processed. The Center’s holdings symbol (CRL) may not yet be attached to the record cited. For more complete information on the holdings of newspapers and archival sets, search the CRLCATALOG or contact the Center. To borrow specific items, researchers should contact their interlibrary loan office.

Churchill at War: the Prime Minister’s Office papers, 1940-1945: PRO record classes PREM 3 and PREM 4 (OCLC # 40527607). The CRL call number for the set is MF-13512. The loan copy of the guide is at CRL call number E-12325.

The Suffragette Fellowship Collection from the Museum of London (Fighting for the Vote) (OCLC # 16944102). The CRL call number for the set is MF-13470. The loan copy of the guide is at CRL call number D-24134.


Foreign Office Files for Cuba

Part 1: Revolution in Cuba, 1959-1960 (OCLC # 49045158). The CRL call number for the set is MF-13420. The guide to this set is not yet published.
Part 2: Cuba and the Bay of Pigs Invasion, 1961, 2003 (OCLC # 50434057). The CRL call number for the set is MF-13517. The guide to this set is not yet published.

La Gaceta, Diario Oficial (Nicaragua) (OCLC # 5988455). The CRL call number of the following dates purchased as a purchase proposal (Feb. 7, 1845-Dec. 4, 1847; Nov. 22, 1851-Dec 17, 1853; Jan 1858-1946, 1995-1999) is FOG MF-298.

Russian Archives

Series 1: the International Department, 1953-1957, (OCLC # 45725714). The CRL call number for the set is MF-13525. The loan copy of the guide is at CRL call number E-12284.

Series 2: the General Department Central Committee 1953-1966, (OCLC # 46966927). The CRL call number for the set is MF-13472. The loan copy of the guide is at CRL call number E-12285.

US Espionage and Intelligence: Organization, Operations and Management, 1947-1996, (OCLC # 37335117). The CRL call number for the set is FICHE. The loan copy of the guide is at CRL call number E-12285.

Continuing Purchase Proposals Received:

Bibliothek der Frauenfrage in Deutschland (OCLC #43612778) Installments 7-9; CRL call number FICHE.

Comintern Archive, 1917-1940. Series 2, Plenums (OCLC #38328141) Plenums 1-6, CRL call number FICHE.

Area Studies Microforms

Latin America (through LAMP)

Standard (Buenos Aires, Argentina) (OCLC #52780026) MF-13558 LAMP (127 reels) [1861-1874, 1938-1939, 1942-1959]

Middle East (through MEMP)

Aljadid: a record of Arab culture & arts = al-jadid (OCLC #40354639) MF-11694 MEMP (1 reel) v. 1, no. 1-v. 4, no. 23 (Nov. 1995-spring 1998)


Navid (OCLC #52863572) MF-13579 MEMP (1 reel) v. 1, no. 1-v. 2, no. 9/10 (Dec. 1999-Sept. 2002)

Southeast Asia (through SEAM)

Horas (Jakarta, Indonesia) (OCLC #52599879) - MF-13547 SEAM (1 reel) no. 1-40 (July 1988-May 1990)

Khōsanā sān (OCLC #52598405) - MF-13439 SEAM (1 reel) 1965: Feb. 11-Mar. 11, Mar. 25-Apr. 27

Mahārattth Khmaer (OCLC #52304813) - MF-13448 SEAM (reel 4, item [2]) 1974: Sept. 2-Nov. 19, 1975: Jan. 2-31


Pitāpbum (Viangchan, Laos) (OCLC #52598407) - MF-13439 SEAM (1 reel) 1971: Mar. 18-Apr. 7, Apr. 13-29, May 3-June 8


Sārbartmān Khemrā dbipāti = Khmara dbihati news (OCLC #52304814) - MF-13448 SEAM (reel 4, item [3]) 1972: May 9-21, May 23-July 30

Archives

The 1930 U.S. Census for the following states: Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and the District of Columbia. The Soundex for the following states was also acquired: Louisiana, North Carolina and South Carolina. Not all of these have been cataloged at the time of publication. The states processed at the time of publication include:

- Indiana: MF-13587; no Soundex
- Louisiana: Not yet assigned a call number as of this writing; Soundex MF-13557
- Michigan: MF-13575; no Soundex
- New Jersey: MF-13586; no Soundex
- North Carolina: Soundex only MF-13577
- South Carolina: MF-13553; Soundex MF-13580

The books and manuscripts of John Dee, 1527-1608. Part 6 (OCLC #26456492) MF-13424 Descriptive pamphlet to Central Treasury records of the Continental and Confederation governments relating to foreign affairs, 1775-1787, NARA M1004
Federal nonpopulation census schedules, Michigan, 1850-1880, in the custody of the Michigan State Archives, division of Michigan history, Department of State; (OCLC #32631289) NARA T1164 reel 26

Index (Miracode) to the 1910 federal population census schedules for Ohio, NARA T1272 reel 146

Index (Soundex) to passenger lists of vessels arriving at Baltimore, MD, 1897-1952; (OCLC #36999816) NARA T520 reels 18 & 26

Index to passenger lists of vessels arriving at Philadelphia, 1800-1906; (OCLC #10646463) NARA M360 reel 8

Purport lists for the Department of State Decimal File, 1910-1944; (OCLC #22701542) NARA M973 reels 175, 562, & 563

Records of the U.S. Military Advisor to the Philippine Commonwealth, 1935-1941. RG 1: correspondence, reports, news clippings MF-13374 reels 1-3; Guide E-12332

Registers of letters received by the Office of the Adjutant General, main series, 1812-1889 (OCLC #45289417) NARA M711 reels 33-45.

War Cabinet Chiefs of Staff Committee. CAB 80, Memoranda (OCLC #20036943) CAB 80/56-106, MF-13556 (r.1-24)

Newspapers

The following U. S. general circulation newspapers have been restarted for 2003 and their back files for 2001-2002 have been acquired:

- Boston Globe
- Chicago Tribune
- Daily News (New York, NY)
- Dallas Morning News
- Denver Post
- Detroit Free Press
- Kansas City Star (Kansas City, MO: 1885)
- Los Angeles Times
- Miami Herald
- Philadelphia Inquirer
- Plain Dealer (Cleveland, Ohio: 1961)
- St. Louis Post-Dispatch
- Sun (Baltimore, MD: 1837)

Serials


Russian Monographs

Osobennosti kaustik i volnovykh frontov (OCLC #43811626)
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