

Ithaka S+R Library Survey 2010 findings released

Ithaka S+R, a not-for-profit strategic consulting and research service for the academic and cultural heritage community, recently released its Library Survey 2010: Insights from U.S. Academic Library Directors, offering a strategic analysis on the state of the library to help library leadership plan for the future. More than 200 library administrators from U.S.-based four year colleges and institutions weighed in on issues related to the strategies they are pursuing for their libraries, the management of library collections, the development of new digital collections, and the creation of new services to meet changing user needs.

The survey findings indicated that there is a consensus on key strategic issues, including the clear shift away from print to digital journals and the prioritization of teaching and instruction as core library functions. But some findings suggest broad divergences not only among library directors but also among library directors and faculty members, as made evident through a comparison with data from the Ithaka S+R Faculty Survey 2009. The survey is available for free download at www.ithaka.org/ithaka-s-r/research/ithaka-s-r-library-survey-2010/insights-from-us-academic-library-directors.pdf.

RBML online archives now available

Complete backfiles of *Rare Books & Manuscripts Librarianship (RBML)*, the predecessor of *RBML: A Journal of Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Cultural Heritage*, are now available on the publication Web site. ACRL received a grant from the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation to assist in making volumes 1–12 of the publication discoverable and available online through the HighWire Press platform, completing the publication's online archive.

The 24 back issues will join volumes 13 and 14 of *RBML* and the full run of *RBML* online. Access to all content, with the exception of the two most current issues,

is freely available to all. Online access to the current two issues is available only to *RBML* subscribers. The journals are available online at rbm.acrl.org.

HathiTrust certified trustworthy repository

HathiTrust has been certified as a trustworthy digital repository by the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) through the center's Trustworthy Repositories Audit and Certification (TRAC) assessment program. HathiTrust joins the small number of digital repositories that have been granted certification. Certification is based on criteria from the Trustworthy Repositories Audit and Certification: Criteria and Checklist (TRAC), as well as additional criteria developed by CRL.

The certification was guided by an advisory panel consisting of leaders from the CRL community in collection development, library administration, and digital technology.

The in-depth preservation audit of HathiTrust began in November 2009 and was completed in December 2010. The audit encompassed an extensive review of data and documentation provided by HathiTrust, conversations with key HathiTrust staff, and a site visit performed by CRL in May 2010. Documentation of HathiTrust's compliance with TRAC can be found at www.hathitrust.org/trac.

Guinea research tapes available from Yale

The Yale University Library is making 64 reel-to-reel tapes, comprising the pioneering research of noted Guinean scholar Djibril Tamsir Niane, available online to students and scholars. Made in the 1970s, the tapes include field recordings, interviews, ceremonies, and practices of several groups, in particular the Baga and Maninka.

The research expeditions conducted in Guinea by Niane, and his students were historical events in themselves. In Guinea-Conakry during 1969–71, Niane conducted

College & Research Libraries now open access

ACRL's scholarly research journal, *College & Research Libraries (C&RL)*, became an open access publication April 1, 2011. This change in access policy lifts the online version of the publication's current six-month embargo on new content and makes the complete contents of the journal from 1997 to the present freely available through the publication Web site at crl.acrl.org.

"In spite of economic uncertainty, I am pleased that ACRL has endorsed full open access in practice for its primary research journal," *C&RL* Editor Joseph Branin wrote in an editorial in the March 2011 issue of the journal. "The intellectual value of open access, I believe, justifies its cost. Now the content of our journal will be freely available online to all around the world."

The ACRL Board of Directors approved the new policy at the 2011 ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Diego. In its resolution, the

Board cited the association's support for open scholarship and access to scholarly work as the driving force behind the change. The Board also stressed that through the move, ACRL continues to play a leading role in advocating for new models of scholarly communication in all of the disciplines.

"The ACRL Board of Directors, *C&RL* Editorial Board, and the staff of ACRL have listened to our members' desire to live the message of our scholarly communication advocacy to promote wide dissemination of scholarship," noted ACRL Vice-President/President-Elect Joyce Ogburn of the University of Utah. "Our premier journal that so powerfully documents our professional concerns, achievements and research results now belongs to the world."

Additional details about the new open access policy are available in an FAQ on the ACRL Web site at www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/publications/oafaq.cfm.

research while the Sekou Touré regime's "demystification program" focused on the destruction of all traditional cultural elements, actively discouraging academic interest in such subjects. The resulting material is the only significant body of audio historical data on indigenous history and culture collected between 1958 and Sekou Touré's death in 1984.

The preservation of, and online access to, this unique collection makes a valuable primary source available to scholars of Guinea worldwide for the first time. The collection is available online at library.yale.edu/digitalcollections/african-guinea-niane/index.html.

Villanova releases open source digital library software

The technology development team at Villanova University's Falvey Memorial Library recently celebrated the official alpha launch of their open source digital library management software, VuDL. Aimed at mid-sized digital collections, VuDL allows users to store, manipulate, display, and make discoverable collection information.

VuDL's public interface is powered by VuFind (vufind.org), an open source online public access catalog (OPAC) hosted and managed by Villanova. VuFind is currently in use in academic and research libraries in 12 countries, including the National Library of Australia and the London School of Economics.

VuDL is offered for free through the GPL open source license. For more information and to download the software, visit vudl.org.

Jefferson collection discovered at Washington University in St. Louis

The Thomas Jefferson Foundation and Washington University in St. Louis announced the discovery by Monticello scholars that a collection of books, long held in the libraries at Washington University in St. Louis, originally were part of Thomas Jefferson's personal library. These books, held at the university's libraries for 131 years, have been confirmed by Monticello scholars as having belonged to Jefferson. They are part of the university's rare books collection, and were not iden-

tified by the books' donor in 1880 as a part of Jefferson's personal collection.

The books were discovered by International Center for Jefferson Studies scholar Ann Lucas Birle, who found an article from 1880 that noted that the Coolidge family donated their library to Washington University. She shared this information with her colleague Endrina Tay, who has been tracking down all of the books Jefferson owned, read, and recommended during his lifetime.

At Washington University, rare books curator Erin Davis and assistant archivist Miranda Rectenwald tracked down the books donated by the Coolidge family, which since had been dispersed among the library's holdings, with the help of a ledger dating to the turn of the 20th century that cataloged the collection.

With this discovery, Washington University is now the third-largest holder of Jefferson's books, after the Library of Congress and the University of Virginia. This find establishes a new connection between Washington University and the ongoing research at Monticello, the center of Jefferson scholarship in Charlottesville, Virginia.

West Georgia digitizes journals

Ingram Library at the University of West Georgia has recently digitized and made available online the full run of two journal publications produced at the school over the past 50 years. Subsidized by a grant from the Sloan Foundation, in collaboration with the LYRASIS Mass Digitization Collaborative, the *West Georgia College Studies in the Social Sciences* and the *West Georgia College Review* are now available on the Web.

Studies in the Social Sciences began in 1962 as a venue for a series of lectures sponsored by the college's Adult Education department and the Social Sciences division of the college. The first issue focused on communism, a popular concern in the Cold War years after World War II. The annual journal was published nearly continuously until 2005.

The *Review*, launched in 1968, featured unpublished scholarly and creative writing from the college faculty. Its intent was to encourage faculty research, and to make available to an expanding audience the results of that academic activity. The first issue featured articles titled "Why Clad Coins?" "Geographic Factors of Office

A Guide to the Perplexed, Part IV

The Library Copyright Alliance (LCA) has released "A Guide for the Perplexed Part IV: The Rejection of the Google Books Settlement," an analysis of the latest decision in the Google Books Search case and its potential effect on libraries. LCA is comprised of ALA, ACRL, and the Association of Research Libraries (ARL).

This guide is the latest in a series prepared by LCA legal counsel Jonathan Band to help inform the library community about this landmark legal dispute.

In the new guide, Band explains why the Court rejected the proposed class action settlement, which would have allowed Google to engage in a wide variety of activities using scanned books. As stated in the guide, "The court concluded that the settlement was unfair because a substantial

number of class members [i.e., authors and publishers] voiced significant concerns with the settlement.... However, the validity of the objections seemed less important to the court than the fact that many class members raised them."

As for the impact of the decision on libraries, Band writes that while it is too early to say what the parties will do next, "it appears that both the challenges and the opportunities presented to libraries by the settlement when it was announced in the fall of 2008 are growing narrower and more distant."

The new guide, past guides, and other LCA materials related to the case are available on the LCA Web site at www.librarycopyrightalliance.org/submissions/domestic/google.shtml.

Building Location,” and “Atticus G. Haygood: Social Critic of the New South.” *The Review* was published nearly continuously until 1995.

Through a collaborative partnership with the Internet Archive, all items were scanned from cover-to-cover. Researchers can choose from a variety of formats, page through a book choosing the “read online” option, download the PDF, or search the full text version. To view the collections, visit www.archive.org/details/universityofwestgeorgia.

Books at JSTOR adds publishers

Four prominent academic publishers have announced plans to bring their scholarly books online at JSTOR. The new content includes books from the Harvard, Columbia, Cornell, and California University Presses.

This is the second wave of presses to join the forthcoming Books at JSTOR initiative, bringing the total number of front and back list titles in the project to more than 15,000. The initial group included Chicago, Minnesota, North Carolina, Princeton, and Yale University Presses.

“JSTOR has altered the landscape for academic libraries and their researchers, offering online access to a great variety of high quality scholarship across many disciplines, through a well-known, trusted platform,” noted David Magier, associate university librarian for collection development at Princeton University.

“Books at JSTOR should expand the range of opportunities for libraries to continue to build collections of importance to our users, with confidence in their future viability,”

In addition to offering the ability to search across journals and books, JSTOR includes more than 1 million book reviews and a vast number of citations dating back

Texas Tech Libraries featured in Times Square



The Texas Tech University Libraries were video profiled on the Thomson Reuters building in New York City's Times Square April 10-16 during National Library Week after winning the company's Focused on Your Library Contest. Eight libraries nationwide were selected as semi-finalists in the contest based on essays submitted. Online voting determined the winning essay.

The Texas Tech University Libraries essay, written by Kaley Daniel and Julie Barnett, focused on exemplary services provided to students, faculty, and staff.

The Lubbock Professional Chapter of the Association for Women in Communications (AWC) also recognized the Texas Tech Libraries for the honor with a Headliner Award during the annual AWC Celebrity Luncheon April 19.

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hundreds of years in the 1,400 journals it makes available.

The books will be linked with this other content, creating a multitude of pathways through the literature. Books will be available at JSTOR in spring 2012 and will be preserved in Portico.

For more information, please read about Books at JSTOR on the JSTOR Web site at about.jstor.org/content-collections/books-jstor.

ACRL Diversity Standards review

The ACRL Racial and Ethnic Diversity Committee (REDC) has developed a draft for a new association standard, Diversity Standards: Cultural Competency for Academic Libraries. The committee is now soliciting comments on the draft standard.

Review the draft on the ACRL Standards and Guidelines page (bit.ly/acrlstandards) and send your feedback to REDC Vice-Chair Charlene Maxey-Harris at maxeyharris@gmail.com by June 8, 2011. *✍*