

### **Cornell digitizes mathematics oral history**

Cornell University Library has acquired a collection of interviews of mathematicians conducted by Eugene Dynkin, Cornell's emeritus A. R. Bullis Professor of Mathematics. Dynkin worked with the library's Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections (RMC) and Digital Scholarship Services to organize and digitize his revolutionary conversations, many of which are interviews with Russian mathematicians. The interviews, which Dynkin recorded for more than half a century, serve as a rich source of information not only about mathematics but history as well, providing insight into academic life under a repressive Soviet regime. The collection contains nearly 150 audio and video recordings, plus biographical information about each mathematician and a select group of photographs. The collection is available online at <http://dynkincollection.library.cornell.edu/>.

### **Duke looks "Behind the Veil" at Jim Crow South**

One hundred oral histories of life in the Jim Crow South, complete with transcripts, have been digitized and made available on the Duke University Libraries Web site and iTunes U. From 1993 to 1995, dozens of graduate students at Duke and other schools fanned out across the South to capture stories of segregation as part of "Behind the Veil," an oral history project at Duke's Center for Documentary Studies (CDS). The students sought to preserve the stories before the men and women who survived Jim Crow passed away. The interviews—some 1,260 in all—were recorded on regular cassette tapes, transcribed, and archived in Duke's special collections library.

Some of the interviews were included in an award-winning book and radio documentary, "Remembering Jim Crow: African Americans Tell About Life in the Segregated South," produced in 2001 by CDS and American RadioWorks. The collection also includes interviews which were omitted from the book and documentary. The collection is available

at <http://library.duke.edu/digitalcollections/behindtheveil/>.

### **ACRL to offer scholarly communication road shows**

Once again, ACRL will take its popular scholarly communication workshop on the road to five locations in 2012. Now titled "Scholarly Communication: From Understanding to Engagement," the road show was originally offered to raise awareness about scholarly communication in the community. ACRL initially underwrote the full costs of the then named "Scholarly Communications 101 - Starting with the Basics" program to support this goal. The program has evolved from this central goal of awareness building, and, three successful years later, now supports in-depth training as institutions are developing scholarly communication programming. As the workshop's goals have moved from raising awareness to training, the road show program is transitioning into an established ACRL professional development program in alignment with ACRL's other offerings.

In 2012, the program is expanded and enhanced to a full-day workshop with more applied programmatic elements while still retaining much of the "101 basics" elements. The program will also move to a cost-sharing model. ACRL is committed to underwriting the bulk of the costs for delivering the road show, and the cost for successful host institutions is \$2,000. Visit the road show Web site at [www.acrl.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/issues/scholcomm/roadshow.cfm](http://www.acrl.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/issues/scholcomm/roadshow.cfm) for more information and to apply to host the program. The application deadline is February 7, 2012.

### **Texas paraprofessional program**

The University of Texas School of Information has made full support material for replication of its "Stepping Up" program, which allows local academic libraries help their staff balance work with steady progress on their MLIS degrees, freely available online. Careful recruiting, advice through the GRE testing, extended orientation to the program, workplace mentors, enrichment opportunities, and tailored job placement

## Illinois to digitize C&RL archive

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library has launched a project to digitize the complete back contents of the ACRL's official scholarly research journal *College & Research Libraries (C&RL)*. The volunteer initiative will scan the full contents of *C&RL* through 1996 and make them freely available to the public in the University of Illinois's IDEALS institutional repository. *C&RL* contents from 1997 to the present will remain freely available through the publication's online presence at HighWire Press.

"*College & Research Libraries* has been the primary research journal for the academ-

ic library community since its founding in 1939," said *C&RL* Editor Joseph J. Bra-

nin of the King Abdullah University for Science and Technology. "With the digitization of the print back file from 1939 to 1996, the journal will be available in its entirety online and open access to the entire world. My thanks to the University of Illinois Library and ACRL for their generosity and fine work in making *College & Research Libraries* readily and freely available to library practitioners and researchers."

"ACRL is extremely grateful to the University of Illinois for donating its time and resources to undertake this project," added ACRL Executive Director Mary Ellen K. Davis. "Having the entire run of *C&RL* available digitally will be a real boon to researchers."

The University of Illinois Library's Digital Content Creation department will perform the digitization of the approximately 340 issues of *C&RL* by unbinding one of the library's two complete runs of the title and scanning using a high-speed InoTec SCAMAX document scanner. Text will be scanned at 400 dpi grayscale and issue covers at 400 dpi color. The digitization process will result in fully searchable PDF files at the issue and article level. Text files

of the OCR output will also be created and all original master image files will be ingested into the Medusa digital preservation repository at Illinois. Its metadata unit will create issue and article level metadata for all content.

"Illinois has made a strategic commitment to exploring new trends in scholarly communication through our IDEALS repository, along with our digitization and scholarly communication education programs," noted Scott Walter, associate university librarian for services and associate dean of libraries at Illinois.

"We are excited and proud to follow our successful collaboration

with the Graduate School of Library and Information Science in providing access to its signature journal, *Library Trends*, with this new partnership with ACRL to provide access to *College & Research Libraries*," Walter continued. "The University of Illinois has been a destination for LIS researchers for decades, and we are happy to be able to collaborate with ACRL to provide open access to the premiere journal in academic librarianship."

The *C&RL* project is the latest in a series of digitization efforts from the library at the University of Illinois. The Digital Content Creation department previously scanned LIS publications such as *Library Trends* and the *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books* for public access through the IDEALS repository.

Current *C&RL* contents are freely available to the public under the journal's open access policy, adopted in April 2011. The full backfiles are expected to be made available through IDEALS by summer 2012.

*C&RL* is available online at <http://crl.acrl.org> and the IDEALS repository at [www.ideals.illinois.edu/](http://www.ideals.illinois.edu/).



sessions are instrumental parts of the program, which supports career development. The program is designed to work in any school/library relationship, including libraries in schools' distance education sites.

The program was funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. For more on the program, including a complete set of materials, visit [www.ischool.utexas.edu/~stepup/](http://www.ischool.utexas.edu/~stepup/).

### CrossRef reaches DOI milestone

The number of CrossRef Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) assigned to scholarly documents has surpassed 50 million. The 50 millionth DOI has been identified as <http://dx.doi.org/10.3406/lsoc.1985.2030>, a 1985 linguistics article from the journal *Langage et Société*, made available by the Persée Program, which has participated in CrossRef since 2007.

CrossRef is a not-for-profit membership association of scholarly publishers. Since its founding in 2000, CrossRef has provided reference linking services for more than 50 million content items, including journal articles, books and book chapters, conference proceedings, reference entries, technical reports, standards, and data sets. More information is available at [www.crossref.org](http://www.crossref.org).

### GPO releases Mobile Member Guide app

The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) released its first mobile Web app, which is a tool that provides the public with quick, easy access to information on Members of Congress. The Mobile Member Guide app is of the Guide to House and Senate Members, which features a congressional pictorial directory as well as other information on every Member of

## 2010 Academic Library Trends and Statistics

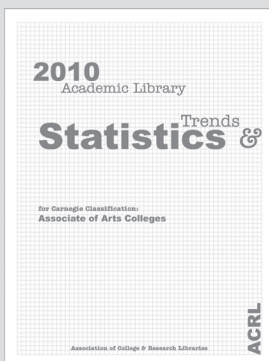
ACRL announces the publication of *2010 Academic Library Trends and Statistics*, the latest in a series of annual publications that describe the collections, staffing, expenditures, and service activities of academic libraries in all Carnegie classifications. The three-volume set includes associate of arts institutions, master's colleges and universities/baccalaureate colleges, and research/doctoral-granting institutions. The individual volumes for associates colleges, master's/baccalaureate, and doctoral-granting institutions are also available for purchase.

The 2010 data show that the median unit cost of monographs (per volume) increased slightly over 2009 for all types of academic libraries (11.1% for associate degree-granting institutions, 2.2% for baccalaureate institutions, 3.4% for comprehensive institutions, and 6.2% for doctoral/research institutions) while salary and wages expenditures as a percentage of total library expenditures remained unchanged for baccalaureate and comprehensive institutions, slightly decreased for doctoral institutions, and increased almost 3% for associate

degree-granting institutions. Salaries and wages constituted 76.4% of total library expenditures for associate-degree granting institutions, 58.98% for baccalaureate, 58.08% for comprehensive schools, and 45.61% for doctoral/research institutions.

Serial expenditures as a percentage of total library materials expenditures increased for all schools except doctoral degree-granting institutions. Serial expenditures constituted 57.98% of total library materials expenditures for baccalaureate institutions, 65% for comprehensive institutions, 73.09% for doctoral/research institutions, and 32.77% for associate degree-granting institutions. The percentage of student assistant staff as a percentage of total staff increased over 2009, ranging from a low of 20% at associate degree-granting institutions to a high of 32.14% at baccalaureate institutions.

*2010 Academic Library Trends and Statistics* is available for purchase through the ALA Online Store ([www.alastore.ala.org](http://www.alastore.ala.org)), by telephone order at (866) 746-7252 in the United States or (770) 442-8633 for international customers.



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### **New mobile apps from EBSCO**

EBSCO has released an EBSCOhost Android app ensuring that Android device users can quickly and easily take full advantage of their premium EBSCOhost database content from mobile devices. The Android app provides flexible access options for all popular mobile devices and the search experience available from EBSCO's library resources online. Available as a free download from the Android Market, the EBSCOhost Android app allows users to search premium EBSCOhost database content while using existing EBSCOhost features. These features include choosing which database to search, limiting to full text, date ranges, peer-reviewed content or by publication, and searching a library's catalog.

Also available from EBSCO is an iPhone application for Nursing Reference Center. The app allows nurses to access point-of-care nursing content anytime and anywhere with mobile technology. Users are able to search and browse content via their Apple iPhone, iPod Touch, or iPad. Features available with the new app include the ability to navigate through topics with a table of contents, view recent or saved searches, and adjust content that is being searched via a categories page. Available free from the iTunes App Store, Nursing Reference Center customers can take advantage of this mobile technology at no additional cost.

### **Columbia Libraries to award research grants**

The Columbia University Libraries recently

### **Hot on the Web**

The following are the top five most read articles on the online version of our sister publication *College & Research Libraries* from January to October 2011.

1. "The Academic Library Impact on Student Persistence" by Mark Emmons and Frances C. Wilkinson (March 2011)
2. "Measurement of Use of Electronic Resources" by Deborah D. Blecic, Joan B. Fiscella, and Stephen E. Wiberley (January 2007)
3. "Perceptions and Practices of Learning Styles in Library Instruction" by Connie Dalrymple (May 2002)
4. "Research Productivity Among Librarians" by Joseph Fennewald (March 2008)
5. "Reframing Information Literacy as a Metaliteracy" by Thomas P. Mackey and Trudi E. Jacobson (January 2011)

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announced a new awards program designed to facilitate research access to the libraries' special and unique collections. Columbia will award ten grants of \$2,500 each to those researchers who demonstrate a compelling need to consult the libraries' special collections for their work. All U.S. citizens are welcome to apply and preference will be given to those outside the New York City metropolitan area. The intent of the grant is to help defer the cost of visiting the libraries for research needs. Participating libraries and collections include those located on the Morningside Heights campus: the Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Butler Library, the Lehman Social Sciences Library, the Rare Book & Manuscript Library, the C. V. Starr East Asian Library, and the Libraries' Area Studies Collections.

Applications will be accepted through January 31, 2012, with research expected to be conducted at Columbia between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis through an application process. For eligibility, application guidelines, conditions, and more information about the special collections at Columbia University, visit [http://library.columbia.edu/indiv/spcol/research\\_awards.html](http://library.columbia.edu/indiv/spcol/research_awards.html). 