

### **Cornell and Columbia Libraries to build joint technical infrastructure**

The libraries at Columbia University and Cornell University are taking a new step in their 2CUL partnership by integrating a major part of their operations. Thanks to a three-year, \$350,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the two libraries will integrate their technical services departments. These departments purchase and license library materials, such as books, e-books, e-journals, databases, and more, and provide data so that users can find and use those materials.

“This is far-reaching action on a grand scale,” said Anne R. Kenney, Cornell’s Carl A. Kroch university librarian. “Eventually, both units will operate as part of one whole, which means that new efficiency and combined staff capabilities will enable both institutions to enhance capacity and broaden the range of services offered.”

For library users, the 2CUL integration will mean better and faster access to more materials—including licensed journal articles, foreign materials, and other content. When negotiating with vendors and other third parties for services and content, the technical services operation will exercise bargaining power on behalf of both research libraries. Additionally, some workflows will be similar enough to support work sharing. For example, when one campus faces a bulge or backlog in technical processing, staff at the other campus can pick up some of the work.

The 2CUL partnership began in 2009, with an initial grant from the Mellon Foundation that allowed Columbia and Cornell to join forces in addressing budgetary challenges posed by the economic recession and improve library efficiencies, promote innovation, and meet new and emerging academic needs.

For more information on 2CUL, visit <http://2cul.org>.

### **ACRL program proposals for 2014 ALA Annual Conference**

ACRL invites its committees, sections, interest groups, and individual members to consider submitting program proposals for the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. There will be a virtual meeting at 11:00 a.m., CST, April 18, 2013, for ACRL units and members interested in learning more about submitting proposals. RSVP online ([www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014ACPlanners](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014ACPlanners)) to attend this virtual meeting. Once login instructions are available, attendees will be notified. Login instructions will also be posted on the main ACRL page in ALA Connect.

ALA Annual Conference program proposals for 2014 are due September 1, 2013. The ACRL Professional Development Committee will review proposals and select 2014 ALA Annual Conference programs, with notifications issued in October 2013. More details about the ALA Annual Conference program process are on the ACRL Web site at [www.ala.org/acrl/conferences/confsandpreconfs/annual/annualprogramsfaq](http://www.ala.org/acrl/conferences/confsandpreconfs/annual/annualprogramsfaq).

### **Palgrave Macmillan announces open access option for monographs and Palgrave Pivot publications**

Palgrave Macmillan now offers authors and their funders the option to publish open access (OA) research across all publication formats. Through a program launched in January 2013, Palgrave Macmillan journal articles, monographs, and Palgrave Pivot publications can now be made available with immediate open access upon publication via Palgrave Open.

Palgrave Open will publish all OA content under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) License to support maximum dissemination and use. Preferred by many research funding bodies, this license allows readers to alter, transform, or build upon the article and then distribute the

## ACRL CUPA-HR Task Force updating academic librarian position descriptions

In fall 2012, ACRL President Steven J. Bell appointed a task force to work with CUPA-HR (College and University Professional Association for Human Resources) to review and revise as necessary current CUPA-HR academic librarian position descriptions.

Task force members include: Tom Abbot, University of Maine-Augusta; Wanda Brown, Wake Forest University; Teresa Liedt, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga; Tom Raffenserger, Westfield State University; Ann Watson, Shepherd University; and Trevor A. Dawes, ACRL vice-president and Board liaison to the task force.

The task force was asked to:

1. Research national academic librarian position descriptions and identify those most current and relevant to today's librarians.
2. Maintain an open and interactive working relationship with CUPA-HR and ACRL staff throughout the process.

3. Ensure that the leadership and membership of ACRL have an opportunity to comment on the revised descriptions and guide the process.

4. Create a marketing plan to let librarians know about the CUPA's librarian position descriptions.

The task force has created a Survey Monkey form that includes the current position descriptions, our proposed revisions, and space for comments on each position. The survey is available at <http://preview.tinyurl.com/ACRLcupahr>.

The survey will be available on March 8, 2013. Your comments and suggestions play an important role in this process.

Please take a moment to read our revisions and offer your thoughts by March 31, 2013.—*Debbie Malone, chair, ACRL CUPA-HR Task Force*

resulting work as long the original work is correctly cited. The CC BY license complies with a range of open access policies and allows authors to meet the public access requirements of many major funding bodies and institutions worldwide. Content published via Palgrave Open will be subject to the same peer-review process as all other Palgrave Macmillan publications.

Palgrave Macmillan plans to expand its OA offerings later in 2013 with the launch of a fully open access journal, accepting articles from across the Humanities and Social Sciences. For more information about Palgrave Open, visit [www.palgrave.com/open](http://www.palgrave.com/open).

### LYRASIS Digital initiative launches

LYRASIS announced the launch of LYRASIS Digital, an initiative focused on the importance and evolving nature of digital content, at the group's recent eGathering meeting. The LYRASIS Digital suite of services focuses on helping consortium members make con-

tent and unique collections more easily accessible and available digitally.

"LYRASIS Digital is an important step for LYRASIS in continuing our work with libraries and cultural heritage organizations to bring critical content to the forefront, making it easier to find, use, and share. We have heard from LYRASIS members and other organizations about the importance of advancing knowledge through unique and special collections that they hold and continue to build with their users," noted Kate Nevins, executive director of LYRASIS.

Consisting of two main areas, Electronic Resources and Content Creation and Management, LYRASIS Digital builds on existing organizational expertise and capabilities, including unique licensing offers, inter-consortial collaborative purchasing, open access, digitization, digital planning, metadata, repositories, open source ILS and decision support tools, preservation, digital preservation, and related classes and consulting.

For more information, visit [www.lyrasis.org](http://www.lyrasis.org).

### **NISO and NFAIS publish *Recommended Practices for Online Supplemental Journal Article Materials***

The National Information Standards Organization (NISO) and the National Federation for Advanced Information Services (NFAIS) have published a new *Recommended Practice on Online Supplemental Journal Article Materials* (NISO RP-15-2013). Supplemental materials are increasingly being added to journal articles, but until now there has been no recognized set of practices to guide in the selection, delivery, discovery, and preservation of these materials.

To address this gap, NISO and NFAIS jointly sponsored an initiative to establish best practices that would provide guidance to publishers and authors for management of supplemental materials and would address related problems for librarians, abstracting and indexing services, and repository administrators.

The Supplemental Materials project involved two teams working in tandem: one to address business practices and one to focus on technical issues. This new publication is the combined outcome of the two groups' work. *Recommended Practices for Online Supplemental Journal Article Materials*, a metadata schema, a tag library, and tagged examples are available from the NISO Web site at [www.niso.org/workrooms/supplemental](http://www.niso.org/workrooms/supplemental).

### **Thomson Reuters introduces EndNote iPad app**

Thomson Reuters recently announced the launch of the first EndNote app. This new app uses sync capabilities, enabling EndNoteX6 users to view, edit, organize, and share their research materials from an iPad. The EndNoteSync capability provides the ability to update, manage, and synchronize references in EndNote desktop and EndNote Web with one click. Users will also be able to transfer their data and references,

as well as attach PDF files from their existing EndNote libraries to the app, allowing them to manage and share their references with greater mobility.

The new EndNote iPad app also includes a built-in Web browser and direct export capabilities, which enable users to search online databases and import references into their EndNote library. The app further allows functionality for reading and annotating full-text PDF files. The EndNote app is available in all international Apple App Stores.

To learn more about EndNote, visit [endnote.com](http://endnote.com).

### **ProQuest expands History Vault**

In 2013, ProQuest will provide access to content that has been largely inaccessible to global researchers with a significant expansion of its History Vault, a five-year program to provide central access to the key archival collections that document the most important and widely studied topics of 18th-through 20th-century America. Six new modules will surface documents that enable fresh insight into the Civil and Women's Rights Movements, Immigration, and World War II.

History Vault launched in 2011 with collections covering the Black Freedom Struggle and Vietnam War and in 2012, six new collections were added. In 2013, History Vault will build on this foundation, releasing two new modules of NAACP papers, including internal documents relating to the group's major campaigns—Scottsboro, Anti-Lynching, Criminal Justice, Peonage, Labor, and Segregation and Discrimination Complaints and Responses—and legal department files relating to the campaigns.

For more information on ProQuest History Vault, visit <http://bit.ly/u90lTk>.

### **EBSCO grows academic library e-book content**

EBSCO has added thousands of e-books to its eBook Academic Collection, increasing the number of e-books to more than 112,000. eBook Academic Collection sup-

plies full-text e-books covering a broad spectrum of academic subjects from technology, science, and engineering to the humanities and social sciences. eBook Academic Collection is offered on an annual subscription basis with unlimited access to the content, and unlimited downloads, if the library makes them available.

Each title is offered with unlimited users allowing more users access to each title in the collection. As with all e-books available from EBSCO, eBook Academic Collection is integrated and works seamlessly with all EBSCOhost content. Users will be able to search the collection on its own or side-by-side with other EBSCOhost databases.

E-books are available on an individual basis as well as in Subject Sets, Featured Collections, and Custom Collections.

More information about eBooks on EBSCOhost is available at [www.ebscohost.com/ebooks](http://www.ebscohost.com/ebooks).

### **OCLC and Gale expand partnership**

OCLC and Gale, part of Cengage Learning, have agreed to make all Gale databases and archives fully discoverable through WorldCat Local, and to explore broadening discoverability of Gale collections through other applications available through the OCLC WorldShare Platform. OCLC and Gale have been offering access to some of Gale's most popular databases to mutual subscribers through the WorldCat Local discovery and delivery service. This new agreement will enable OCLC to index metadata and full text for all Gale databases and scholarly archives and make them discoverable through WorldCat Local for mutual subscribers.

In addition, Gale and OCLC will identify metadata that could be made discoverable to

## **Tech Bits . . .**

### **Brought to you by the ACRL ULS Technology in University Libraries Committee**

Do you want to automatically back up your most important files, sync them to your other devices, make them available to colleagues for reading and editing, or make them accessible to faculty and students? The Dropbox app (free up to 2 GB file storage) lets you do just that.

Put a file from your computer into your Dropbox folder, and it will be automatically synced to your Dropbox account in the cloud. Install Dropbox on your other devices (such as a smartphone or an iPad), and your files will be automatically synced there, too. You can also use Dropbox to share individual files and folders with students, faculty, and colleagues, making it easier to provide access to resources and to collaborate on projects.

—Drew Smith

*University of South Florida Tampa Library*

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any user through OCLC WorldShare Platform applications. Gale and OCLC will also identify metadata from these collections that can be made discoverable to users around the world through WorldCat.org. *~*

### **Corrections**

The name of R. Arvid Nelsen, candidate for ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Section vice-chair/ chair elect, was misspelled in the "ACRL candidates for 2013" article in the January 2013 issue.

In the December 2012 Scholarly Communication article "Openness, value, and scholarly societies," the Modern Language Association's author contracts are described as being gold open access, when they in fact represent a green open access model.