

Liberty Square LEED certified

In September 2010, CHOICE received notification of the approval of its Commercial Interior LEED application for its new Liberty Square office condominium in Middletown, Connecticut. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification is granted to projects that meet national standards for sustainability and green practices in building design. Congratulations to Irv



CHOICE's new Liberty Square office condominium in Middletown, Connecticut.

Rockwood and the CHOICE staff on this prestigious designation.

Gale to digitize McMaster University's Holocaust and Resistance Collections

Gale, part of Cengage Learning, and McMaster University recently announced an agreement for Gale to digitize McMaster's collection of materials related to the Holocaust, propaganda, and the Jewish underground resistance movement during the Second World War. Nearly 2,000 letters in several different languages from or to prisoners in Dachau, Buchenwald, and Auschwitz, as well as in Gestapo prisons and POW camps, comprise much of the collection's material. The collection also includes books, posters, magazines, newspapers, and air-drop leaflets.

In addition, Gale will digitize materials from the Jewish underground resistance

collection, including documents from the personal collection of David Diamant, a Jewish communist and committed member of the underground resistance during World War II. The documents, which are mainly in French and Yiddish, deal primarily with the Jewish segment of the French underground resistance, with many of the documents originating from communist groups and some from Polish groups. Digitization began in November 2010 and is expected to become available to customers as part of Gale's Archives Unbound starting in spring 2011.

Western regional consortia share resources

The Marmot Library Network has signed an agreement with the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries and Innovative Interfaces that allows Marmot to join the Prospector regional union catalog and interlibrary loan system. The current catalog includes approximately 27 million items (10 million titles), which supports interlibrary lending among 26 public, academic, and special libraries located in the metropolitan "Front Range" of Colorado and Wyoming. Marmot will add records of approximately 3 million items (1.2 million titles) held by 15 public and academic libraries mainly on the rural "Western Slope" of Colorado.

The project is substantially funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through a Library Services and Technology Act allocation to the Colorado Department of Education and the Colorado State Library. The Marmot Library Network is online at www.marmot.org and the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries at www.coalliance.org.

Villanova, La Salle partner for online biblical literature

Villanova University's Falvey Memorial Library has partnered with the La Salle University Connelly Library to digitize rare bibles

ACRL draft Plan for Excellence, bylaws change

At the ALA Midwinter Meeting and ALA Annual Conference in 2010, the ACRL Leadership Council identified challenges facing academic librarianship and prioritized areas for action. These conversations, along with Futures Thinking for Academic Librarians report, the 2010 Top Ten Trends in Academic Libraries, and the Value of Academic Libraries report, as well as the Strategic Plan Activities Report, informed the fall 2010 strategic planning process. In drafting the new plan, the ACRL Board accomplished the goal of creating a focused and streamlined plan.

The result of these discussions is a draft for a new ACRL Plan for Excellence. Now that we have a draft of the new plan, we'd like to hear from you. To facilitate the process, we've created an online form with the following questions:

1. In considering a three-to-five year planning cycle and a focused strategic plan, is there anything you expected to see in the goals and objectives that is not included?
2. Given the three goal areas, what suggestions do you have for activities and projects that ACRL should undertake to advance the plan?
3. Is there anything in the draft plan that is not clear?

We welcome responses from individual members as well as responses from ACRL committees, sections, interest groups, etc. Please submit your feedback by February 1, 2011. The text of the draft plan is available at www.ala.org/ala/mgrps

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In addition, at the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., the ACRL Board asked for input about the possibility of a dues increase. We heard the message that even in tough times, members understood the need for a dues increase but also that it would be best to have smaller increases rather than larger. As one person quipped, "about the cost of a latte."

The ACRL Board asked the ACRL Budget & Finance Committee to recommend a course of action that would enable the association to remain financially stable while also minimizing the impact on members. As a result, the ACRL Board has taken the first of two votes needed to approve language for the spring ballot to revise the ACRL bylaws to achieve these goals.

A FAQ available on the ACRL Web site (www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/about/membership/duesfaqs/FAQ_Proposed_Bylaws_.pdf) details the bylaws change and answers questions about the change. We encourage you to discuss this bylaws change with an ACRL Board member. You may also send questions or comments to me at ljanicke@illinois.edu.

I hope you will take time to review the FAQ, and I encourage you to support this bylaws change on the spring ballot.

—Lisa Hincliffe
ACRL President 2010-11

and other printed material from Connelly's Susan Dunleavy Collection of Biblical Literature. Since its establishment in 1978, the Dunleavy Collection has grown from a focus on biblical illustrations to encompass the history of English translations of the Bible, as well as historical controversies over the texts. It includes a rare copy of the first Bible printed in English (Coverdale, 1535), as well as first editions—and later revisions—of the Geneva, Rheims, Douai, and King James versions.

For more information on the collection, visit www.lasalle.edu/library/speccoll/bibles.php. Digitized materials from the collec-

tion are available to view online in Falvey's Digital Library (digital.library.villanova.edu/La%20Salle%20University).

Portico to preserve CrossRef metadata

CrossRef and Portico have entered into an agreement in principle under which Portico will preserve CrossRef's bibliographic and reference metadata in the Portico archive. This agreement would act as an extra level of insurance to the scholarly community, which relies on reference linking services from CrossRef.

"This agreement with Portico represents the most recent in a series of steps CrossRef

has taken to implement our plan for long-term sustainability,” noted Ed Pentz, CrossRef’s executive director. “For CrossRef DOIs to be persistent links CrossRef itself must be persistent as an organization. We updated our membership terms to encourage member publishers to enter into archiving agreements for their own content and to ensure CrossRef can keep the bibliographic metadata even if publishers stop assigning DOIs or cease operations.”

Portico preserves 12,000 e-journals, 66,000 e-book titles, and 39 digitized historical collections from 118 publishers on behalf of more than 2,000 societies and associations, and with the support of 710 libraries worldwide. The agreement with CrossRef would add bibliographic data with CrossRef Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) for more than 44 million records from more than 3,200 publishers. The complete list of titles and participating publishers is available at www.portico.org/digital-preservation/. CrossRef is online at www.crossref.org.

University of Pittsburgh Library System offers e-journal publishing service

The University of Pittsburgh University Library System (ULS) is now offering free e-journal publishing services to help academic journals make their content available to a

global audience while eliminating the cost of print production. The service is part of ULS’s D-Scribe Digital Publishing Program, which partners with the University of Pittsburgh Press.

The ULS trains a journal’s editorial staff in the use of Open Journal Systems (OJS) software, which channels the flow of scholarly content from initial author submissions through peer review and final online publication and indexing. OJS provides the tools necessary for the layout, design, copy editing, proofreading, and archiving of journal articles.

The platform provides a set of reading tools to extend the use of scholarly content through RSS feeds and postings to Facebook and Twitter. E-journal articles can be discovered via blogs, databases, search engines, and library collections. For more information about the E-journal Publishing Program, visit www.library.pitt.edu/e-journals/.

GPO metadata in EBSCO

Metadata from the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) will soon be searchable through the EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS). EDS customers will be able to search for federal records from GPO’s Catalog of U.S. Government Publications. GPO provides publishing and dissemination services for the official and authentic government publications to Congress, federal agencies, federal

depository libraries, and the American public. GPO resources that will be available through EDS include federal publications from the Congressional Serial Set Catalog, Congressional publications, GPO Access publications, Internet publications, periodicals, and serials.

EZproxy hosted service

OCLC’s EZproxy authentication and access solution is now available as a cloud-based hosted service. The new hosted version of EZproxy allows libraries to deliver online content and make services accessible to their users wherever they are, at any time, without installing software on their own servers. A pilot version

ACRL 2011 early bird deadline

The early bird registration deadline for ACRL 2011 is fast approaching. Register by February 4, 2011, and receive 20



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percent off registration fees. ACRL 2011, “A Declaration of Interdependence,” will be held March 30–April 2, 2011, in Philadelphia. The conference will feature more than 300 peer-reviewed presentations on topics, such as assessment, budgeting, cross-disciplinary partnerships, data curation, fair use, reference services in a mobile world, and more. Keynote speakers Tiffany Shlain, Raj Patel, and Clinton Kelly are joined by invited paper speakers Char Booth, Tara McPherson, and Carol Strohecker, to inform and entertain.

Complete details, including the conference schedule, are available online at www.acrl.org/acrlconference.

Best Practices for Credit-Bearing Information Literacy Courses

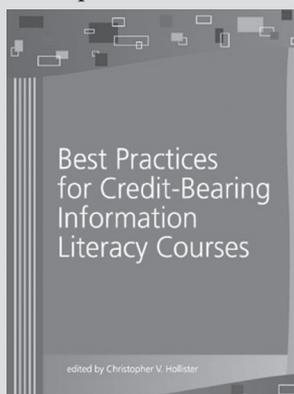
ACRL announces the publication of *Best Practices for Credit-Bearing Information Literacy Courses*. Edited by Christopher Hollister, the work is a collection of previously unpublished papers in which contributing authors describe and recommend best practices for creating, developing, and teaching credit-bearing information literacy (IL) courses at the college and university level.

Contributors include academic librarians from universities, four-year colleges, and community colleges to demonstrate successful IL course endeavors at their respective institutions. *Best Practices for Credit-Bearing Information Literacy Courses* includes several case studies of both classroom and online IL courses; some are elective and some required, some

are discipline-specific, and others are integrated into academic programs or departments. Contributors discuss useful and effective methods

for developing, teaching, assessing, and marketing courses. Also included are chapters on theoretical approaches to credit bearing IL courses and their history in higher education. Organized around three themes—create, develop, and teach—this book provides practitioners and administrators with a start-to-finish guide to best practices for credit-bearing IL courses.

Best Practices for Credit-Bearing Information Literacy Courses is available for purchase through the ALA Online Store and by telephone order at (866) 746-7252 in the United States or (770) 442-8633 for international customers.



of the hosted service has been active with five participating libraries since April 2009.

“The hosted version of EZproxy will help truly deliver on the promise of its name—a quick and easy installation of a library proxy server for any size library,” said Don Hamarian, OCLC senior product manager for EZproxy. “A hosted solution provides 24/7 reliability and access—with minimal technical support required from the library. Our goal is to help more libraries manage and provide one-click access to electronic content for their authorized users.”

EZproxy hosted service is available as a yearly subscription, based on FTE or population served. All hosted implementations will run the latest release of EZproxy, currently version 5.3. Current EZproxy client users can use their existing configuration files when moving to the hosted service.

The hosted version of EZproxy is currently available for libraries in the United States and Canada. Hosted services will be available for additional regions at a later date.

Springer launches visual analytics tool

Springer is launching a new free analytics

tool, www.realtime.springer.com, which provides multiple visualizations of the usage that is generated worldwide by Springer’s online products, including journals, books, images, and protocols.

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