

Highlights of Progress in Support of The RLG Partnership:

July–December 2008

In the current economic climate, institutions are looking for clear return of value from their investments in external relationships. OCLC Research and the RLG Partnership Council are committed to using resources wisely and delivering impactful results to RLG partner institutions.

In the first part of this report we showcase four areas of important work; in each case, a very brief six-month progress report is followed by commentary on the value and benefit felt by staff from [RLG Partnership institutions](#):

- Archives and Special Collections Program
- Library, Archive and Museum Collaboration
- Shared Print Program
- SHARES Partnership

In the second part of the report, we supply a six-month inventory of the ways that RLG Partnership institutions reap real and demonstrable rewards in return for their annual investment. Here is evidence that investing in the RLG Partnership – including financial support and human resource commitment – is a crucial factor in ensuring the future of memory institutions themselves. Among the items listed are:

- new opportunities for staff at partner institutions to engage with colleagues in solving common challenges: working groups, interest groups, events and visits;
- contributions (presentations, articles and reports) made by program officers and research scientists about our work for the direct benefit of the RLG Partnership and shared with the wider community;
- conferences where our staff spoke or were present in order to learn and share;
- experimental services released or updated.

Please share this with your colleagues and also [let us know](#) how useful it is.

Partnership Program Showcase: Progress and Value

Archives and Special Collections Program

Progress

Special collections materials are of increasing interest and importance. As materials from the general stacks become more ubiquitous (through "mass" digitization projects and as institutions move towards joint ownership of books and journals), special collections may become what defines a library collection. With the shift in importance, it's a good time for an examination of the end-to-end process that results in archival and special collections materials being delivered to interested users. The overarching goal is to achieve economies and efficiencies that permit these materials to be effectively described, properly disclosed, successfully discovered and appropriately delivered.

This new program was launched in August and a new staff member was hired to expand our ability to achieve our objectives. We are forming a number of working groups and have already begun to develop strategies for addressing the challenges.

Completed during this period:

- Formed working groups for collections survey and EAD tools projects.
- Analysis of MARC records underway for project on holdings and description.
- Ongoing evaluation of user studies as part of the discovery project in progress.
- Defining data mining methodology for WorldCat records under archival control.
- Reviewed WorldCat data for geographical distribution of archival records.
- Completed structured interviews with Partners advising on discovery and delivery projects.
- Completed first draft of bibliography of users studies for cross-searching networks.
- Completed interviews on jointly-owned or collaborative rare and unique collections.
- Refined missing materials test procedure and held meeting with 'beta' group.
- Participated in the WorldCat Local Special Collections Task Force.

Partner Benefit

The merger of RLG and OCLC has been a boon for archives and special collections. RLG's unrivaled creativity is now bolstered by OCLC's incomparable infrastructure. This unique combination enables a holistic view of the archives and special collections life-cycle from acquisitions to end-user evaluation. These recent projects, in my mind, are the start of great things to come: programs and tools sorely needed at the network level.

— *David de Lorenzo, Associate Director, The Bancroft Library, University of California Berkeley*

Institutions with smaller staffs lack the resources to research policies and procedures necessary to become part of the larger information infrastructure. RLG Partnership working groups, forums and publications make shared research available for use by all and serve as a valuable conduit between specialists that share challenges but may not necessarily be in the same community. Solutions and projects conceived by diverse area specialists like art, natural history, law and business can be shared through RLG. Special thanks for the *hangingtogether* blog and the efforts by RLG staff to keep the community at large updated on the latest developments. I've recommended the blog to my colleagues and my students.

— *Barbara Mathé, Museum Archivist and Head of Library Special Collections, American Museum of Natural History Library*

RLG Programs is creating a synergy in working with archivists and special collections. By working with them, we can explore innovations in description, reference, and outreach by better understanding our metadata and our users.

— *Mark A. Matienzo, Applications Developer, Digital Experience Group, The New York Public Library*

Library, Archive and Museum Collaboration

Progress

RLG Programs conducted investigations to further dialog and collaboration among libraries, archives and museums by holding day-long workshops at The Smithsonian Institution, Yale University, Princeton University, the University of Edinburgh and the Victoria and Albert Museum. The goal of each meeting was to deepen existing library, archive and museum collaborations, and to identify new areas for joint work. After each meeting, a report was

prepared about the individual institution's progress and aspirations and shared with campus colleagues and administration.

A comprehensive report, [*Beyond the Silos of the LAMs: Collaboration Among Libraries, Archives and Museums*](#), was published in September that highlights lessons learned from these five LAM workshops and contains information about inspiring collaborative projects in campus environments. The bulk of the report is dedicated to the catalysts which allow collaboration to thrive. These insights should be helpful to anyone who is trying to foster deep relationships.

Partner Benefit

The University of Edinburgh was very pleased to work with RLG on library, archive and museum collaborations. The workshop brought together professional groupings from our Library, the Talbot Rice Gallery, and our museums, and...challenged us to think beyond our normal day-to-day preoccupations. We had a number of very valuable outcomes for Edinburgh from the workshop, and are also pleased to read the more general outcomes of this strand of work in the report. These professions all face similar challenges and opportunities, and will achieve more while thinking and working together.

— *Sheila Cannell, Director of Library Services, University of Edinburgh*

The V&A was pleased to be able to participate in the workshop, which proved to be a highly effective way of stimulating debate within the Museum. We are now actively pursuing a range of collaborative initiatives that were discussed with RLG Programs staff.

— *Douglas Dodds, Head of Central Services & Senior Curator, Computer Art, Word and Image Department, Victoria and Albert Museum*

Shared Print Program

Progress

One of the most challenging issues now facing research libraries is how best to re-conceptualize print collection management and preservation strategies in light of changing scholarly practices in the online environment and resultant pressures on library resource allocation. Off-site shelving facilities may alleviate space pressure on a local or regional basis, but in the absence of a robust policy framework and common service infrastructure, efforts to establish distributed print management schemes will have limited impact on the larger economy of collection building and management. Instances of shared collection ownership and governance supported by long-term business models are still few in number, and the growth of a network of deeply inter-dependent repositories across large geographic regions is still in its infancy. The RLG Partnership is working steadily to improve the knowledge base and develop evidence-based models for managing print collections as a collective resource, by analyzing patterns in aggregate holdings and usage, assessing extant policy documents, identifying gaps in current service infrastructure and establishing protocols for assessing and managing the risk—and potential value—of ongoing investment in library print collections.

- Formed an advisory committee – the RLG Shared Print Coordinating Committee
- Formed the De-accessioning Print Back-files Working Group

- Formed the Prospective Journals Preservation Working Group
 - Developed a short list of 'at-risk' print humanities journals
 - Developed a draft methodology for assessing and validating local holdings with a view to declaring institutional retention and preservation commitments
- Completed the Shared Print Policy Review Report (forthcoming publication)
- Established an Interest Group on the Future of Collections.

Partner Benefit

While research in all fields benefits tremendously from digital collections, print collections in academic and research libraries continue to play a very important role in support of advanced humanities scholarship. The RLG Shared Print Program is taking timely steps to insure that journal collections, in particular, continue to exist as paper files for as long as they are needed.

— *Susan M. Allen, Chief Librarian, Research Library, The Getty Research Institute*

As part of the University of California system, we here at UCLA are no strangers to collaborative projects; unfortunately, we are also no strangers to budget concerns. The work RLG is doing to develop sustainable business models and a policy framework that will support a network-based approach to building integrated collections -- including shared print -- addresses a number of issues that are central to our ongoing local and systemwide strategic planning. Foremost among these issues is stewardship of our collections, including preserving knowledge in perpetuity, exposing hidden collections and maximizing access to holdings, and avoiding unnecessary duplication of content and effort in an era of reduced financial resources.

— *Sharon Farb, Associate University Librarian and Gary Strong, University Librarian, University of California at Los Angeles*

The RLG Partnership has taken a leadership role in designing next generation solutions for collaborative print collection management. The RLG's recent analyses of emerging print retention policies, governance models and service infrastructures revealed some of the common elements of effective collaboration among library consortia. We are excited about the Partnership's upcoming work on prospective print journal preservation; we expect that work may reveal some very promising new models for network-level print collection management. The RLG's vision and collaborative approach to research, experimentation and solution design are invaluable to the research library community and will help us to address some of our pressing needs to actively manage the collective print collection in more robust ways.

— *Emily Stambaugh, Shared Print Manager, California Digital Library*

SHARES Program

Progress

SHARES is one of RLG's oldest and most successful collaborative efforts. Operating for over 20 years, the program enables participating institutions to agree on below-market prices, expeditious procedures, and liberal lending policies. In addition, this program gives each participant's faculty, students, and staff on-site access to collections and services at other SHARES institutions. This international sharing partnership expands and enhances local collections with materials owned by partners around the world.

Six SHARES working groups of partner staff are engaged in a series of discussions to confirm the continuing value of the program and at the same time move the collective agenda forward to meet the changing needs of research libraries. Active SHARES working groups include: Sharing Expertise; Rethinking Onsite Access; SHARES Documentation; High-Performing Lenders; What's Not Being Filled; and Pricing Structure Review.

Partner Benefit

As recent members, we immediately saw the benefits of SHARES membership... Access to the collections of our overseas partners has been greatly appreciated by our faculty. And finally, the materials that many partners lend just can't be borrowed from anywhere else. When our users thank us, we often have SHARES to thank.

— *Scott Britton, Director of Access, Information and Research Services, Otto G. Richter Library, University of Miami*

We value the SHARES Program more than ever in these tough economic times as we are asked to do more with less. The partnership helps to identify resources, facilitates collaboration and investigates service improvements in access and delivery to collections. SHARES, which includes libraries of many types and sizes as well as historical and cultural heritage institutions, plays an important role in helping us all provide outstanding service for the ongoing and future needs of our students, researchers and scholars.

— *Susan Currie, Associate Director of University Libraries, Glenn G. Bartle Library, Binghamton University State University of New York*

Participation in SHARES has provided researchers at University of Texas at Austin with access to more art materials and unique items from member collections. We are especially pleased to be able to borrow from partner collections abroad without having to submit ALA requests or use IFLA vouchers; using OCLC and IFM makes borrowing so much easier!

— *Catherine Hamer, Document Delivery Librarian, University of Texas at Austin*

Our faculty, staff and students truly benefit from SHARES. The diverse membership, including research institutions, art museums and non-North American institutions, gives us access to an immense amount of material that might be difficult or impossible to obtain elsewhere. The preferential service provided by our SHARES partners means that we get these materials quickly, for reasonable terms and at a minimal cost.

— *Jesse Koennecke, Head of Access Services, Albert R. Mann Library, Cornell University*

Selected Activity in Support of the RLG Partnership: July-December 2008

Hired New Staff

- [Jackie Dooley](#), Consulting Archivist, was hired to work on projects related to archival description and disclosure, including evaluation of tools for effecting sustainable processes.

Formed New Working Groups

- **Ad Hoc Distributed Collections of Record Working Group** to formalize long observed tacit arrangements for non-duplication of and shared access to regional research collections in a set of model documents. Staffed by Program Officer [Constance Malpas](#), members include:
 - Susan Allen, The Getty Research Institute
 - Kimberly Douglas, California Institute of Technology
 - Sharon Farb and Gary Strong, University of California at Los Angeles
- **Assess Archival Survey Tools Working Group** to survey existing instruments and practices, identify the range of deliverables from each and recommend best practices, including re-appraisal that would permit aggregation of results. Staffed by Senior Program Officer [Merrilee Proffitt](#), members include:
 - Martha Conway, University of Michigan
 - David DeLorenzo, University of California, Berkeley
 - Christine Di Bella, Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collection Libraries
 - Sarah Stauderman, Smithsonian Institution
- **Copyright Evidence Registry Task Group** to advise on the development of the Copyright Evidence Registry pilot. Staffed by Senior Program Officer [Merrilee Proffitt](#), members include:
 - Mimi Calter, Stanford University
 - Anne Karle-Zenith, University of Michigan
 - Lisa Macklin, Emory University
 - Robin Wendler, Harvard University
 - Bob Wolven, Columbia University
- **EAD Tools Working Group** to inventory and survey EAD creation and editing tools, and produce a report that compares the technical requirements, features and outputs of each. Staffed by Senior Program Officer [Merrilee Proffitt](#), members include:
 - Michele Combs, Syracuse University
 - Barbara Mathe, American Museum of Natural History
 - Mark Matienzo, New York Public Library
 - Lisa Spiro, Rice University
- **Interest Group/Email List: Future of Collections** – Open to RLG Partner institution staff interested in following or being involved in activities related to shared print, journal preservation and related work. Contact [Constance Malpas](#) if you'd like to receive updates on this work.
- **Interest Group/Email List: Renovating Description (RenDes)** – Open to RLG Partner institution staff interested in following or being involved in activities related to metadata creation processes, networking controlled vocabularies, and associated work. Contact [Karen Smith-Yoshimura](#) if you'd like to receive updates on this work.
- **Interest Group/Email List: Research Information Management** - Open to RLG Partner institution staff interested in following or being involved in activities related to research support, institutional repositories, expertise profiling, research assessment and related issues. Contact [Ricky Erway](#) if you'd like to receive updates on this work.
- **Networking Names Advisory Group** to develop use case scenarios for the [Cooperative Identities Hub](#) prototype and determine the functions and components that would have the most impact. Staffed by Program Officer [Karen Smith-Yoshimura](#) and Chief Scientist [Thom Hickey](#), members include:
 - Grace Agnew, Rutgers University
 - Laura Akerman, Emory University
 - Genevieve Clavel, Swiss National Library
 - Joan Cobb, Getty Research Institute
 - Michele Crump, University of Florida
 - Amanda Hill, Names Project, University of Manchester
 - Deborah Kempe, The Frick Collection and Frick Art Reference Library
 - Amy Lucker, New York University

Dennis Meissner, Minnesota Historical Society
Suzanne Pilsk, Smithsonian Institution
Michael Rush, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University
Jon Shaw, University of Pennsylvania
Laura Smart, California Institute of Technology
Daniel Starr, Metropolitan Museum of Art
Robert Wolven, Columbia University

- **Prospective Journals Preservation Group** to establish a shared set of workflows for identifying at-risk journal titles in local collections; declare (and systematically disclose) an institutional commitment to ongoing acquisition and retention of such titles; and validate the comprehensiveness and condition of retrospective holdings of these titles as part of a national shared print collection. The group will be working with us on a test implementation of the MARC 583 tag as a vehicle for disclosing acquisition, retention and access commitments in the network. A list of titles selected for possible inclusion in this project is [available](#). Staffed by Program Officer Constance Malpas, members include:
 - Susan Allen, Getty Research Institute
 - Sharon Farb, University of California at Los Angeles
 - Lisa German, Pennsylvania State University
 - Richard Griscom, University of Pennsylvania
 - Assunta Pisani, Stanford University
 - Bryan Skib, University of Michigan
 - Emily Stambaugh, California Digital Library
 - Michael Stoller, New York University
- **Share Best Practices for Metadata Creation Workflows Working Group** to design an RLG Partner survey instrument for sharing best practices in metadata creation workflows and analyze how research institutions are dealing with an array of resources in different formats. Staffed by Program Officer [Karen Smith-Yoshimura](#), members include:
 - Leighann Ayers, University of Michigan
 - Beth Picknally Camden, University of Pennsylvania
 - Lisa German, Pennsylvania State University
 - Peggy Johnson, University of Minnesota
 - Caroline Miller, University of California, Los Angeles
- **Shared Print Coordinating Committee** to advocate for system-wide change in the way research collections are acquired, managed and preserved and develop and implement a cooperative agreement that can serve as a model to other research institutions that are seeking more cost-efficient approach to acquiring and managing print collections. Staffed by Program Officer [Constance Malpas](#), members include:
 - Susan Allen, Getty Research Library
 - Steve Bosch, University of Arizona
 - Martha Brogan, University of Pennsylvania
 - Paul Courant, University of Michigan
 - Nancy Eaton, Pennsylvania State University
 - Sharon Farb, University of California, Los Angeles
 - Bryan Skib, University of Michigan
 - Emily Stambaugh, California Digital Library
 - Michael Stoller, New York University
 - Gary Strong, University of California, Los Angeles
- **Workflows in Research Assessment Program (WRAP) Expert Working Group** to advise on program focus and direction. Staffed by European Program Director [John MacColl](#). Members of this group will be announced when the composition is complete.

Released Experimental Services and Widgets

- Released [OCLC Crosswalk Web Service Demo](#) for developers who need to translate metadata. This demo translates metadata records from one format to another and will process up to 500 records from all requests per user, per day.
- Created a [WorldCat API for the Apple iPhone](#) which, for the first time, allows bibliographic information from WorldCat to be delivered effectively to a hand-held device. This is a great advance in our ongoing effort to provide people with information when and where they want it.
- Released [Classify](#), an experimental classification service that provides access to classification information in more than 36 million WorldCat records. The OCLC FRBR Work-Set algorithm is used to provide a work-level summary of the class numbers assigned to a title.
- These projects supplement our ongoing work with authority files, controlled vocabularies, and classification data:
 - [WorldCat Identities](#) aims to address end users' need to uniquely identify authors by compiling information from a variety of resources—including information data-mined from WorldCat—to illustrate the history and works by and about persons and corporate bodies that may be known by a variety of names depending on location. The [twenty million identities](#) covered are more than in any other resource currently available.
 - [Terminology Services](#) provides experimental Web-based services for controlled vocabularies. Our beta [services](#) help developers build their own applications using thesauri, subject headings, and other terminology resources.

Gave Presentations; Published; Launched a Newsletter (a Selective Listing)

July 2008

- Erway: "[Shifting Gears—Scaling up the Digitisation of Special Collections](#)" to LIBER Annual General Conference at Koç University (Istanbul, Turkey).
- Erway: "Supply and Demand: Special Collections and Digitization," JISC/CNI Conference (Belfast, Northern Ireland).
- Tennant: "Libraries in a Networked World" Keynote to WiLSWorld Conference (Madison, WI).
- Proffitt, Merrilee and Jennifer Schaffner. [The Impact of Digitizing Special Collections on Teaching and Scholarship: Reflections on a Symposium about Digitization and the Humanities](#).
- O'Neill, Edward T., Lynn Silipigni Connaway, and Timothy J. Dickey (2008). *Estimating the audience level for library resources*. *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*, V 59, i13, Pages 2042–2050.
- Moulaison, Heather L. (2008). *Social Tagging in the Web 2.0 Environment: Author vs. User Tagging*. *Journal of Library Metadata*, 8(2).

August 2008

- Silipigni Connaway: "Getting Better All the Time! Improving Communication and Accuracy in Virtual Reference," with Marie Radford (New Brunswick, NJ).
- Vizine-Goetz: "Terminology Services," IFLA Preconference, Université de Montréal, (Montréal, Quebec).
- Childress: "[FAST \(Faceted Application of Subject Terminology\): A Vocabulary to Facilitate Faceted Browsing](#)," IFLA Preconference, Université de Montréal (Montréal, Quebec).
- Dempsey: "Moving Discovery to Delivery to Webscale," IFLA Document Supply Satellite Meeting: Rethinking Access to Information, Boston Public Library, (Boston, MA).

September 2008

- Erway: "Collaboration on the LAM: Insights into Library, Archive, and Museum Interaction at Five Institutions" Society of American Archivists Conference (San Francisco, CA).
- Silipigni Connaway: "Email is for Old People: Inter-Generational Disconnects in Virtual Reference Communication," Cleveland State University (Cleveland, OH).
- MacColl: "Are Archives the New Libraries?" OCLC EMEA Dutch Customer Contact Day (The Hague, Netherlands).
- [*Above the Fold*](#), (ISSN 1943-1457), a weekly newsletter for the changing world of libraries, archives and museums. OCLC Research.
- Zorich, Diane, Günter Waibel and Ricky Erway . [*Beyond the Silos of the LAMs: Collaboration Among Libraries, Archives and Museums*](#), OCLC Research, 2008.
- Dempsey, Lorcan. *Always On: Libraries in a World of Permanent Connectivity*. Needham, Gill, and Mohamed Ally. *M-libraries: Libraries on the Move to Provide Virtual Access*. 2008.

October 2008

- Tennant: "Using WorldCat Grid Services in Library Applications" at [Access 2008](#) (Hamilton, Ontario).
- Hickey: "Identities in WorldCat" Keynote at [Fall WILS OCLC Peer Council](#) (Madison, WI).
- Dempsey: "[Webscale: What and Why](#)," OCLC Members Council Meeting (Dublin, OH).
- Hickey: "[Authority Futures](#)," Presentation at National Library of Australia Forum, Powerhouse Museum (Sydney, New South Wales).
- Tennant: "Libraries in a Networked World," Smithsonian Institution Libraries 40th Anniversary Speaker Series (Washington, DC).
- Tennant: "Libraries, Archives+Museums (LAMs) Wide Open: Cultural Heritage Institutions in a Networked World" Keynote at [PALINET 08](#) (Philadelphia, PA).
- O'Neill: "[The OhioLINK Collection Analysis Project: Preliminary Analysis](#)," ASIS&T Annual Meeting (Columbus, OH).
- Lavoie: "[Mining for Copyright Evidence](#)," ASIS&T Annual Meeting (Columbus, OH).

November 2008

- RLG Programs 2008 European Partners Meeting (Paris, France).
 - Dempsey: "[Supporting Research in a Web-Scale World: US and European Perspectives](#)."
 - Michalko: "[The Work of the RLG Programs Partnership: Themes, Programs and Projects](#)."
 - Silipigni Connaway: "[Expectations of the Screenager Generation](#)."
 - Malpas: "[Managing the Collective Collection](#)"
 - Waibel: "[Library, Archive and Museum Collaboration](#)."
 - Dempsey: "[Renovating Bibliographic Description](#)."
 - Michalko: "[Archives: Challenges and Responses](#)."
 - MacColl: "[The Prolific RIM: Mapping Research Support Activity in Libraries](#)."
- Silipigni Connaway and Dickey: "[Data Mining, Advanced Collection Analysis, and Publisher Profiles: An Update on the OCLC Publisher Name Authority File](#)," Charleston Conference (Charleston, SC).
- Erway: "Collaboration Beyond the LAM: Insights into Moving Image Archives Collaboration," Association of Moving Image Archivists (Savannah, GA).
- Smith-Yoshimura: "[Fuller Disclosure—Getting More Collections into the Network Flow](#)," NELINET Conference on Revealing Hidden Collections: Making the Lost Found Again (Worcester, MA).

- Lavoie: "Some Reflections on Sustainable Academic Resources," CLIR/EthicShare meeting (Washington, DC).
- ***Friday Edition***, a weekly listserv digest of Partnership news, announcements and invitations to participate in initiatives.

December 2008

- Proffitt: [Records Fit for Discovery—A Project Briefing from OCLC Research/RLG Partnership](#), PACSCL Something New for Something Old, Innovative Approaches to Managing Archives and Special Collections (Philadelphia, PA).
- Erway, Ricky. "[Supply and Demand: Special Collections and Digitisation](#)." LIBER Quarterly, V 18, no. 3/4.
- Malpas: "Managing Print as a System-Wide Resource" Librarians Association of the University of California, Fall Assembly (San Francisco, CA).

Attended Conferences; Visited with Partners; Checked in with Funding Agencies

July 2008

- [LIBER Annual General Conference](#) at Koç University (Istanbul, Turkey).
- [JISC/CNI Conference](#) (Belfast, N Ireland).
- [American Association of Law Libraries](#) Annual Meeting (Portland, OR).
- [WILSWorld Conference 2008](#) (Madison, WI).
- Facebook 08 (San Francisco, CA).
- Visited Partners: Trinity College Dublin, University of Florida, Florida State University

August 2008

- [Reference Renaissance Conference](#) (Denver, CO).
- [ARL Library Assessment Conference](#) (Seattle, WA).
- Electronic Records 'Bootcamp' (San Diego, CA).
- IFLA Document Supply Satellite Meeting: [Rethinking Access to Information](#) (at Boston Public Library) (Boston, MA).
- [74th IFLA General Conference and Council](#) (Quebec City, Quebec).
- [Society of American Archivists Conference](#) (San Francisco, CA).

September 2008

- [Economic Perspectives on Scholarly Communication in a Digital Age](#) workshop at University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI).
- Visited Partners: School of Oriental and African Studies and University of Leeds

October 2008

- [An Event Apart](#) [web standards conference] (Chicago, IL).
- [153rd ARL Membership Meeting](#) (Washington, DC).
- Future of College Library Collections (Poughkeepsie, NY).
- "Shaping Liberal Arts College Library Collections" at FDR Presidential Library (Hyde Park, NY).
- [RLUK Conference: The Power of Knowledge](#), (Leeds, UK).
- [Open Content Alliance](#) "Using Digital Collections" Conference at Golden Gate Club, Presidio of San Francisco, (San Francisco, CA).
- Visited Colleagues: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Visited Partners: Columbia University, California Historical Society, Smithsonian Institution, Museum of Modern Art.

November 2008

- "[Linking the Worlds of Print and Manuscript: European Research Library Catalogs](#)," Consortium of European Research Libraries Seminar, (Paris, France).
- Digital Library Federation [Fall Forum 2008](#) (Providence, RI).
- [Museum Computer Network 2008](#) (Washington DC).
- "[Creating a Usable Past: Writers, Archives, and Institutions](#)" Flair Symposium, Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, U Texas (Austin, TX).

- CLIR/EthicShare meeting, (Washington DC).
- International Expert Seminar: [Building Communities in the Digital Arts and Humanities: Research Practice and Research Infrastructures](#) (Edinburgh, UK).
- [Towards the REF: Defining Bibliometric Requirements for Research Assessment](#), King's College, London, (London, UK).
- Visited Partners: Keio University, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York University, New York Public Library, New-York Historical Society, Victoria & Albert Museum, National Gallery of Art, University of Texas, University of Liverpool, University of Manchester.

December 2008

- [The 4th International Digital Curation Conference](#), Digital Curation Centre (Edinburgh, UK).
- [ABINIA Conference](#) (Caracas, Venezuela).
- Coalition for Networked Information, [2008 Fall Task Force Meeting](#), (Washington, DC).
- [Something New for Something Old: Innovative Approaches to Managing Archives and Special Collections](#), Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries (Philadelphia, PA).
- [Collecting Sources for Social History: Who, How, Where?](#) International Institute for Social History (Amsterdam, Netherlands).
- [Information Environment and e-Research Call Briefing](#), Joint Information Systems Committee (London, UK)
- Visited Partners: National Archives and Records Administration, Smithsonian, Library of Congress
- Checked in with Funders: National Endowment for the Humanities, Mellon Foundation, National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Held Events, Meetings and Webinars

August 2008

- [Assessing the Impact of Special Collections](#). Webinar.
- RLG Roundtable at Society of American Archivists (SAA) (San Francisco, CA). Meeting.
- Co-sponsored [EAD@10 Symposium](#) with the Society of American Archivists (SAA) (San Francisco, CA). Event.
- [Using the WorldCat Search API](#). Webinar.

September 2008

- [RLG Committee](#) of the OCLC Board of Trustees (Dublin, OH). Meeting.

October 2008

- [WorldCat Copyright Evidence Registry](#). Webinar.
- [SHARES Meeting](#) at Yale University (New Haven, CT). Meeting.
- [RLG Partnership Council](#) at Columbia University (New York, NY). Meeting.

November 2008

- [European Partner Meeting](#) (Paris, France). Event.
- European Research Library Agencies and Consortia (Paris, France). Meeting
- [WorldCat Hackathon](#), New York Public Library (New York, NY). Event.
- [Networking Names Advisory Group](#), Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY on 17 November 2008. Meeting.

December 2008

- [Blue Ribbon Task Force on Sustainable Digital Preservation and Access](#) (Dublin, OH). Meeting.

Interviewed Colleagues for Podcast Series

July 2008

- [*The Cost of Owning Technology*](#). Günter Waibel's interview with Ken Hamma, former Executive Director for Digital Policy and Initiatives, J. Paul Getty Trust.
- [*Electronic Records: The Archivists' 600-Pound Gorilla*](#). Merrilee Proffitt's interview with Jackie Dooley, Head of Special Collections and Archives, UC Irvine (now Consulting Archivist, OCLC Research).

August 2008

- [*Picking Up the Pace: Considering the Implications of Accelerated Archival Processing*](#). Merrilee Proffitt's interview with Alice Schreyer, Assistant Director for Special Collections & Preservation; Director, Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library.
- [*Special Collections and Beyond—Conservation, Project Funding and Digital Surrogates*](#). John MacColl's interview with Richard Ovenden, Associate Director and Keeper of Special Collections, University of Oxford.

September 2008

- [*Research Libraries: the Viewpoint of a Scholar Poet*](#). John MacColl's interview with Robert Crawford, Poet and Professor of Modern Scottish Literature, University of St Andrews.

November 2008

- [*Beyond Brilliant Silos: Video Content, Data Sets, Open Source and Rights management*](#). Merrilee Proffitt's interview with Grace Agnew, Associate University Librarian for Digital Library Systems at Rutgers University.

December 2008

- [*Professional Pivot Point: Regaining Relevance in a Rapidly Changing World*](#). Roy Tennant's interview with Joe Janes, Associate Professor of the Information School at the University of Washington.

Blogged About Topics of Current Interest

- [*Hanging Together*](#) is a place where [*Program Officers*](#) talk about the intersections we see happening between libraries, archives and museums. We travel to our partners a lot and go to conferences, taking note of the interesting things we see and hear along the way. Stop in, stay awhile, and hang out.
- [*Lorcan Dempsey's Weblog*](#) – a look at libraries, services and networks.