

OC LC Research Highlights of Progress in Support of the RLG Partnership:

January-March 2009

This report supplies a three-month inventory of the ways in which RLG partners reap value from participating and investing in the RLG Partnership.

The highlights below include:

- 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 that are shared with the wider community; and
- conferences where our staff spoke or were present in order to contribute and learn.

Please share this document with your colleagues and also [share your feedback](#) with us.

[Research Information Management \(RIM\)](#)

This program is exploring the role of the library in supporting the research process within the university. We have several efforts underway in this area.

- [Report on Scholarly Information Practices](#) (completed January 2009)
We commissioned Carole Palmer et. al. to identify current research behavior themes in the literature reflecting on researcher expectations in the online environment and how library services can address those expectations. It presented a framework for assessing services, which supports modular development and encourages a shared, network-aware approach to service.
- [Workflows in Research Assessment Program](#) (WRAP) Consultancy
We awarded a contract to Key Perspectives, Ltd. to survey library roles in research assessment data-gathering within research universities in the UK, Netherlands, Denmark, Republic of Ireland and Australia. The selected countries have a range of assessment regimes, ranging from federally mandated approaches that are tied directly to their funding to those that are based more upon self-assessment, but that play into competitive rankings. The work is currently underway and the expected completion is July 2009.
- Joint investigation with Research Information Network (RIN)
We are in discussion with RIN to undertake a joint study looking at good practices in research information management—with a focus on those areas which are emerging as new requirements on campuses and where the intersections are between library services and other campus-provided services.

- RLG Partnership RIM projects—Four new working groups formed (March 2009)
 1. Testing the desirability of research services
 We'll test a list of services with early-career researchers. The list exemplifies the user-centered approach, with services that researchers should like because they can make their work easier and help them in maintaining their scholarly reputation. Members of this working group include: Susan Ashworth (University of Glasgow), Jeff Belliston (Brigham Young University), Niamh Brennan (Trinity College Dublin), Sten Christensen (University of Sydney), Robin Green (University of Warwick), Zack Lane (Columbia University), and Virginia Shih (University of California, Berkeley).
 2. A Research Information Management roadmap
 We'll write a call to action for libraries to play a more significant role in their institutions mission to support research. Working group members include: Susan Ashworth (University of Glasgow), Chris Bourg (Stanford University), Niamh Brennan (Trinity College Dublin), Elizabeth Brown (Binghamton University, State University of New York), Sheila Cannell (University of Edinburgh), Ross Coleman (University of Sydney), Robin Green (University of Warwick), Geneva Henry (Rice University), Allen Jones (The New School), Rebecca Kennison (Columbia University), MJ Romaniuk (University of Alberta), Sally Rumsey (University of Oxford), Wendy Scheir (The New School), and Anna Shadbolt (University of Melbourne).
 3. Role of libraries in data curation
 We're ensuring that, while big science often has its data curation needs met outside the library, the library is prepared to respond to the need for local dataset management, looking beyond derivative data, to include the source data, managing the entire data lifecycle. Members of this working group include: Jeff Belliston (Brigham Young University), Niamh Brennan (Trinity College Dublin), Elizabeth Brown (Binghamton University, State University of New York), Rowan Brownlee (University of Sydney), Faye Chadwell (Oregon State University), Patricia Cruse (California Digital Library), Robin Green (University of Warwick), Allen Jones (The New School), MJ Romaniuk (University of Alberta), Sally Rumsey (University of Oxford), Wendy Scheir (The New School), and Anna Shadbolt (University of Melbourne).
 4. Changing roles of library staff
 We're investigating how we can simplify traditional library roles, so that we can rise to the increasing demands related to scholarly communication and data curation. We'll also look at new roles for faculty liaisons or discipline-based academic support teams in meeting needs for research support, data management, impact optimization, and rights management. Working group members include: Susan Ashworth (University of Glasgow), Chris Bourg (Stanford University), Niamh Brennan (Trinity College Dublin), Sheila Cannell (University of Edinburgh), Ross Coleman (University of Sydney), Robin Green (University of Warwick), Allen Jones (The New School), Catherine Mitchell (California Digital Library), Barbara Rocchi (University of Melbourne), MJ Romaniuk (University of Alberta), and Sally Rumsey (University of Oxford).

Mobilizing Unique Materials

- [Archives and Special Collections](#)

A major strand in this program of work has been to investigate and recommend an enterprise strategy for OCLC regarding support for archival materials. Based on a mid-March presentation to senior management, OCLC is committed to a multi-year plan that would build ArchiveGrid (the database of archival collection descriptions and linked finding aids brought into OCLC during the RLG merger) into the 'national union catalog for archival materials in US institutions.' The archival expertise within Research will be tapped to shape the service, interface with the community and help identify content.

At the same time, OCLC Research is continuing the parallel course of research in order to support economical and efficient description and discovery of archival materials and special collections. Projects well underway examine metadata creation, barriers to EAD implementation, holistic collections management, data mining in archival MARC records, a survey of findings from archival user studies, and analysis of query logs from archival systems.

- [Missing Materials](#)

The rare book and special collections community has long been concerned with theft of rare materials. There have not, however, been any effective mechanisms to disclose what has been stolen in order to prevent inadvertent purchases and aid the recovery of stolen cultural materials. OCLC Research, the RLG Partnership and the RBMS Security Committee recently convened members of the cultural heritage collecting community to explore strategies for sharing reliable information about missing rare books and other materials.

The Missing Materials project has now developed a 'beta' procedure by which cultural heritage institutions can register missing materials within WorldCat. The information can then be broadcast to other collecting institutions, the bookseller community and law enforcement agencies. The beta procedure is now being tested by a number of collecting institutions (including the Huntington Library, the Getty Research Institute, Yale, and the Ransom Center at the University of Texas). The procedure uses existing WorldCat network-level capabilities in a way that required virtually no new development in order to meet a very specialized need of an important RLG Partnership constituency.

- [Museum Data Exchange](#)

In this project, art museum partners from the RLG Partnership defined the requirements for museum data exchange tools, and created or contracted the creation of a suite of software, made possible by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The resulting tools COBOAT and OAICat Museum 1.0 software (released April 13, 2009) work hand-in-glove to allow museums to share information about collection items and digital images from their own institutions with other art museums, and with content aggregators such as ARTstor or OCLC.

The following five RLG partner institutions have participated in specifying software functionality: Harvard Art Museum; Metropolitan Museum of Art; National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.; Princeton University Art Museum; and Yale University Art.

More about the software:

- [COBOAT software](#) is now available under a fee-free license for the purpose of publishing a CDWA Lite repository of collections information. It is a metadata publishing tool developed by Cognitive Applications Inc. (Cogapp). As configured for this project, COBOAT allows museums to extract standards-based records in the Categories for the Descriptions of Works of Art (CDWA) Lite XML data format out of Gallery Systems TMS. Configuration files allow COBOAT to be adjusted for extraction from different vendor-based or homegrown database systems, or locally divergent implementations of the same collections management systems.
- [OAI CatMuseum 1.0](#), an Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH) data content provider supporting CDWA Lite XML, is also available. It allows museums to share the data extracted with COBOAT using OAI-PMH.

Early signs of impact:

- In advance of its official release, the Minneapolis Institute of Arts implemented an advance copy of this suite of tools in a production environment to overhaul their way of contributing data to ArtsConnectEd, an IMLS-supported initiative combining the library, archive and museum collections of the Walker Art Institute and the Minneapolis Institute of Arts into a single educational resource.
- Inspired by our work, the museum systems vendor Willoughby asked to participate in our project, and in partnership with the National Gallery of Canada, has built CDWA Lite XML / OAI-PMH support into its MimsyXG product.
- Gallery Systems is working to create configurations files for COBOAT which would allow clients of its Embark product to take advantage of this tool.

As a next phase of the Museum Data Exchange Mellon grant, OCLC Research has harvested CDWA Lite records from the five museums involved in the tools building effort, as well as additional project participants, including the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, the National Gallery of Canada and the Victoria & Albert Museum. This research aggregation of about 850K records will be analyzed by OCLC Research, using questions the museum participants submitted for their institutional data as well as the aggregate dataset.

Metadata Support & Management

- [Sharing Best Practices for Metadata Creation Workflows](#)

In January, an RLG Partnership working group completed its analysis of the 134 responses from 67 RLG partners to a survey conducted in October-November 2008. Its report, [What We've Learned from the RLG Partners Metadata Creation Workflows Survey](#), was publicized by the Cataloging Futures blog, noting:

This one is a must-read not only for catalogers and metadata librarians, but also for administrators who are reevaluating technical services workflows in light of new metadata projects.

One of the most encouraging findings...is that "Among those who create both MARC and non-MARC metadata, two-thirds used the same staff. Furthermore, 80% reported that creating non-MARC metadata was part of their 'routine workflows.'"

We are grateful to the working group members: Leighann Ayers (University of Michigan), Beth Picknally Camden (University of Pennsylvania), Lisa German (Penn State), Peggy Johnson (University of Minnesota), and Caroline Miller (University of California, Los Angeles). As Peggy commented, *"Working with all of you has been stimulating and even fun. Being part of such a focused and productive group has truly been a delight."*

- [Networking Names](#)

"Names touch everything" came up early in the series of conference calls held with the fifteen members of the Networking Names Advisory Group, as it articulated the problem space that the research community needs to address. The advisory group completed a set of fourteen use case scenarios that provide the context in which different communities would benefit from aggregating information about persons and organizations, corporate and government bodies, and families and making it available on a network level. The report summarizing the group's recommendations on the functions and attributes needed to support the use case scenarios will be published in April.

An advisory group member noted that this work *"is making a real contribution to managing names and serving user communities."* Our deepest thanks to: 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 (University of Manchester, Names Project), Deborah Kempe (Frick), Amy Lucker (New York University), Dennis Meissner (Minnesota Historical Society), Suzanne Pilsk (Smithsonian Institution), Michael Rush (Yale University), Jon Shaw (University of Pennsylvania), Laura Smart (California Institute of Technology), Daniel Starr (Metropolitan Museum of Art), and Robert Wolven (Columbia University).

- [Sharing and Aggregating Social Metadata](#)

RLG partners participating in discussions about renovating descriptive practices have identified network-level integrating and sharing of metadata contributions as an area that would benefit from collective action. These contributions could come from curators, subject librarians, experts, users, etc., both locally and globally, that can enrich the descriptive metadata created by libraries, archives and museums. To be truly effective, we need to share and aggregate contributions added by users in many diverse environments.

In January, a new Social Metadata Working Group began analyzing issues that will need to be resolved to take full advantage of the array of potential user contributions by communicating and sharing them on the network level. It has reviewed dozens of

social metadata sites, and is addressing questions related to assessment, content, policy, technology, and use of vocabularies and folksonomies. The group will issue a report of recommendations in the latter half of 2009. The working group members come from RLG Partner institutions in four countries: Drew Bourn (Stanford University), Douglas Campbell (National Library of New Zealand), Kevin Clair (Pennsylvania State University), Christopher Cronin (University of Chicago), Christine DeZelar-Tiedman (University of Minnesota), Mary Elings (University of California Berkeley), Steven Galbraith (Folger Shakespeare Library), Cheryl Gowing (University of Miami), Rebekah Irwin (Yale University), Lesley Kadish (Minnesota Historical Society), Helice Koffler (University of Washington), Daniel Lovins (Yale University), John Lowery (British Library), Mark Matienzo (New York Public Library), Henry Raine (New-York Historical Society), Cyndi Shein (Getty Research Institute), Ken Varnum (University of Michigan), Melanie Wacker (Columbia University), Kayla Willey (Brigham Young University), Beth Yakel (University of Michigan, School of Information).

Infrastructure

- [Grid Services](#)

Grid Services exposes a variety of machine interfaces to OCLC data and services, with the primary example being the WorldCat Search API, which provides structured search results to queries for local systems to parse and display to staff and/or end-users. During this period, RLG partner institutions have begun using these services in some interesting ways. For example, Mark Matienzo of the New York Public Library recently release a [Python module](#) to make it easier for anyone programming in that language to integrate access to the WorldCat Search API and xID services into their local systems. He also recently provided code to demonstrate how to [place library holdings on a Google Map](#) that were discovered via the WorldCat Search API. Similarly, Terry Reese from another RLG partner institution, Oregon State University, has made available a Ruby gem for working with the WC Search API.

During this period we have also been working with another RLG partner institution, the Institute for Social History, to host our second developer event, the WorldCat Mashathon, in Amsterdam on 13-14 May 2009. It has been announced and we are now taking sign-ups.

Machine-enabled services such as the WorldCat Search API offer our partner institutions the potential to integrate a wide variety of OCLC data and services into their local system seamlessly. OCLC-derived data and services can be presented to end-users with branding and navigation offered by the local library, museum, or archive, which provides both the benefits of network-level data concentration as well as local service provision.

System-wide Organization

- [Shared Print](#)

The series of successful projects in this area (i.e. the Shared Print policy report which synthesized the available evidence base for library management, the Prospective journals preservation project which modeled cooperative management of at-risk

serials, the De-accessioning print back files project which identified key obstacles to downsizing redundant holdings, etc.) has made OCLC Research the locus for innovative action in managing traditional print collections.

As a consequence, OCLC Research has been invited to staff and manage a project among three RLG partners seeking to establish an implementation framework that would allow massive de-accessioning of print collections in favor of reliance on services from a shared print storage facility and an aggregation of digital texts. This project will also include the Council on Library and Information Resources and funding support from the Mellon Foundation. This is a heartening example of evidence and practice leading to actual change in traditional operating processes.

Efforts in the Shared Print arena have benefitted from direct engagement by a wide range of RLG partners. Since September 2008, an advisory group composed of partner staff has provided oversight of the scope and range of projects in this area.

Members of the Shared Print Coordinating Committee include: Susan Allen (Getty Research Library), Steven Bosch (University of Arizona), Martha Brogan (University of Pennsylvania), Paul Courant (University of Michigan), Kimberly Douglas (Caltech), Nancy Eaton (Penn State University), Assunta Pisani (Stanford University), Emily Stambaugh (California Digital Library), Michael Stoller (New York University) and Gary Strong (University of California, Los Angeles). This group meets by phone at the end of each quarter to review progress and, as needed, to recalibrate project objectives.

Participants in the Prospective Journals Preservation Working Group include: Susan Allen (Getty Research Library), Steven Bosch (University of Arizona), Sharon Farb (University of California, 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) and Michael Stoller (New York University). This group will have completed a rigorous review of several hundred at-risk print serials and distributed print archiving responsibilities amongst project participants by the end of the 2008-2009 program year. Workflows and cost figures for this work will be used to model a generic framework for further distributed print journal preservation efforts. The working group meets by phone on a monthly basis, with additional meetings scheduled in conjunction with the ALA Annual and Midwinter conferences.

Participants in the Deaccessioning Print Backfiles working group include: Steve Bosch (University of Arizona), Angela Carreno (New York University), Jeff Carroll (Columbia University), Susan Currie (Binghamton University, State University of New York), Margaret Flood (Trinity College Dublin), Deborah Kemp (The Frick Collection and Frick Art Reference Library), Milan Hughston (Museum of Modern Art), Deirdre Lawrence (Brooklyn Museum), Amy McColl (Swarthmore College), Bryan Skib (University of Michigan), Merle Slyhoff (University of Pennsylvania Law School), Ken Soehner (Metropolitan Museum of Art), Carolyn Walters (Indiana University Bloomington), and Bob Wolven (Columbia University).

In addition to these projects, OCLC Research has worked closely with OCLC product managers and with constituencies beyond the RLG Partnership over the last year to define infrastructure requirements to enable institutional print archiving commitments to be effectively disclosed in WorldCat. This initiative is directly responsive to community concerns highlighted in the Shared Print policy and De-accessioning print back-files projects, which revealed that cooperative approaches to

print management are hobbled by the absence of a shared infrastructure for communicating the preservation status of research collections. As an outcome of this work, changes will be implemented within WorldCat to accommodate the expression of institutional print archiving commitments.

Opportunities

- 2009 JISC Conference Sponsorship

As part of our desire to partner with similar organizations, OCLC Research sponsored the annual conference of the Joint Information System Committee (JISC) in the UK. This year's conference was held on March 24, 2009 in Edinburgh. It was the largest JISC conference in its history with more than 800 on-site attendees and 300 virtual attendees. For 48 hours it was the global leader among Twitter sites.

Appended below is a listing of publications, presentations and site visits that have occurred between January and March 2009.

Published

January 2009

- Dempsey, Lorcan. "[Always On: Libraries in a World of Permanent Connectivity.](#)" *First Monday*, 14,1 (5 January 2009).
- Palmer, Carole L., Lauren C. Tefreau and Carrie M. Pirmann. [Scholarly Information Practices in the Online Environment: Themes from the Literature and Implications for Library Service Development](#). Commissioned by OCLC Research conceived in support of the RLG Partnership's Research Information Management work agenda.
- Ayers, Leighann, Beth Picknally Camden, Lisa German, Peggy Johnson, Caroline Miller and Karen Smith-Yoshimura. [What We've Learned from the RLG Partners Metadata Creation Workflows Survey](#).
- Erway, Ricky. [Impact of the Google Book Settlement on Libraries](#).
- Malpas, Constance. [RLG Partnership Shared Print Collections Working Group Shared Print Policy Report](#).

February 2009

- Mitchell, Joan S. and Diane Vizine-Goetz, "Dewey Decimal Classification," in *Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science*, 2nd ed., ed. Marcia J. Bates and Mary Niles Maack. (New York: Taylor & Francis) In press.
- Mitchell, Joan S. and Diane Vizine-Goetz. 2009. "The DDC and OCLC." *Journal of Library Administration*. In press.

Held Events and Meetings

February 2009

- [RLG Committee](#) of the OCLC Board of Trustees Meeting at OCLC (Dublin, OH).
- Ithaka Research Advisory Committee Meeting (New York, NY).
- [Distinguished Seminar Series Presentation](#) with Tom Hickerson, Vice Provost, Libraries and Cultural Resources, University Librarian, University of Calgary at OCLC (Dublin, OH).

March 2009

- [RLG Partnership Council](#) Meeting in Washington, D.C.
- OCLC Symposium for publishers and librarians at OCLC (Dublin, OH).
- [Distinguished Seminar Series Presentation](#) with Richard Ovenden, Keeper of Special Collections and Associate Director, Bodleian Library, Oxford University at OCLC (Dublin, OH).

Presented (a Selective Listing)

January 2009

- Malpas: "OCLC Research, the RLG Partnership and Linda Hall Library," (Kansas City, MO).
- 2009 ALISE Conference (Denver, CO):
 - Silipigni Connaway: "CREATING a New Theoretical Model for Reference Encounters in Synchronous Face-to-Face and Virtual Environments."
 - Silipigni Connaway: moderated 2008 OCLC/ALISE grant recipients' research presentations.
- ALA Midwinter (Denver CO):
 - Tennant: "Metasearch Options," ALCTS ALA Midwinter Preconference.
 - Tennant: "From Linking to Thinking," moderator at OCLC Symposium.
 - Vizine-Goetz: "What Users & Librarians Want and How FRBR Can Help," Cataloging & Classification Section Forum and Dewey Breakfast.
 - Malpas: "Network Infrastructure for Cooperative Print Management," ALCTS CMDS Chief Collection Development Officers of Large Research Libraries.
 - Malpas: "Preservation at the Network Level: Challenges, Opportunities," Preservation Administrators Interest Group.
 - Malpas: "Extending use of MARC 583 to Cooperative Serials Preservation," CONSER-At-Large meeting.
 - Tennant: LITA Top Tech Trends panelist.
 - Malpas: "Update on RLG Journals Preservation Project and MARC 583 for Print Archiving."
 - Massie: "De-accessioning Print Backfiles—working group report," RLG Shared Print Update.

February 2009

- Tennant: "Going Digital: Context, Impact, Future" keynote at NSLS Digitization Symposium: Giving Them What They Want, North Suburban Library System Digitization Symposium (Wheeling, IL).
- Proffitt: moderated panels on legal and ethical issues at Legal and Ethical Implications of Large-Scale Digitization of Manuscript Collections, UNC Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, NC).
- MacColl: "The Work of OCLC Research," Robert Gordon University postgraduate LIS students (Aberdeen, Scotland, UK).
- Mitchell, Joan S. and Diane Vizine-Goetz, "Dewey Decimal Classification," in *Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science*, 2nd ed., ed. Marcia J. Bates and Mary Niles Maack. (New York: Taylor & Francis) In press.
- Mitchell, Joan S. and Diane Vizine-Goetz. 2009. "The DDC and OCLC." *Journal of Library Administration*. In press.

March 2009

- Tennant: "21st Century Description and Access," University of Barcelona (Barcelona, Spain).
- Malpas: "Scholarly Information Practices in the Online Environment: Implications for Academic Library Collections and Services," University of California Berkeley Libraries Roundtable Meeting (Berkeley, CA).
- Silipigni Connaway: "'I Would Sort of Appreciate a Little More Understanding:' Engaging Net Gen Students in Virtual Reference," ACRL 14th National Conference (Seattle, WA).
- O'Neill: "Building Collections Cooperatively: Analysis of Collection Use in the OhioLINK Library Consortium," ACRL 14th National Conference (Seattle, WA).
- Dooley: "The evolution of archival descriptive standards in the United States," Third Meeting on Databases for Archives, Association of Brazilian Archivists (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil).
- OCLC Publisher/Library Symposium (Dublin, OH):
 - Godby, Hickey, Vizine-Goetz: presentations on Research projects.
 - Childress, Dempsey, Dickey: participation in break-out sessions.
- Dempsey: "System-Wide Organization of Information Resources," plenary speaker, Joint Information Systems Committee Conference 2009 (Edinburgh, Scotland).
- Tennant: "Around the Digital Library World in 100 Minutes," Computers in Libraries Conference (Arlington, VA).
- Tennant: "Moving Libraries to the Cloud," Computers in Libraries Conference (Arlington, VA).
- Lavoie: "Sustaining the Investment in Digital Collections (Plus a Brief Digression on OCLC Research)," the University of Michigan's School of Information (Ann Arbor, MI).
- Waibel, Günter, Diane M. Zorich and Ricky Erway. "Libraries, Archives and Museums: Catalysts Along the Collaboration Continuum." *Art Libraries Journal*, Vol. 34, 2 (2009).
- Dempsey: "Higher education in a global economy—the implications for technology and JISC," JISC Conference 2009 (Edinburgh, UK).

Attended Conferences and Events: Visited with Partners

January 2009

- Dooley: Bibliography Week, Grolier Club (New York, NY).
- Dooley, Malpas, Massie, O'Neill, Proffitt, Schaffner, Silipigni Connaway, Smith-Yoshimura, Tennant, Vizine-Goetz: ALISE and ALA Midwinter 22-27 Jan (Denver CO).
- Erway: Roman de la Rose Workshop, JHU (Baltimore, MD).
- Dempsey, MacColl, Michalko: Met on UK 'Libraries of the Future' initiative with Director, Derek Law (by video).
- Malpas: Site visit to Linda Hall Library (Kansas City MO).
- MacColl: Presented OCLC Research themes to Scottish library directors (SCURL) (St Andrews, Scotland).

February 2009

- MacColl: 9th International Bielefeld Conference (Bielefeld, Germany).
- Schaffner: Codex Book Fair & Symposium (Berkeley, CA).
- Childress, Dooley, Schaffner: 42nd California International Antiquarian Book Fair (San Francisco, CA).
- LeVan, Smith, Tennant: OCLC Grid Services Boot Camp @ Code4Lib (Providence RI).
- Tennant: Code4Lib conference (Providence RI).
- MacColl: UK Research Data Service Conference, The Royal Society (London, UK).

- Childress, Michalko: OCLC Research license for WorldCat records to support “Exploring the Power of Print” research by Dr. Michelle Alexopoulos, Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Toronto (Ontario, Canada).
- Dempsey, Dooley, Michalko, Tennant: Virtual Members Council Meeting at OCLC (Dublin, OH).

March

- Silipigni Connaway, O'Neill: ACRL 14th National Conference (Seattle, WA).
- Dempsey, MacColl: JISC Annual Conference 2009 (Edinburgh, UK).
- Lavoie: Site visit to University of Michigan; met with Advisory Board for University of Michigan's School of Information's IMLS-funded project “Engaging Communities to Foster Internships for Preservation and Data Curation” (Ann Arbor, MI).
- Tennant: Site visit to the Biblioteca Nacional de España (Madrid, Spain).
- Dooley: Site visit to Getty Research Institute (Los Angeles, CA).
- Malpas, Proffitt, Schaffner: Site visit to UC Berkeley (Berkeley, CA).
- Proffitt, Schaffner: Site visit to California Historical Society (San Francisco, CA).
- Dempsey, MacColl: Site visit to University of Edinburgh Library (Edinburgh, Scotland).
- Proffitt and Schaffner: Site visit to the California Digital Library (Oakland, CA)

Welcomed New Colleagues

January 2009

- Oriented OCLC Minority Librarian Fellow Jason Lee to OCLC Research projects, including support of the RLG Partnership.

February 2009

- Welcomed Patrick Confer, former OCLC research assistant, to the OCLC Research communications team. Patrick is working on a six-month OCLC Research and RLG Partnership Web transition assignment.

Shared Our News and Views

January-March 2009

- ***Friday Edition***, a weekly listserv digest of RLG Partnership news, announcements and invitations to participate in initiatives.
- ***Above the Fold***, a weekly electronic newsletter for the changing world of libraries, archives and museums.
- ***Hanging Together***, a blog where [Program Officers](#) talk about the intersections we see happening between libraries, archives and museums. Many posts are about interesting things we see and hear at partner visits and conferences.
- ***Lorcan Dempsey's Weblog***, a look at libraries, services and networks.