

OCLC Research Highlights of Projects in Support of the RLG Partnership:

April-June 2009

This report provides an overview of the ways in which RLG partners were engaged in projects and the progress that has been made in advancing the major themes that are being pursued within the RLG Partnership from April through June 2009.

The highlights below include:

- project outputs and deliverables,
- contributions (presentations, articles and reports) made by program officers and research scientists about our work for the direct benefit of the RLG Partnership and that are shared with the wider community; and
- conferences at which Research staff spoke or were present in order to contribute the perspective of RLG partners.

Please share this document with your colleagues and also [share your feedback](#) with us. If you see working groups that are of interest or that would benefit from your involvement, please let us know so we can connect you to the group.

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.

- The [Workflows in Research Assessment Program](#) (WRAP) Consultancy is proceeding apace and expects to issue its report in the coming weeks. This activity is looking at data-gathering regimes that support formal research assessment practices within research universities in five different countries with particular attention to the library's role in these activities. We expect that the report will:
 1. Reveal current characteristics of library involvement in research assessment support,
 2. Categorize characteristics of different research assessment regimes and their advantages and disadvantages,
 3. Identify the activities undertaken in carrying out research assessment in institutions, and
 4. Identify research support activities in institutions that are geared towards satisfying future requirements.
- The joint investigation with the Research Information Network (RIN) in the UK is in the process of identifying consultants to investigate intersections between library services and other campus-provided services that support the research process.

Four RIM working groups got underway and were populated with the following staff from RLG partner institutions:

1. [Testing the Desirability of Research Services](#)
Susan Ashworth (University of Glasgow), Jeff Belliston (Brigham Young University), Niamh Brennan (Trinity College Dublin), Martha Brogan (University of Pennsylvania), Sten Christensen (University of Sydney), Judy Gardner (Rutgers University), Robin Green (University of Warwick), Leah Krevit (Rice University), Zack Lane (Columbia University), Virginia Shih (University of California, Berkeley)
2. [Research Information Management Roadmap](#)
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](#)
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](#)
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), MJ Romaniuk (University of Alberta), Sally Rumsey (University of Oxford), Sarah Watstein (University of California, Los Angeles).

In addition, the RIM program was a focus of lively discussion at the [2009 RLG Partnership Annual Meeting](#) in Boston.

Mobilizing Unique Materials

The objective in this area is to achieve economies and efficiencies that permit the unique materials in libraries, archives and museums to be effectively described, properly disclosed, successfully discovered and appropriately delivered. Overall, the RLG Partnership wants to bring about greater collaboration among libraries, archives and museums by surfacing models for sharing data, services and expertise.

- [Sharing Special Collections](#)

Lending special collections materials remains a controversial topic—though calm, reasonable stewards of such materials have been doing it safely and well for decades. This topic got renewed attention from OCLC Research at the urging of the [Delivering Special Collections Steering Committee](#), whose members felt the topic was ripe for discussion even though frightening, and the [SHARES Working Group on Sharing Expertise](#), whose members seek to streamline processing workflows so that requests for special collections materials can become more routine and less like one-off special favors requiring lots of special handling.

This led to the formation of the [Sharing Special Collections Advisory Group](#), composed of ten ILL and special collections staffers from eight RLG Partnership institutions. This advisory group helped put together a well-attended webinar, "[Treasures on Trucks and Other Taboos: Rethinking the Sharing of Special Collections](#)," starring ILL and special collections teams from Emory University and the University of Miami. The Emory team spoke from the perspective of practitioners long experienced in the art of sharing rare and valuable items, while the Miami team addressed the issues around just starting to consider making special collections materials more widely available. The advisory group will work with a group of practitioners to draft recommendations for streamlined processing workflows, aimed particularly at finding the right division of labor among ILL and special collections staff, and in providing the information necessary for building an adequate confidence level among sharing partners.

- ArchiveGrid Development

Efforts to further 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 began to move forward. Additional finding aids were harvested, principally from the Online Archive of California, and the total number of archival MARC records and finding aids in ArchiveGrid is now 1,008,000. OCLC Research is also advising the recently appointed product manager. We will provide more news about ArchiveGrid expansion as the project evolves.

- [Analyze Archival Descriptive Practice](#)

We began data mining of the one million archival MARC records in WorldCat to provide a system-wide view of practice over time. Our ultimate goal is to recommend practices that would lead to improved discovery of relevant archival materials. Initial findings from this analysis will be shared at the upcoming Society of American Archivists conference and in a report targeted for the fourth quarter of 2009.

- [Characterize the State of Hidden Collections](#)

Survey design is well underway for this project, which will update and expand the 1998 ARL survey of special collections. We will significantly broaden the survey population to include RLG Partner libraries, as well as additional research libraries and college libraries, in addition to the ARLs. The resulting data will provide a view of the state of collections, backlogs, and other current issues affecting special collections and archives as they continue to further expose hidden collections and find creative new ways to connect unique materials to our audiences.

We are also developing a project to make offline archival collection descriptions (or finding aids) accessible without institutions investing additional descriptive effort. We issued a survey to assess how many of these “hidden collections” can be exposed within the near term. We received 51 responses to the survey that will be analyzed and used to formulate a plan for action in the coming quarter.

- [Synthesize Research on Users Studies in Special Collections and Archives](#)

A report synthesizing the literature on user studies in special collections and archives was issued: [*The Metadata is the Interface: Better Description for Better Discovery of Archives and Special Collections, Synthesized from User Studies*](#). User research consistently reports similar findings about discovery: users often don't use our hand-crafted catalogs and portals to search for archives and special collections, users don't care about our controlled vocabularies, and our controlled vocabularies rarely make our collections available for discovery at the network level in ways users need. When collection-level records are the best choice, the report recommends that resources be concentrated on describing what the collections are about and their relative importance.

- [Missing Materials](#)

The Missing Materials 'beta' procedure, by which cultural heritage institutions can register missing materials within WorldCat and then broadcast to other collecting institutions, the bookseller community and law enforcement agencies, is being utilized and was demonstrated at both the [2009 Annual RLG Partnership Meeting](#) and at the Annual Preconference of the Rare Books and Manuscripts (RBMS) in June. Check it out and use it at <http://www.missingmaterials.org/>.

- [Museum Data Exchange](#)

In this project, art museum partners from the RLG Partnership defined the requirements for museum data exchange tools, allowing us to create or contract for 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 (and other collecting institutions) 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 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.

- [OAICatMuseum 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.

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 is currently being analyzed by OCLC Research, using questions the museum participants submitted in order to learn about their institutional data as well as the aggregate dataset. In addition we are evaluating the submitted records for compliance with the Cataloging Cultural Objects standard to shed further light on the convergence or divergence of museum cataloging practices.

- [Library, Archive and Museum Collaboration](#)

Libraries, archives and museums (or LAMs) collect, manage and share. Although the type of materials may differ, and professional practices vary, LAMs share an overlapping set of functions. Fulfilling these functions in collaboration rather than isolation creates a win-win for users and institutions, and the OCLC Research activity in this area aims to aid the RLG Partnership in moving collaboration from aspiration to reality.

Following on the report, "[Beyond the Silos of the LAMs: Collaboration Among Libraries, Archives and Museums](#)," which abstracted lessons from five intensive one-day workshops at RLG partner institutions in the US and the UK, a series of panels at the American Library Association (ALA), the Society of American Archivists (SAA), and the American Association Museums (AAM) promoted the forward-looking work on collaboration in the RLG Partnership. Presentations from this series-in-progress, which is endorsed by the SAA/ALA/AAM Committee on Archives, Libraries and Museums (CALM), are available [online](#). In addition, a one-day [executive briefing](#) will take place on September 15th 2009, presented by the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) in association with OCLC Research bringing the discussion to a UK audience.

Metadata Support & Management

- [Networking Names](#)

The fifteen members of the [Networking Names Advisory Group](#) completed their work—they articulated the problem space that the research community needs to address and developed 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, [Networking Names](#), summarizes the group's recommendations on the functions and attributes needed to support the use case scenarios, and was published in April 2009.

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).

- [Virtual International Authority File](#)

OCLC Research has implemented an expanded Virtual International Authority File, a project jointly administered with the Bibliothèque nationale de France, Deutsche Nationalbibliothek and the Library of Congress. The project seeks to lower the cost and increase the utility of library authority files by matching and linking personal names among multiple national authority files and making this information available on the Web. The file contains personal name records from sixteen different authority files from thirteen sources, four of them from RLG partner institutions: Bibliothèque nationale de France, Library of Congress, National Library of Australia and Swiss National Library. Try it out yourself at <http://viaf.org/>.

- [Sharing and Aggregating Social Metadata](#)

The RLG Partnership [Social Metadata Working Group](#) has been analyzing issues that will need to be resolved to take full advantage of the array of potential user contributions that can enrich the descriptive metadata created by libraries, archives and museums by communicating and sharing them on the network level. It is addressing questions related to assessment, content, policy, technology and use of vocabularies and folksonomies. Working group members have completed 69 reviews of 34 social metadata sites. They have developed a “wish list” of the user contributions that would be most useful to enhancing the resources maintained by libraries, archives and museums and the factors that seem to most encourage user contributions. A subgroup is designing a survey instrument targeted to social metadata site managers to be conducted this summer.

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), Rose Holley (National Library of Australia), 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), Marja Musson (International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam), 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) and Beth Yakel (University of Michigan, School of Information).

Infrastructure

- [OCLC Web Services](#)

OCLC Web Services expose 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.

We held a WorldCat Mashathon in Amsterdam with the essential and excellent support of our RLG partner, the International Institute for Social History. At this two-day event, we hosted dozens of developers from the Netherlands, France, the UK and Germany who worked on a variety of projects while learning about OCLC Web Services. A more complete report can be found on the [OCLC Developer Network Blog](#).

- Technology Transfer

We surveyed RLG Partnership institution technical staff on their needs for technical training, and discovered that the most desired topics for training include: XSLT, OCLC Web Services, the Google Books API, Java, Javascript, and XPath and XQuery. We will offer online webinars on these topics over the coming year. In addition, we will offer a series of webinars on specific technical solutions that partner institutions are finding valuable. We have the first one lined up to inaugurate this series in August.

- Prototyping

In support of another RLG Partnership program area, a prototype metadata processing infrastructure was developed that will enable the analysis of the HathiTrust collection. This process includes the merger of HathiTrust metadata with WorldCat records for items that have OCLC numbers and a simple search and display interface. Specialized reports have also been provided, such as identifying items that have conflicting rights information.

System-wide Organization

- [Shared Print](#)

Since April, significant progress has been made on scoping the "Cloud Library" project in partnership with CLIR, NYU, HathiTrust and ReCAP partner libraries (Columbia, Princeton and NYPL). The goal of this project is to model shared print and digital collection services that can support a large-scale change in academic library print management. NYU, ReCAP and Hathi will work with OCLC Research to characterize service expectations and draft model service-level agreements based on an analysis of where collection overlaps and cost-avoidance potential for libraries is greatest. From this we expect that Hathi, ReCAP and other large print/digital repositories will gain a better understanding of the potential market for shared collection services; NYU and other potential consumer libraries will gain an understanding of the conditions under which reliance on shared collections is most likely to generate local benefits. A major emphasis in this effort is the identification of generic service requirements that can support broad implementation across the research library community. The project is expected to run from July through December 2009. Funding from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has been sought to support a portion of the effort contributed by the project participants.

The [Prospective Journals Preservation Project](#) is nearing its conclusion, having completed a detailed review of nearly 200 at-risk scholarly journals in the humanities and social sciences. Individual titles in the project have been scrutinized by participating libraries to determine the quality of bibliographic description, level of use, and preservation risk associated with extant physical holdings. The sample used in this project is thought to represent about 2% of the aggregate print-only journal collection held in academic libraries. Preliminary results suggest that less than 50% of such titles are held in their entirety by potential preservation partners, raising important questions about the feasibility of distributed print archiving efforts for this class of content. Happily, our study suggests that this content, if sparsely and incompletely held, is also generally in excellent physical collection and at limited risk of loss or damage, suggesting that current collection management practices may be sufficient to safeguard this content for many years to come. It remains to be seen if a collective investment in consolidating these resources in regional print storage facilities is likely to deliver significant benefit or stimulate community effort. Final results of the study were shared at the ALA Annual conference, with a narrative report to follow later this summer.

As a result of this project, OCLC Research has been approached by the non-profit Philosophy Documentation Center for a potential partnership in identifying print backfiles for retrospective digitization. Partners in this project include the California Digital Library, Getty Research Library, NYU, the University of Arizona, UCLA, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, and Pennsylvania State University.

A majority of members of the 2008-2009 [Shared Print Coordinating Committee](#), which includes Susan Allen (Getty Research Library), Steven Bosch (University of Arizona), Martha Brogan (University of Pennsylvania), Bryan Skib (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 Sharon Farb (University of California, Los Angeles) have volunteered to serve for an additional one-year term. We are actively seeking the participation of a non-US RLG partner institution in this group for the 2009-2010 program year.

- [Deaccession Materials](#)

After working for many months to identify and rank obstacles to discarding print backfiles of journals also available in electronic format, the [Deaccessioning Print Journal Backfiles Working Group](#) received from the RLG Programs Council the assignment of creating a decision tree showing the best path forward toward deaccessioning for various categories of libraries. A subset of the group began work on this assignment during a conference call in late May, with an eye toward completing the decision tree within six months. It was noted during the initial call that the availability of affordable storage space appears to be the trump card in determining whether any discarding will take place, regardless of other factors. The working group includes Steve Bosch (University of Arizona), Angela Carreno (NYU), Jeff Carroll (Columbia University), Margaret Flood (Trinity College Dublin), Deborah Kempe (Frick), Milan Hughston (Museum of Modern Art), Deirdre Lawrence (Brooklyn Museum), Bryan Skib (University of Michigan), Ken Soehner (Metropolitan Museum), Carolyn Walters (Indiana University) and Bob Wolven (Columbia University).

Publications, presentations and site visits that occurred between April and June 2009.

Reports and Articles

April 2009

- Smith-Yoshimura, Karen. 2009. [Networking Names](#). (Dublin Ohio: OCLC Research)

May 2009

- Schaffner, Jennifer. 2009. [The Metadata is the Interface: Better Description for Better Discovery of Archives and Special Collections](#). (Dublin, Ohio: OCLC Research)

June 2009

- Tennant, Roy. 2009. "[21st Century Description and Access](#)" *BiD: textos universitaris de biblioteconomia i documentació* textos universitaris de biblioteconomia i documentació (22) June 2009.

Webinars and Podcasts

April 2009

- [The Hathi Trust and "The Silence of the Archive"](#) podcast with Roy Tennant and John Price Wilkin, Executive Director, Hathi Trust.

May 2009

- [Treasures on Trucks Treasures on Trucks and Other Taboos: Rethinking the Sharing of Special Collections](#) webinar with Jennifer Schaffner and Dennis Massie.

June 2009

- [Scholarly Information Practices in the Online Environment](#) webinar with Constance Malpas and Ricky Erway.
- [Managing Shared Print Collections](#) webinar with Constance Malpas and Dennis Massie.
- [Blue Ribbon Task Force on Sustainable Digital Preservation and Access](#) webinar with Brian Lavoie.

Events and Meetings

June 2009

- [RLG Partnership Annual Meeting and Symposium](#), Boston, MA

Presentations (a Selective Listing)

April 2009

- Proffitt: "Balancing Act: Accepting and Managing Risk in Digitizing Collections", Texas Library Association Meeting, Houston, TX
- Erway: "IR Strangelove: Or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Institutional Repository", Coalition on Networked Information, Minneapolis, MN
- Malpas: "Making the Connection: UCLA, OCLC Research and the RLG Partnership" UCLA Library Administrative Cabinet Meeting, Los Angeles CA
- Malpas: "Academic Print Collections & Scholarly Information Practices: Implications of Current Research" UCLA Collection Services seminar, Los Angeles, CA
- Dooley: "OCLC's response to the WorldCat Local Special Collections Task Force report," Society of Northwest Archivists, Portland OR

- Tennant: "A Digital Future for Cultural Heritage Institutions," British Columbia Library Association, Burnaby, BC
- Malpas: "Managing Risk in Perilous Times: Cooperative strategies for print journal preservation" UC Berkeley Libraries Collections Council, Berkeley, CA
- Hickey: "Opening Library Data for Web Scale Use and Re-mixing" at ELAG conference, Bratislava, Slovak Republic
- MacColl: "Exploring our Collective Future: the Work of OCLC Research", OCLC Swiss Information Day, Zürich
- Silipigni Connaway: "The Library is a good source if you have several months." Making the Library More Accessible, for presentation at the Mesa County Public Library District Board Meeting, Grand Junction, CO

May 2009

- Waibel: "Libraries, Archives and Museums—Covering for Real" American Association of Museums Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- LaVoie: "Economically Sustainable Digital Preservation," Archiving 2009 Conference, Washington, DC
- LeVan: Identities, VIAF, Terminologies, SRW/CQL, Linked Data and Web Services at WorldCat Mashathon, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Dempsey (Keynote Address): Data Curation Institute, Champaign-Urbana, IL
- Silipigni Connaway: "Following the Trail of WorldCat Users," at the Query Log 2009 Workshop, London, England
- Proffitt, Smith-Yoshimura, Tennant: OCLC Web Services and the OCLC Research Agenda, Stanford University Library's "chalk talk," Stanford, CA
- Silipigni Connaway: "The Library is a good source if you have several months: Making the Library More Accessible," London School of Economics for RLG European Partners, London, England

June 2009

- Dooley, Erway, Godby, Hickey, Lavoie, Malpas, Massie, Michalko, O'Neill, Proffitt, Silipigni Connaway, Schaffner, Smith-Yoshimura, Vizine-Goetz: Annual RLG Partnership Meeting, Boston, MA
- Silipigni Connaway: "The Library is a good source if you have several months." Making the Library More Accessible, Glasgow University for RLG European Partners and other librarians in the area, Glasgow, Scotland
- Dempsey (Keynote): "Concentration, Connection, Diffusion: Mobilizing Library Services" @ m-libraries conference, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- Silipigni Connaway: "Convenience, Connections, Correctness, and Choice: Critical Components of Virtual Reference Service Quality," i3 Conference in Aberdeen, Scotland
- Godby: poster session at the NDIIPP Partners' meeting in Washington, DC

Conferences, Events and Partner Visits

April 2009

- Proffitt: Texas Library Association, Houston, TX
- Michalko, Erway: CNI 2009 Spring Task Force Meeting, Minneapolis, MN
- Malpas: UCLA site visit, Los Angeles, CA
- Malpas: UC Berkeley Collections Council, Berkeley, CA
- Malpas: UC Berkeley site visit, , Berkeley, CA
- Malpas: Occidental symposium on collective collection, Los Angeles, CA
- Dooley: Society of Northwest Archivists, Portland, OR
- Tennant: British Columbia Library Association, Vancouver, BC
- Silipigni Connaway: ALA Committee on Accreditation, Chicago, IL

- Waibel, Massie: ARLIS (& Museums & the Web), Indianapolis, IN
- Waibel: American Association of Museums, Chicago, IL
- MALPAS: CONSER operations meeting, Library of Congress, Washington, DC
- MALPAS: Invitational symposium on Collaborative Collection Management at Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA
- Waibel: American Association of Museums, Philadelphia, PA

May 2009

- Godby: Digital Library Federation meeting, Raleigh, NC
- Dempsey: CISTI Advisory Board, Ottawa, Ontario
- Schaffner: Association of Canadian Archivists, Calgary, Alberta
- Schaffner: University of Calgary site visit
- Schaffner: University of Alberta site visit
- MacColl: Edinburgh University site visit
- MacColl: New Members Briefing Day, JISC Infrastructure & Resources Committee, Bristol, England
- Lavoie: Spring meeting of Task Force on Sustainable Digital Preservation, San Diego Supercomputer Center, San Diego, CA
- MacColl: JISC Infrastructure & Resources Committee Away Day; JISC Infrastructure & Resources Committee, London, England
- MacColl: 'Measuring Up – the Evolution of Impact Metrics', ALPSP meeting, London, England
- MacColl: JISC Digital Content Conference, 30 June-1 July, Cotswolds Water Park Hotel, Gloucestershire
- Dooley, Schaffner, Proffitt: RBMS Preconference "Seas of Change: Navigating the Cultural and Institutional Contexts of Special Collections," Charlottesville, VA
- Dooley: Society of California Archivists, Riverside, CA
- Dooley: ARL Special Collections and Archives Working Group, Houston, TX
- Schaffner, Dooley, Childress: Independent Research Library Association presidents' annual meeting, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA

New Colleagues

June 2009

Welcomed University of Michigan summer interns Sally Vermaaten and Elizabeth Bedford. Sally is working on PREMIS-related projects; Elizabeth is supporting the work of the sustainability task force.

News and Views

April–June 2009

- ***Weekly Updates***, 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.