2CUL announces Latin American and Iberian Studies agreement
The Columbia and Cornell University Libraries will collaboratively support the Latin American and Iberian Studies collection development activities of both institutions. This collaboration follows in a series of resource-sharing agreements between Columbia and Cornell developed through the 2CUL partnership. Columbia University’s Latin American and Iberian Studies Librarian, Sean Knowlton, will lead the work of coordinating the collections at Columbia and Cornell. He will also provide assistance to Cornell faculty and students via e-mail, phone, and video conferencing and will visit the Cornell campus a minimum of once a semester.

Historically both universities have built important and distinctive Latin American and Iberian studies collections. This collaboration will reduce unnecessary duplicative collecting through closer coordination of acquisitions, with the goal of adding more unique and valuable items to the libraries of both institutions. The faculties and students of both institutions will enjoy expedited interlibrary borrowing as well as reciprocal onsite access to the extensive and historic Latin American and Iberian collections of Cornell and Columbia.

Stories of Mountain Folk
Hunter Library at Western Carolina University recently released Stories of Mountain Folk, an audio oral history collection produced by Catch the Spirit of Appalachia, a western North Carolina not-for-profit. The archived files were created from a series of radio interviews that aired weekly on a local radio station. More than 150 half-hour radio programs capture “local memory” detailing traditions, events, and life stories of mountain people.

A wide range of interviewees include down-home gardeners, herbalists, and farmers, as well as musicians, artists, local writers, and more. Hunter Library is committed to building regionally oriented, historically significant collections of broad cultural and research interest. Since 2005, the library has uploaded collections on Horace Kephart, Civil War letters, regional crafts, Cherokee traditions, and travel in western North Carolina. These online resources—photographs, documents, objects, and interpretive material—provide a foundation for research, education, and humanities programming through their documentation of significant aspects of the American story.

Stories of Mountain Folk is available at www.wcu.edu/library/DigitalCollections/StoriesofMountainFolk/.

ACRL sets 2012 Legislative Agenda
Each year, the ACRL Government Relations Committee, in consultation with the ACRL Board of Directors and staff, formulates an ACRL Legislative Agenda. Drafted with input from key ACRL committees, ACRL leaders, and the ALA Washington Office, the legislative agenda is prioritized and includes objectives for legislative action at the national level on issues that may affect the welfare of academic and research libraries. The ACRL Board of Directors recently approved the 2012 ACRL Legislative Agenda in time for National Library Legislative Day.

The 2012 ACRL Legislative Agenda focuses on five priorities: public access to federally funded research, “safe harbor” provisions of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, government information, Freedom of Information Act, and section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act. The complete legislative agenda is available on the ACRL Web site at www.ala.org/acrl/issues/washingtonwatch/12agenda.

EBSCO releases 39 new e-book Subject Sets
EBSCO Publishing (EBSCO) released 39 new e-book Subject Sets in Spring 2012. The latest e-book Subject Set releases span key collection areas, including arts and humanities, business and economics, career and education, health and medical, personal growth and how-to, science and technology, and social sciences. In response to increased demand from libraries, EBSCO has augmented its offerings in career and education, busi-
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Register now and save! Registration and housing materials are now available. Register by the February 22, 2013, early-bird deadline to take advantage of discounted fees and save $70 or more. Group discounts up to 20% and scholarships are also available. Materials are online at www.acrl.org/acrlconference.

Keynote speakers
Geoffrey Canada, Education Reform Crusader: April 10, 2013. In his 20-plus years with Harlem Children’s Zone (HCZ), Geoffrey Canada has become nationally recognized for his pioneering work helping children and families in Harlem and as a passionate advocate for education reform. The work of Canada and HCZ has become a national model and has been the subject of many profiles in the media.

Henry Rollins, Punk Icon/Activist/Spoken Word Artist: April 11, 2013. There are many words that describe Henry Rollins but very few that define him. He’s been called a punk icon, activist, spoken word artist, author, publisher, photographer, actor, nomad, and raconteur. Rollins famously fronted the hardcore punk band Black Flag and has since released spoken word albums, hosted radio programs, been in several TV shows, and published 15 books including his latest Occupants, a collection of his travel photography and writings.

Maria Hinojosa, Emmy Award Winning Journalist: April 13, 2013. For 25 years, Maria Hinojosa has helped tell America’s untold stories and brought to light unsung heroes in America and abroad. As the anchor and managing editor of her own long-running weekly NPR show, Latino USA, and anchor of the Emmy Award-winning talk show Maria Hinojosa: One-on-One, Hinojosa has helped millions of Americans about the fastest growing group in our country.

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ness and economics, and health and medical titles, while enhancing and expanding content in the key areas most sought after by library users.

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**ASERL receives Documents to the People award**

The Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) was recently awarded the 2012 Documents to the People Award, presented by ProQuest, ALA, and ALA’s Government Documents Round Table (GODORT). This award is presented each year to an individual or organization that has most effectively encouraged the use of government documents in support of library service.

ASERL’s Collaborative Federal Depository Program (CFDP) was selected for this award in recognition of its “achievable and sustainable plan for the development and preservation of comprehensive depository collections on a multi-state level.” ASERL’s program for managing federal documents began in 2005 to coordinate the future development of these important library collections within the Southeast region. The program seeks to create “Centers of Excellence” within depository libraries, to develop comprehensive-as-possible documents collections relating to health and medicine, and to enhance and expand content in the key areas most sought after by library users.

**Past or Portal? Enhancing Undergraduate Learning through Special Collections and Archives**

ACRL announces the publication of *Past or Portal? Enhancing Undergraduate Learning through Special Collections and Archives*, edited by Eleanor Mitchell, Peggy Seiden, and Suzy Taraba.

In the age of ubiquitous access to information, library special collections and archives have received renewed attention through digitization projects designed to share collections with the world at large. Yet these materials also offer opportunities for student learning through direct engagement with rare or unique items. While special collections and archives have largely been used by advanced researchers and scholars, an increasing number of undergraduate courses are taking advantage of these materials as guides in the instructional process.

Beyond “hands-on history,” courses from across the curriculum are enriched through assignments, experiences, and activities that draw upon or incorporate local or unusual items, primary sources, or material culture—particularly the book as artifact. Through 47 detailed and compelling case studies, *Past or Portal? Enhancing Undergraduate Learning through Special Collections and Archives* explores a variety of successful instructional models featuring a wide range of engagement methods with special collections and archival materials. Instruction and special collections librarians will find plentiful inspiration for new collaborations in the collection. The work is also a perfect addition to professional development and library school collections.

*Past or Portal? Enhancing Undergraduate Learning through Special Collections and Archives* is available for purchase in print, as an e-book, and as a print/e-book bundle through the ALA Online Store; in print and for Kindle through Amazon.com; and by telephone order at (866) 746-7252 in the United States or (770) 442-8633 for international customers.
a government agency, SuDoc stem, subject matter, or format. This allows researchers to identify the best document collections for their selected areas.

More information on CFDP is available at www.aserl.org/programs/gov-doc/.

University Of Missouri Celebrates 150 Years as federal depository library

The University of Missouri Library celebrated 150 years as a federal depository library in early May with an event featuring the U.S. Government Printing Office’s (GPO) Superintendent of Documents Mary Alice Baish. Baish congratulated the institution and discussed the role federal depository libraries play in connecting the public to the federal government and preserving historical documents.

The library is one of the oldest members of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) and also serves as the regional library for the state of Missouri. The university and local community can access the approximately 1.5 million government documents that the University of Missouri Library makes freely available to the public. Through the FDLP, GPO partners with 1,200 libraries nationwide to provide free public access to published information of all three branches of government.

CUPA-HR 2011-12 Mid-Level Administrative and Professional Salary Survey

The College and University Professional Association for Human Resources (CUPA-HR) recently released findings from its 2011–12 Mid-Level Administrative and Professional Salary Survey. The overall median base salary increase for mid-level administrative jobs in colleges and universities in 2011 was 2.0%. In 2010, it was 1.3%. Similar to findings from CUPA-HR’s other salary surveys, the median increase for public institutions was 1.4%, while the median increase for private institutions was 2.2%. This year’s findings reflect the salaries of 193,248 job incumbents in public and private institutions nationwide.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the annual Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers [CPI-U] in 2011 was 3.2% higher than in 2010. Therefore, the median salary increase of 2.0% was less than inflation for all institutions combined, and also for privates and publics when looked at separately.

ProQuest joins 1940 U.S. Census Community Project

ProQuest is joining forces with Archives.com, FamilySearch International, findmypast.com, and the National Association of Records and Archives in the 1940 U.S. Census Community Project, a collaborative effort to index the contents of the newly released U.S. 1940 census. ProQuest will add the new census content to its HeritageQuest Online service.

The 1940 U.S. census records were released by the National Archives on April 2 after a mandatory 72-year waiting period. Its 3.8 million pages include names, addresses, and family members of virtually every one of the country’s 132 million citizens. The 1940 U.S. Census Community Project aims to create simple searching of the census by indexing its contents.

More information is available at https://the1940census.com/.

Tech Bits . . .

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Haven’t there been times when you are talking to a student on the phone and really need to see their screen? I recently discovered a new site called Join.Me where you can do just that. I like this service for helping students who call the library with questions because there is almost no download or set up (unlike Skype). Direct students to the join.me Web site; click share, save, and open the file; then have them give you their session number. You’ll go to the site, type in the session number, and, voila, you’ll be able to view their screen. They can even share control of their screen or chat with you. You could also reverse roles so you are the one demonstrating.

—Katherine Stiwinter, Spartanburg Community College

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