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To: CARLI Members
From: Elizabeth Clarage, Director of Collections Services, CARLI
Re: Introduction to the FY 2009 CARLI Collections Enhancement Awards Program

Please disseminate this information to the appropriate staff. Please also review the [Proposal Process](#) for the CARLI Collections Enhancement Awards Program.

The proposal process for the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) FY 2009 Collections Enhancement Awards Program is beginning. The CARLI Collections Enhancement Awards Program encourages sharing of collections resources for the institutions of higher education in the state.

This year, proposals may fall into two categories either “Access & Analysis Awards” or “Collection Partnerships / Collaborative Digitization Awards.”

Access & Analysis Awards

Examples of “Access & Analysis Awards” proposals include:

- Creating electronic guides to archival collections
- Adding holdings information for serials
- Targeted analyses in designated segments of the state’s current collection
- Interlibrary loan studies
- Review the history and impact of the collection enhancement awards

The Access & Analysis Awards Program does not have a theme.

Collection Partnerships/ Collaborative Digitization Awards

The “Collection Partnerships / Collaborative Digitization” program is similar to the Collections Enhancement Awards Program in previous years. Collaborative digitization projects are specifically encouraged. For collection partnership proposals, the CARLI Collections Working Group suggests a minimum request per participating institution of \$2,000.

Theme

The theme for the Collection Partnerships / Collaborative Digitization Awards Program is “Green, Global, and Sustainable.” This theme may not be applicable to all CARLI institutions, but the theme will change annually, so that, over time, all CARLI members will have an opportunity to participate in the program.

Deadlines for Participation

Intent to Apply

All project directors must notify CARLI by **December 5, 2007** that they intend to apply for a CARLI Collections Award. The statement of intent to apply form may be found on the CARLI website at: <http://www.carli.illinois.edu/mem-serv/mem-train/register/071214intent/>.

Mandatory Award Workshop

A representative of each proposed award project must attend a workshop in December 2007. There will be a choice of two workshops offered: one in Chicago at the Illini Center on December 14th and one in Normal at Heartland Community College on December 17th. The representative may be anyone that will convey the information presented to the primary contact for the proposal.

Final Proposal Deadline

Proposals must be submitted by March 14, 2008.

Accepted proposal will be announced in July 2008,

Preparing Your Proposal,

Please see the CARLI Collections Enhancement Awards Program Proposal Process document, it is found on the CARLI website at: <http://www.carli.illinois.edu/mem-serv/coll-man/09FYCARLIaward-prop.pdf>

Several guiding principles inform the competition. I encourage you to keep these principles in mind as you prepare your proposal:

- Universal Benefit: demonstrable benefit to a broad constituency.
- Open Physical Access: resources acquired or created with awarded program funds must be reasonably available to the primary constituents of all libraries in the consortium.
- Local Sufficiency: projects are not meant to replace the need for locally sufficient collections.
- Selective Participation, Universal Input: although not all members are expected to participate actively in all projects, each member library will have an opportunity to respond to project ideas.
- Multiple Funding Modes: including consortial, external, and local funding.
- Creative Pilots: the consortium encourages the development of creative pilot projects that directly address the needs of library users.

All member libraries of the consortium are encouraged to become part of a collaborative group of two or more members that develops and submits a proposal. If you have questions about the CARLI Collections Enhancement Award Program competition, please do not hesitate to contact me at 815-753-9168 (voice) or by e-mail at support@carli.illinois.edu.