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CARLI Holiday Hours and ILDS Delivery

The CARLI office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday November 25-26. Contact support@carli.illinois.edu or call toll free 866.904.5843 to report any problems or concerns. As always, callers will have the option to page a tech support staff person to report a system outage or other serious problem. CARLI staff will respond to all other issues and reports when regular business hours resume on November 29.

ILDS will not provide delivery service Thursday, November 25 or Friday, November 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

If you have any questions or comments, please send them to support@carli.illinois.edu.

Registration Open for the CARLI Annual Membership Meeting Webinar

[Register now](#) to attend the CARLI Annual Meeting webinar on Friday, December 3, 10:30 a.m.–noon. Join CARLI staff to find out more about important topics including stewardship of CARLI resources, changes and challenges in e-resources brokering, the evolution of discovery tools, resource sharing, and perspectives on FY 2010 and what’s coming in FY2011 and beyond.

Is there a CARLI project that you’d like to know more about? Submit your questions in advance via the registration form or via email to support@carli.illinois.edu and we’ll answer your questions during the webinar. Participants will also have the opportunity to submit questions via chat during the meeting.

A limited number of telephone connections are available within the web conferencing software. In order to ensure that all interested CARLI libraries are able to participate, please plan to attend this webinar from a conference room or meeting center, together with your library colleagues.

This webinar will be recorded. The recording and related documents will be available online following the original presentation.

[Registration](#) deadline is Wednesday, December 1, 2010. For more information, email support@carli.illinois.edu.

Fall Database Subscription Period Open for Calendar Year 2011

The password-protected [CARLI selection database](#) is now available. The selection period will run through December 10, 2010.

Institutional Login ID’s and passwords distributed in previous years remain valid. If you did not obtain an ID and password, or have misplaced it, please submit a request to support@carli.illinois.edu with the subject line: CY2011 Selection Period.

Database pricing for the following products is available now:

- Access World News
- America’s Newspapers
- ARTstor
- Chicago Tribune
- eDuke Scholarly Collection
- eHRAF Archaeology
- eHRAF World Cultures
- JSTOR collections
- KCDLonline
- Nature (weekly)
- OCLC WorldCat Collection Analysis
- Scientific American

We are currently working with University Purchasing and the appropriate vendors in order to be able to offer the following products:

- C&EN Online
- Current Contents
- Journal Citation Reports
- MathSciNet
- Project Muse
- Sage Premier
- Web Editions and Legacy Archive
- Web of Science

CARLI will send out updates as pricing is made available for these products.

Please note that we have made some changes in the way information is presented in the selection system. The links to various displays have been reformatted and there is a new link for pricing information. That page will provide the latest information on pricing for the products included in the system. We encourage you to review it often and before making your selections. Instructions for using the selection system are available at the link entitled "Instructions." These instructions no longer automatically appear when you log in.

In addition to the new arrangement of links in the system, we have included more comments along with the pricing information. We hope to have additional enhancements in place for the spring selection cycle, including some indication of prior year subscriptions along with the new pricing. We welcome your comments or suggestions for other improvements that would make the selection system easier to use.

Fall 2011 Database Selection Timeline:

- November 5–December 10, 2010: Selections made online through the CARLI Selection Database
- December 10–17, 2010: Preliminary billing estimates sent to subscribing libraries for review
- December 17, 2010: Final subscription lists are submitted to vendors
- January 1, 2011: Service begins for calendar year 2011
- After January 1, 2011: Final bills sent to subscribing libraries

If you have questions about the general operation of the CARLI Database Brokering Program or have problems with the selection system, please email support@carli.illinois.edu with the subject line: CY2011 Selection Period.

I-Share Voyager 7.2.3 Upgrade

CARLI staff's recent testing of version 7.2.3 of the Ex Libris Voyager software has revealed technical issues that may cancel an upgrade previously announced to begin at 5 pm on Friday, December 17.

If CARLI technical staff are able to resolve these issues, we will proceed with the upgrade on the previously announced schedule. A final decision will be made in early December. The announcement will be emailed to all I-Share liaisons, and posted to the CARLI web site as soon as the information is available.

We appreciate your patience as we work through these issues.

Book Digitization Initiative Call for Proposals

CARLI is accepting proposals for the [FY2011 Book Digitization Initiative](#), a continuing partnership with the Internet Archive and the Open Content Alliance.

The process has been streamlined, with applications encouraged at any time. Materials that can be digitized through this program include books, serials, and pamphlets in all subject areas. Those proposals that meet the theme of "Illinois: Culture and Heritage" will receive priority.

Participants may request a webinar on the Initiative and the proposal process by emailing support@carli.illinois.edu. Additional webinars will be offered throughout the year.

Complete information about the program can be found on the [CARLI web site](#).

Accepted Digitization Proposals

Over 3,600 items from 30 CARLI member libraries have been digitized to date through the CARLI Book Digitization Initiative and are available on the [Internet Archive](#).

Nine proposals were accepted this fall for FY2011. Funded projects included proposals to digitize the Laws of Illinois, yearbooks from Joliet Junior College and Loyola University Chicago, publications on the Scroll-Campbell movement in Illinois, the history of medicine in Chicago, and the serial Caduceus: a museum quarterly for the health sciences.

These proposal and others that have been accepted for the Initiative are available on the [CARLI web site](#).

Preservation Tip: Assessment

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Preservation departments often perform surveys, which are a key duty to determine the overall condition of a subset of materials. This means the preservation or conservation staff systematically looks at a set number of items from a library's collection to note the condition. A survey can be item-level, in which each object within a distinct collection is evaluated. Large-scale surveys involve random sampling, where a representative percentage of a collection is assessed. A form, or "survey tool," is developed to gather data and ask specific questions about the item. Following the same form for each object within a survey ensures cohesive data.

Surveys are useful for many reasons, including planning, funding, and data collecting. Assessments can guide preservation planning by highlighting what areas of a library's collection to target and to prioritize that attention. Broadly, preservation administrators and conservators can determine what areas on which to focus resources, and specifically which items may need immediate attention within a discrete collection. For example, performing a survey of an institution's film holdings can not only help identify the film stock material, but assess the general damage to these potentially unstable plastics. Decisions can then be made about which items should be treated first, such as decomposing acetate film over more stable polyester.

Impending digitization projects increasingly factor into preservation planning. Determining if a collection is in appropriate condition to handle the digitization process is another reason to perform a survey. Information needed may range from the openability or brittleness of older titles to specific conservation treatments that must be completed on maps before scanning. If a project involves grant funding, it is important to determine beforehand what preservation work could impact costs and timelines. The results of a survey can also be used to justify staff funding. For instance, a valuable but deteriorating photograph collection could validate a photograph conservator position.

The data gleaned from surveys is beneficial to a library and entire field. When Yale University Library completed its large-scale assessment in 1985, the surprising results revealed the extent of brittle paper in libraries and led to a nationwide microfilming project. Knowing the physical condition of a distinct collection can lead to collaborations with other institutions with similar issues. As an essential part of every preservation department, surveys provide much needed information to make critical decisions regarding projects, staff, and general planning.

Other News

ILEAD U Application Deadline Extended to December 13

The application deadline for [ILEAD U 2011](#) has been extended to December 13, 2010. ILEAD U is an initiative of the Illinois State Library to help library staff understand and respond to user needs through the application of participatory technology tools and the creation of an easy-to-replicate model program. ILEAD U is made possible through a Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Grant.

Illinois librarians and library staff can apply for one of three roles: 1) participating team (ILEADers); 2) instructor; or 3) mentor. CARLI members who participated in 2010 as team members, instructors and/or mentors include the Illinois Institute of Technology Kent College of Law, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, John Marshall Law School, National University of Health Sciences, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, Illinois State Library, University of Illinois at Springfield, and CARLI.

For more information about ILEAD U, to review the 2010 project list, or to download the application, visit [Illinois WebJunction](#).

ILA Seeking Proposals for 2011 Conference "Bold Brilliant Brave"

[Submit a proposal](#) for the 2011 Illinois Library Association conference to be held on October 18-20, 2011. The theme is Bold Brilliant Brave, encouraging Illinois library workers to make their own way in this new library world. As the proposal form notes "If you are doing something bold at your library, if you have a brilliant concept, or if you've shown bravery by taking a risk to move your library forward we want to hear about it."

The committee is seeking proposals that focus on the skills and knowledge library workers must acquire that will help libraries address today's needs and wants of end users. Proposals that focus on hands-on, live teaching sessions and panels representing different library sizes and types will be favored.

The deadline for submission is January 11, 2011.

Upcoming CARLI Events and Meetings

Holiday Schedule

November 25-26 CARLI Office closed, No ILDS delivery
December 24-31 CARLI Office closed

Forums, Workshops and Training

November 30 Voyager Cataloging Training, CARLI Office
December 1 Voyager Cataloging Training, CARLI Office
December 3 CARLI Annual Meeting Webinar
December 7 Metadata Matters Webinar: Preservation Metadata

Meetings

November 30 Finance Committee

December 1 I-Share Acquisitions and Serials Team
December 1 CARLI Executive Committee
December 2 Preservation Working Group
December 3 Collections Working Group
December 7 I-Share Cataloging and Authority Control Team
December 8 I-Share OPAC Team
December 9 I-Share Resource Sharing Team
December 10 CARLI Board, Illinois State Library, Springfield
December 13 I-Share Instruction Team
December 13 E-Resources Working Group
December 15 Digital Collections Users' Group

January 4 I-Share Cataloging and Authority Control Team
January 10 E-Resources Working Group
January 12 I-Share OPAC Team
January 13 I-Share Resource Sharing Team
January 26 I-Share Acquisitions and Serials Team
January 28 Collections Working Group

For meeting times and locations or for additional information about upcoming CARLI forums, trainings, and meetings, consult the [CARLI calendar](#).

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