

Annual Report to CDNL 2005 – 2006

Name of Country : United States of America
Name of Library : The Library of Congress
Name of Chief Executive : Dr. James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress

Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access

The Library's newly acquired Jay I. Kislak Collection of 4,000 items relating to the early contact of Spain with Mexico, the Caribbean, and Florida includes the *Carta Marina* map hand-drawn in 1516 by Martin Waldseemüller.

The Library has acquired the digital Tibetan Oral History Archive, more than 1,000 hours of interviews from the past fifty years.

The AARP (formerly American Association of Retired People) and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights donated *Voices of Civil Rights*, a multiformat digital collection of firsthand accounts of participants in the American Civil Rights movement.

The Library of Congress launched a shelf-ready pilot project in collaboration with Italian book vendor Casalini Libri to obtain shelf-ready materials, including physical preparation and cataloging.

Approximately two-thirds (more than 34,000 per year) of all galleys submitted for the U.S. Cataloging in Publication program are now received electronically, enabling much faster and more accurate cataloging than is the case with paper galleys.

Digital Initiatives

On March 21, 2005, the Library launched *Polish Declarations of Admiration and Friendship for the United States*, digitized from volumes compiled in Poland in 1926, illustrated with original works by prominent Polish artists of the time. <<http://www.loc.gov/rr/european/egwinv/egwdir.html>>

On May 10, 2005, the Library of Congress and the Bibliothèque nationale de France launched a bilingual, multiformat Web site, *France in America/La France en Amérique*, as part of both Gallica and the Library of Congress Global Gateway. <<http://international.loc.gov/intldl>>

The National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program, administered in the Library of Congress Office of Strategic Initiatives (OSI), announced on September 30, 2004, the award of approximately \$14 million to eight institutions that, with partner institutions, will identify, collect, and preserve historically important digital materials. The partners met at the Library of Congress in January 2005 and again in July.

The OSI Web Capture Team participates in the International Internet Preservation Consortium of eleven national libraries and the Internet Archive. In 2004, the Web Capture Team collected 4.3 terabytes of Web sites.

National Audio-Visual Conservation Center (NAVCC)

The Library is preparing to consolidate its collections of audio-visual materials in a single state-of-the-art facility in Culpeper, Virginia, about seventy miles (112 kilometers) south of Washington, DC. The NAVCC is the result of a pioneering public-private partnership between the Library of Congress and the Packard Humanities Institute, which provided generous funding

for the purchase and refurbishment of several buildings in Culpeper. The Library will begin moving its recorded sound and moving image collections to the Culpeper facility later this year and expects to move the staff and preservation laboratories of the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division in August 2006. The Division has already completed the transition to all-digital audio preservation and is digitizing the Paper Print Film Collection of 3,000 rare motion pictures mainly produced before 1912.

National Book Festival

The 2005 National Book Festival, which is open to the public free of charge, will be held September 24, 2005, on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Organized and sponsored by the Library of Congress and hosted by First Lady Laura Bush, the National Book Festival celebrates reading and highlights the resources of America's libraries through appearances by more than eighty authors, illustrators, and poets.

New Online Exhibitions

A Heavenly Craft: The Woodcut in Early Printed Books < <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/heavenlycraft>>

Churchill and the Great Republic <<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/churchill/interactive/>>

Revising Himself: Walt Whitman and Leaves of Grass <<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/treasures/whitman-home.html>>

Lectures and Fellowships

Vaclav Havel, playwright and former president of the Republic of Czechoslovakia, gave a lecture on human rights entitled "The Emperor Has No Clothes" at the Library on May 24, 2005.

John B. Carlson, director of the Center for Archaeoastronomy in College Park, Maryland, was awarded the first post-doctoral Kislak Fellowship in American Studies at the Library of Congress on June 1. He will spend eight months conducting research using the Jay I. Kislak Collection.

David M. Levy, professor in the School of Information, University of Washington, has been appointed the next Harissios Papamarkou Chair in Education and Technology at the John W. Kluge Center in the Library of Congress.

Preservation

The Library concluded a national search for applicants for the position of director for preservation on June 28, 2005, and the process of reviewing applications has commenced.

Technology Policy

The Library intends to implement Unicode in its Integrated Library System in November 2005, enabling searching and display of characters in the original scripts in the online catalog.

Staff Changes

Angela Kinney was named chief of the Social Sciences Cataloging Division, June 2004.

Jon Newsom, chief of the Music Division, retired on June 3, 2005. Susan H. Vita is serving as acting chief of the division.

Giulia Adelfio is the Library's new Visitor Services Officer.

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