Annual Report 2016
Museum Library Division

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Leadership update

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Activity narrative

The Museum Library Division has been active over the past ten months.


Under direction of the ARLIS Executive Board, a group of Museum Library Division (MLD) members undertook the task of compiling a white paper describing the current state of art museum librarianship in the United States. The report was compiled by Anne Evenhaugen, Shaina Buckles Harkness, Alison Huftalen, Nicole Lovenjak, Mary Wassermann, and edited by Roger Lawson. The report was submitted to the EBoard for review on December 7, 2016.

2. Social Media/Listserv survey – Approved for implementation

Following a discussion at the 2016 annual meeting, Catherine Robertson and Anne Evenhaugen spearheaded a survey to determine MLD member interest in instituting a new social media forum (i.e. Facebook groups, Linked groups, blog, etc.). Results indicated a clear desire by the group to have a searchable listserv. The Project Charter was submitted to the MLD EBoard Liaison on September 27, 2016.


Under the project chair, Lauren Gottlieb-Miller, an editorial group was created and met virtually in November 2016 and January 2017. The other editors are Amelia Nelson and Traci Timmons. The group has finalized a chapters draft which will be sent to potential publishers this spring.

4. Art Documentation public domain image use – Completed
In collaboration with the Visual Resources Association and Art Documentation, Catherine Robertson assisted in creating a list of open access institutions with images freely available for publication use.

Issues for the Executive Board

Suggestion to add revised Art Museum Libraries and Librarianship to the Strategic Directions Action Scorecard

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  • ARLIS/NA website content editor.