



# BHL

Biodiversity Heritage Library



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## Welcome to the Biodiversity Heritage Library Newsletter

Welcome to the first [Biodiversity Heritage Library](#) (BHL) newsletter. BHL is a global consortium of natural history and botanical libraries and institutions that cooperate to digitize and make freely available the biodiversity literature in their collections. [Learn more about our project.](#)

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We are proud to announce that select BHL content is now available for free on iTunes U, allowing you to download PDFs directly to your iPad, iPhone, or iPod Touch.

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## BHL Report

## BHL's Founding Director Retires

In March, 2012, BHL's founding Director, Tom Garnett, retired from the BHL project. Garnett oversaw the maturation of BHL from an ambitious idea proposed in 2005 to the global success it is today.

Martin Kalfatovic of the Smithsonian Institution Libraries will be replacing Garnett as the new BHL director. [Learn more.](#)



Check out the [BHL Quarterly Report](#) to learn all about the BHL project and the progress we've made!

## NEH Grant

BHL received an NEH grant for 260,000 USD to support the automated identification and description of illustrations within BHL texts. This will allow users to easily browse or search for images meeting specific criteria directly within the BHL portal, while also further automating the BHL-to-Flickr process. [Learn more.](#)

Be sure to check out the nearly 30,000 free biodiversity images in the [BHL Flickr!](#)



## BHL at ALA Midwinter

January 20-24, BHL hosted a booth with the [Encyclopedia of Life](#) at the American Libraries Association Midwinter Meeting in Dallas, TX. The booth provided staff with an opportunity to introduce BHL to the approximately 10,000 conference attendees. [Learn More.](#)

