

Summer Newsletter 2013

The Biodiversity Heritage Library

Inspiring discovery through free access to biodiversity knowledge

The [Biodiversity Heritage Library](#) (BHL) works collaboratively to make biodiversity literature openly available to the world as part of a global biodiversity community.

Building and Strengthening Global Initiatives



Dr. Nancy Gwinn and Dr. Tanya Abrahamse sign the BHL-Africa MOU

In our last newsletter, we celebrated the [official launch of BHL Africa](#). During the transition from late spring to early summer, we continued to celebrate BHL's global growth with the [Fourth Annual Global-BHL Meeting](#) in Fez, Morocco, May 27-28. Later that week, several attendees continued

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116,000+

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41.2MM+

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on to Ifrane, Morocco for the [3rd International Conference on African Digital Library and Archives \(ICADLA\)](#). Overall, these events have provided successful opportunities for attendees to report on BHL's accomplishments and to work together on planning for new and expanded initiatives within the BHL global consortium.

Every EOL Species Page Now Links to BHL!



Encyclopedia of Life

The close relationship between the [Encyclopedia of Life](#) and [BHL](#) recently became a little deeper as a link back to BHL was added to the footer of every EOL page. Links to BHL content appears under the "literature" tab on species pages and provides deep background to EOL content. For example, check out the EOL page for [Empetrum nigrum](#) which provides links to hundreds of BHL articles! BHL, the largest single content provider to EOL, shares in linking back to EOL from all BHL text pages. If a species name is recognized on a BHL page and there is a corresponding species page, users can click through to EOL for even more information about that species.

BHL's First iBook!

BHL's First iBook! BHL is pleased to announce the creation of it's first iBook: [Every Week is Shark Week](#). This iBook is a compilation of articles, tweets, images, quizzes, and facts about sharks compiled from the BHL social media campaigns during Shark Week.

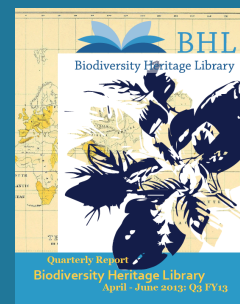


BHL at Conference and Events

This summer, BHL maintained an active presence at library and natural history conferences. In June, Becky Morin delivered the presentation Biodiversity Heritage Library: Climbing a 40-Million Page Mountain (& Living to Tell the Tale) at the Special Libraries Association Conference in San Diego, CA. At the American Library Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, June 27-July 2, BHL hosted both a [poster](#) and a [presentation](#) as part of the conference. Martin Kalfatovic, Diana Duncan, and Suzanne Pilsk attended the poster on behalf of the poster's authors, Gilbert Borrego and Grace Costantino. Martin Kalfatovic and Nancy Gwinn gave a BHL presentation to a group of nearly seventy librarians at the International Relations Round Table pre-conference. [Tomoko Steen of the Library of Congress promoted BHL](#) at the Society for Molecular Biology and

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BHL Report

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

Evolution 2013 Annual Conference, July 7-12, also in Chicago. At the International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists (IAALD), [Marty Schlabach and Mary Ochs of Cornell presented a poster](#) entitled "Biodiversity Heritage Library: Supporting Research with Open Content," and authored by Constance Rinaldo, Bianca Crowley and Boris Jacob. As part of the five-day Summer Teacher Institutes hosted by the Library of Congress in August, [BHL shared an exhibit table](#) on Science and Technology with the Science, Technology, and Business Division of the Library of Congress.

Interns

We extend our thanks to this BHL's three summer interns:

- Laurel Byrnes, Princeton University, Marketing Intern June 2013
- Adriana Marroquin, University of Maryland College Park, Virtual Reference Intern June-August 2013
- Kirsten Hostetler, University of Washington, Marketing Intern June-August 2013.

Each has made valuable contributions to pan-BHL efforts. Altogether, they have produced over a dozen blog posts highlighting books from the BHL collection as well as contributing content for BHL's outreach efforts via Facebook and Twitter. In addition, interns have compiled several tutorials documenting various aspects of BHL outreach and workflow tools. Finally, thanks to Adriana Marroquin's work with the new BHL Gemini coordinator, Jacqueline Chapman, the backlog of scan requests submitted by users via the BHL feedback forms has been eliminated.

Staffing Changes

In July, [Carolyn Sheffield joined the Biodiversity Heritage Library](#) as the new Program Manager. Carolyn replaces Grace Costantino who served as Program Manager for 18 months and was an active member of BHL for a total of five years. We are thrilled to welcome Carolyn into the BHL family while sending our warmest thanks to Grace Costantino for all of her contributions to BHL.

