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Full text search now available on BHL

We're thrilled to announce that [full text search is now available](#) on the Biodiversity Heritage Library!

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2018 BHL Annual Meeting in Los Angeles



Group photo of attendees at the 2018 BHL Annual Meeting. Photo taken in front of the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History. Photo credit: Edgar Chamorro.

On 13-15 March 2018, 35 BHL partner representatives from 11 countries gathered in Los Angeles for the [2018 BHL Annual Meeting](#), co-hosted by the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (NHMLAC) and the Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden.

In addition to the business portion of the meeting, a series of symposia allowed attendees to hear from both users and partners about BHL's impact on science and projects to mobilize scanning efforts worldwide. Hosts Richard Hulser (NHMLAC) and Susan Eubank (L.A. Arboretum) also arranged exemplary tours for meeting attendees at the museum, the gardens, the La Brea Tar Pits, and The Huntington.

At the close of the meeting, during a Hollywood-style reveal worthy of the Oscars, the result of the Member vote on the host for next year's meeting was announced. The winner? Cornell University! We look forward to gathering in Ithaca, New York for the 2019 BHL Annual Meeting!

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BHL Welcomes the University Library Johann Christian Senckenberg



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Main

We are pleased to welcome the [University Library Johann Christian Senckenberg](#) as our newest Affiliate. The University Library is the first German library to join BHL as an Affiliate.

The University Library Johann Christian Senckenberg serves as the Central Library of the Goethe University of Frankfurt am Main and functions as an academic library for the City of Frankfurt. As a BHL Affiliate, the University Library will expand BHL's corpus by contributing content from its rich Biology Collection, which includes some 400,000 volumes on a wide range of biological subjects.

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We've updated the design, navigation, and functionality of the [BHL Blog](#)! Through improved top menu navigation, homepage content highlights, new ways to subscribe to your favorite topics, and better social media integration, it's now easier than ever to explore what's new at BHL.

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Chicago Botanic Garden Receives \$200,000 to Digitize Language of Flower Books for BHL

 Elaborate book title page with illustration of a young girl surrounded by flowers

Hooper, Lucy. *The lady's book of flowers and poetry*. 1845. To be digitized from the collection of the Lenhardt Library of the Chicago Botanic Garden and added to the Biodiversity Heritage Library as part of a recent NEH grant. Image credit: Leora Siegel.

The Lenhardt Library of the Chicago Botanic Garden [has received over \\$200,000](#) from a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant awarded to the Chicago Horticultural Society for the conservation and digitization of 62 rare and unique "language of flower" books published in the 19th century.

Over the next three years, the volumes will be conserved and digitized by expert staff at the Northeast Document Conservation Center and subsequently uploaded to the Biodiversity Heritage Library. The Lenhardt Library has been a BHL Affiliate since 2014.

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Collection Highlights

Explore our Book of the Month features from the past quarter in these highlights. [Check out the whole series on our blog](#).

Marginalia & Rare Books: Exploring the Smithsonian's *Naturalis Historia*



Marginalia in Naturalis Historia

When is writing in a 15th century rare book a good thing? Smithsonian Libraries explores the incredible marginalia in its 1491 edition of Pliny's [Naturalis Historia](#), the first attempt at creating a natural history encyclopedia in the western world, which has recently been digitized for BHL.

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screech owls in a tree

Exploring the Birds of Canada

[Birds of Canada](#) (1934) remains one of the best accounts of Canadian birds. Authored by Percy Algernon Taverner, who built from scratch the ornithology department at the Canadian Museum of

Nature, the work is notable for its extensive illustrations by Allan Brooks.

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Uncovering the Stories Behind Kew's Museum of Economic Botany Collection

"Abnormal growth of a radish". "Malformation of stem of Geonoma". The Kew Gardens' Museum of Economic Botany's ["Entry and Exit books"](#) list every specimen sent out from or received by the museum since 1847 - including these unusual items. These logbooks are being digitized in BHL as part of the Kew Mobile Museum project.



handwritten log
entry showing
specimens sent out to
Sir James Paget

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BHL User Testimonials

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"There's so much value in being able to 'travel back in time' to read the original publications with just a couple of clicks. I'd argue that as a student, it's important to also learn about the history upon which our modern knowledge was built. Broadening the context in which you view science is very rewarding!"

Otto Stenberg
Graduate Student
University of Helsinki
Jernvall Evo-Devo Lab

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How does BHL help [Otto Stenberg](#), a graduate student at the University of Helsinki studying genetics in an evolutionary context, gain an important historical perspective for modern biodiversity research?

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"I was surprised but really pleased to see so much scientific literature available for free to the public... I think that everyone - whether a scientist in the US or Indonesia, or a person who's just really interested in fish - should be able to access scientific literature."

Tanja Zerulla
Ph.D. Candidate
Florida International University



How is BHL helping [Tanja Zerulla](#), a Ph.D. candidate at Florida International University, study the role of color in social interactions between Eastern mosquitofish?

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Get Involved with BHL!

There are many ways to get involved with BHL, from becoming a Member or Affiliate and contributing content to [donating to support BHL](#) or participating in one of our many citizen science activities. Currently, BHL's volunteer opportunities include [Flickr image tagging](#), transcribing field books as part of [The Field Book Project](#), or describing illustrations via [Science Gossip on Zooniverse](#).

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