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PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART AND ARLIS/NA AWARDED MAJOR IMLS GRANT

OAK CREEK, WI (April 29, 2016)—The Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA) is pleased to announce the receipt of an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant in partnership with the Philadelphia Museum of Art. This shared grant from the IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program carries an award of \$421,750.

The Philadelphia Museum of Art will partner with the Art Libraries Society of North America to adapt the existing National Digital Stewardship residency (NDSR) program to create a curriculum focused on art information management. The project will support eight residents over two years. Residents will complete projects at art and cultural heritage libraries across the country, increasing the functionality and accessibility of their host institutions' digital content and services. Mid-career mentors at each institution will also have the opportunity to participate in training and professional development. Curricula developed for this program will also be distributed by ARLIS/NA, increasing the impact of the project for art librarians and archivists nationwide.

Kristen Regina, Arcadia Director of the Library and Archives at the Philadelphia Museum of Art and Past President of ARLIS/NA, remarked, "IMLS's recognition of and support for this project is huge, as it invests in the future of art information professionals and sustains, preserves, and makes accessible for future generations the art and cultural heritage information of today. We are thrilled to receive this award."

Heather Gendron, President of ARLIS/NA, stated, "This partnership is an expression of ARLIS/NA's ongoing commitment to the professional development of its members and exemplifies the cross-pollination needed in order to build a sustainable and robust digital infrastructure for our nation's cultural heritage institutions."



About the Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. Our mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Our grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit www.ims.gov and follow IMLS on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

About the Philadelphia Museum of Art

The Philadelphia Museum of Art is Philadelphia's art museum. A place that welcomes everyone. A world-renowned collection. A landmark building. We bring the arts to life, inspiring visitors—through scholarly study and creative play—to discover the spirit of imagination that lies in everyone. We connect people with the arts in rich and varied ways, making the experience of the Museum surprising, lively, and always memorable. We are committed to inviting visitors to see the world—and themselves—anew through the beauty and expressive power of the arts.

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About the Art Libraries Society of North America

Founded in 1972, the Art Libraries Society of North America is a dynamic, international organization of more than 1,000 individuals devoted to fostering excellence in art and design librarianship and image management in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The membership includes architecture and art librarians, visual resources professionals, artists, curators, educators, publishers, students, and others interested in visual arts information. To serve this diverse constituency, the Society provides a wide range of programs and services within an organizational structure that encourages participation at all levels.

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