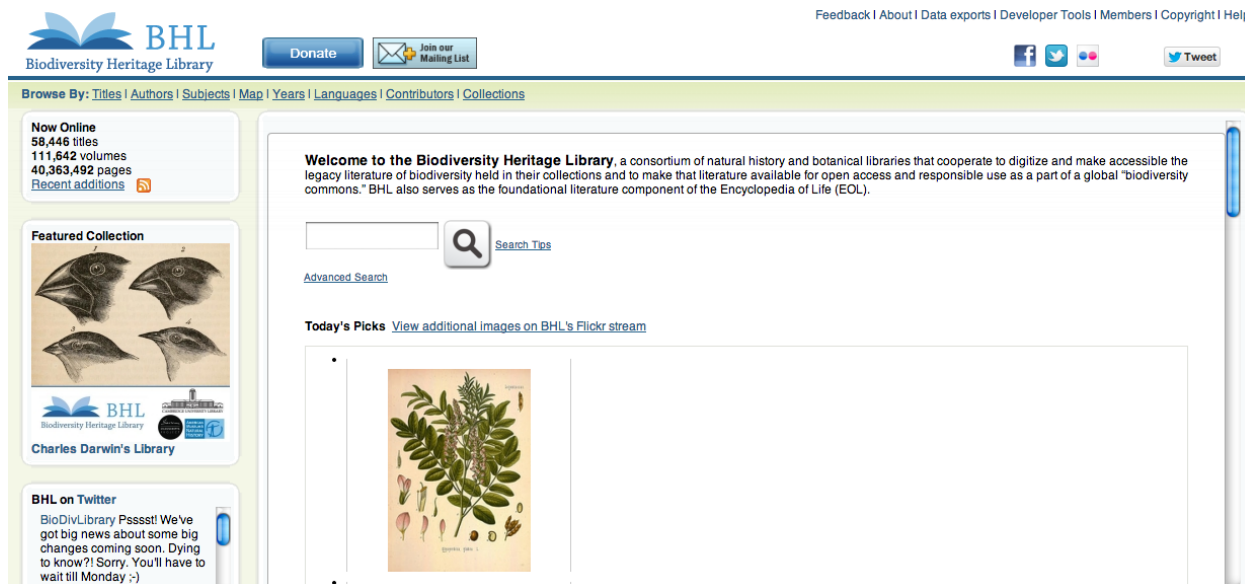*Greetings all! I regret not being able to see you this year on account of my maternity leave. Here are a few BHL collections highlights that I've managed to pull together as an FYI. I will be back to work very soon in case you have any questions crowleyb@si.edu. Have a great meeting!*

Look at the progress we've made!

This is what BHL looked like in March 2013

Collections Stats since March 2013

- 14,992 new titles; 21,151 new items; 2,461,104 new pages | Current stats: 73,438 titles; 132,793 volumes; 42,824,596 pages
- Cornell began adding items directly to BHL in June. Content incorporated from Cornell previous to this was done so via the "non-BHL member IA ingest" process from existing content in the Internet Archive corpus.
- BHL members beginning to use virtual Macaw for uploads! (MCZ, NYBG, Cal Acad, and possible others)
- Thousands of items available via OAI-PMH in CiteBank transferred to BHL in January
- Permissions stats (through Nov 2013): New titles added = 50; Agreements signed with licensors: 11

Collections Committee Highlights

Since March of 2013, the Collections Committee has met bimonthly (2pm ET) to discuss a variety of topics. The following are major highlights of the discussions (see https://bhl.wikispaces.com/collectionscommittee for details):

- Scanning prioritization suggestions
    a. Rod Page's list of high taxonomic value journals for zoology and analysis of his list
    b. Issues in Gemini marked as <Priority> = "Major" should be reviewed by holding

institutions for priority scanning
  c. How should we prioritize re-scanning of content available through BHL (via third-party linkages) that lives on external platforms?
- Author duplication display issue and recommended solutions
- iTunes U collections: 1) Women in Natural History 2) Field notebooks 3) Napolean and the Egyptian Expedition 4) Celebrating Alfred Russel Wallace
- Refining the representation of segments in BHL (via Biostor and user-generated)
- Collections Committee charge finalized in September: "The BHL Collections Committee is responsible for the management and development of the BHL collection including all issues related to the selection, prioritization, acquisition, curation and deaccessioning of content, as well as supporting BHL outreach activities relevant to collection development issues. The Committee may oversee the reuse or re-packaging of selected content, or a subset of the collection, in creative and novel ways. The Committee is open to all BHL member and affiliate staff."
- Third-party links discussion and Position Paper submitted to EC July - September
  a. Committee submitted the go-ahead to accept content via OAI-PMH into BHL in January 2014
- Internal BHL Collection Development policy finalized in June (see https://bhl.wikispaces.com/Collection+Development+Policy)

Committee members: Bianca Crowley, Joe deVeer, Robin Everly, JJ Ford, Becky Morin, Matt Person, Connie Rinaldo, Trish Rose-Sandler, Marty Schlabach, Diana Shih, William Ulate, Judy Warnement, Don Wheeler

On the Horizon
Selected topics for Collections Committee discussions in 2014:
- Document outlining how BHL institutions reach decisions on incorporating third-party links into BHL. Third parties must be reviewed on a case by case basis. The document would list about a dozen or so elements for consideration. Much of this document will likely build off of the Position Paper submitted to EC in September.
  ○ Will we use Macaw to manually upload content into BHL that was manually incorporated into CiteBank like the *Journal of Amphibian and Reptile Conservation*?
- Contingent upon support of BHL interns, launching collections for iTunes U
- Incorporating content into BHL via Macaw
- Recommendations for creating segments in BHL
- Adaptation of SIL Copyright Determination Protocol for BHL
- Continue to explore different ways of considering and analyzing the collection as issue arise - no single way to perform analysis on such a global corpus from so many institutions with varying classification methods (for strategies considered so far, see https://bhl.wikispaces.com/collection+analysis)
- Investigation of 3rd party funding for digitizing select and significant collections of annotated reprints