



## Join or Die? Expanding Collaboration among Philadelphia's Collecting Institutions

Monday, July 17th, 1:00 - 5:00 pm

The Union League of Philadelphia, 140 South Broad Street, Philadelphia

Historic sites, museums, special collections libraries, and archives share many of the same interests, whether in collections management, audience-building, or technology.

We've all reaped the benefits of collaborations with similar institutions. But can we do more? How can collaborations between museums and libraries, or among all these groups, help us all to find new ways to work smarter and stretch budgets and staff in the areas of administration, reaching out to new audiences, engaging with new partners outside the collections community, developing our collections, and approaching funders?

The Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries (PACSL), in collaboration with the Museum Council of Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley, and the Delaware Valley Archivists Group, is sponsoring a half-day conversation among collecting institutions to consider how we can collaborate more effectively to preserve the region's extraordinary cultural resources and enhance the cultural life of the community. Join us for an afternoon of presentations, discussion, and consideration of next steps.

### Speakers:

**Laura Koloski, Senior Program Associate, Heritage Philadelphia Program, *The Changing Face of Collaboration.***

**Kenneth Finkel, Executive Director, Arts and Culture Service, WHYY. *Recognizing the Future: Perceiving Patterns for Collaboration 2.0 and Beyond.***

**Glen Ruzicka, Director of Conservation, Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts. *Philadelphia Collections Central: An Idea Whose Time is Yet to Come.***

**David Moltke-Hansen, President, The Historical Society of Pennsylvania and Chair of the Board, Civil War History Consortium and Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries. *Doing the Math: Making Wholes that are More than the Sums of the Parts.***

**Page Talbott, Associate Director, and Chief Curator, Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World. *Collaboration Then and Now: Reflections on the Ben Franklin Tercentenary.***

There is no charge for this event, but reservations are necessary. **Reservation deadline: July 13, 2006.** To reserve your space, visit the PACSL website at <http://www.pacscl.org/collaboration/>

The Union League has relaxed its dress code to business casual for the summer. (For men, slacks and a shirt with a collar; for women, slacks and jackets or tops that might otherwise be worn with a skirt; no jeans or sneakers). Many members and guests prefer to continue to wear business attire at the League House throughout the summer. Parking is available in the garage in the 1500 block of Sansom Street.

*[Benjamin Franklin's famous "Join or Die" image by courtesy of The Library Company of Philadelphia]*