

PRESS RELEASE

pvanskaik@LloydLibrary.org
ecampbell@LloydLibrary.org

(513) 721-3707

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 11, 2018

The Lloyd Library & Museum Joins the Biodiversity Heritage Library as an Affiliate Member



The Lloyd Library & Museum is honored to announce its Affiliate Membership to the <u>Biodiversity Heritage Library</u> (BHL). A consortium of major natural history, botanical and research libraries, BHL seeks to contribute to the global "biodiversity commons" by digitizing and providing free and open access to biodiversity literature and archives from across the globe. Its growing collection of more than 54 million pages from noted repositories including Harvard University Botany Libraries, the Field Museum of Natural History, the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew and Smithsonian Libraries makes rare historic works digitally available.

The Lloyd has already contributed to BHL as part of their Expanding Access to Biodiversity Literature project. In collaboration with Digital Services at the <u>Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County</u>, the project gave the Lloyd a chance to join the world of digital content by uploading 26 volumes including *Flora Graeca* (1806-1840) and *Botanicum Medicinale* (1768). Through affiliation with BHL, the Lloyd furthers its mission to provide free access to resources to both a local and global community.

"We are excited to welcome the Lloyd Library and Museum as an Affiliate and build upon the successful partnership established as part of the BHL Expanding Access (EABL) project," affirms BHL Program Director Martin R. Kalfatovic. "Lloyd Library has already contributed significant treasures to BHL as part of the EABL project, and we look forward to expanding our collaborative efforts to enhance the BHL corpus and empower global research through open access to unique and important library collections."

The Lloyd Library and Museum is free and open to the public. Located at 917 Plum St. in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Lloyd is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. and the third Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information or to schedule a visit, contact the Library at (513) 721-3707 or email contact@lloydlibrary.org or visit LloydLibrary.org.