AMICO Achievements – The Year 1998 in Review
(In reverse-chronological order)

December 1998
• RLG agrees to support weekly updates to the AMICO database in 1999.
• The California Digital Library agrees in principle to develop an application to distribute the AMICO Library.

November 1998
• AMICO receives its first royalty check from Research Library Group (RLG) on behalf of the University Testbed participants. Actual income exceeds budget.

October 1998
• AMICO is granted 501 (c) 3 status from the Internal Revenue Service.
• AMICO and IUPUI are awarded an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant to investigate AMICO Library distribution to K-12 schools and public libraries in 1999-2001.
• The Executive Committee of AMICO approves AMICO staffing plan. Appointment of an Executive Director, Director of Strategy and Research, and Director of Technology are made.

September 1998
• The public AMICO web site launches on September 1st, including a Thumbnail Catalog of all works in The AMICO Library.
• The Library of Congress in Washington, DC joins as an AMICO member.

August 1998
• AMICO and RLG release the Testbed AMICO Library on August 24th.
• The Frick Collection and Research Library, New York, NY and the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY join AMICO.

July 1998
• Preview edition of The AMICO Library released for University Testbed participants.
• Application submitted to the National Science Foundation’s Digital Libraries II grant competition.

June 1998
• AMICO receives a Mellon Foundation planning grant of $45,000.
• AMICO Board meets in Worcester, MA, and approved ByLaws.
• AMICO incorporates as an independent, membership organization, separate from the AAMD.
• AMICO Library University Agreements returned by Testbed participants.

May 1998
• Presentation describing AMICO at Committee on Fair Use (CONFU).
• University Testbed Participants’ Web Site launched.
• AMICO Library data delivered to the Research Libraries Group (RLG)

April 1998
• Publication in RLG News of “Bringing Art Museum Images to the Classroom”, Spring, 1998 features the University Testbed.
• Presentation on University Testbed at the Coalition for Networked Information, Washington, DC.

March 1998
• Presentation on AMICO at Visual Resources Association/Art Libraries Association (VRA/ARLIS), March 7, 1998 explains AMICO to those responsible for looking after image collections in universities and colleges.
• University Testbed Participants announced.

February 1998
• Panel Discussion by Stephanie Stebich, Cleveland Museum of Art, Peter Walsh, Davis Museum and Cultural Center, Wellesley College and Susan Chun, College Art Association, Toronto, February 28, 1998.
• University Testbed Participants Announced.

January 1998
• First AMICO Board meeting held. Executive Committee Elected.
• Members submit full list of AMICO Library contributions.
• First Contributions to The AMICO Library made by members.