ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

Meeting Minutes

ASERL Spring 2001 Membership Meeting
March 24-26, 2001
Charleston, South Carolina

Attendees

Alabama Public Library Service	Lamar Veatch
Auburn University	Stella Bentley
College of William & Mary	Connie McCarthy
Council on Library & Information Resources	Deanna Marcum
Duke University	David Ferriero
East Carolina University	Carroll Varner
Emory University	Jane Treadwell
Florida International University	Larry Miller
Florida State University	Jeannette Cox
Georgia State University	Charlene Hurt
Louisiana State University	Jennifer Cargill
Mississippi State University	Suzy Turner
SOLINET	Kate Nevins
SOLINET	Amy Dykeman
SOLINET	John Burger
Tulane University	Lance Query
University of Alabama	Charles Osburn
University of Alabama Birmingham	Jerry Stephens
University of Central Florida	Barry Baker
University of Florida	John Ingram
University of Kentucky	Paul Willis
University of Louisville	Diane Nicols
University of Memphis Libraries	Annelle Huggins
University of Miami	Donald Bosseau
University of Mississippi	John Meador
University of South Carolina	George Terry
University of South Florida	Larry Heilos
University of Tennessee - Knoxville	Barbara Dewey
University of Virginia	Karin Wittenborg
Vanderbilt University	Paul Gherman
Virginia Commonwealth University	John Ulmschneider
Virginia Tech	Eileen Hitchingham
Wake Forest University	Rhoda Channing

<u>Saturday, March 24</u>
Evening reception for ASERL members

<u>Sunday March 25</u>
Welcome & Introductions - Paul Gherman
Paul Gherman opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions of the attendees. Stella Bentley continued the greetings with a tribute to Charles Osburn, who will soon be retiring as Dean of Libraries at the University of Alabama. She characterized him as having the "ability to stretch the dollars beyond reasonable expectations." Charles announced that Lou Pitschmann from the University of Wisconsin will be his successor.

Update on Librarian Competencies Summit - John Burger
The summit is planned for May 5, the day after the SOLINET annual meeting, and 11 of 13 library deans are attending. John encouraged attendance from ASERL members. The summit is being support by CLIR, with up to $500 available to support travel costs for each library's attendee.

The Role of Research Libraries in Maintaining Original Materials - Rhoda Channing
Rhoda continued the time-honored ASERL tradition of opening a topic for discussion among colleagues. Discussion was wide ranging. There was concern that librarians are perceived as abdicating responsibility for preserving the original text with the advent of electronic information. Notice was made of Nicholson Baker's new book, *Double Fold: Libraries and the Assault on Paper*, to be released on April 10. Baker talks about the destruction of newspapers and other collections from major libraries. Questions were raised about looking at coordinated deposit for paper copies, using KUDZU to indicate holdings before last paper copy in discarded. Questions were also raised about the role of university archives in retaining the "electronic file cabinets" of campus offices. The University of Virginia described its process of maintaining data from retiring faculty.

ACTIONS:
- SOLINET will facilitate the creation of an ASERL task force to look at options for cooperative retention of original materials. Contact John Burger to volunteer.
- SOLINET will develop talking points for ASERL library directors to use with administrators and faculty to begin a dialogue about user expectations for archiving original materials, costs for preserving such materials, and the role of digital library initiatives.

Potential Collaborative Projects for CLIR & ASERL - Deanna Marcum
Deanna reviewed the history of CLIR (Council on Library and Information Resources), of which she has served as president since 199. Previously there had been two organizations (Commission on Preservation & Access, and Council on Library Resources) that merged into one. CLIR is supported by 70 ARL libraries, and 54 libraries from the Oberlin group as invited sponsors . There is a current study to look at sponsorship. The aim of CLIR is to keep a focus on issues that will confront libraries in the next 3-5 years, not today's problems.

CLIR hosts the DLF (Digital Library Federation), and sponsors the Frye leadership conference at Emory. She identified seven areas of interest and involvement for CLIR:

- Digital Library Federation -- looking at standards, selection of materials, and implications for users of digital libraries, where the users go.
- Resources for Scholarship – hosts the task force on the role of artifacts in library collections which includes discussions with scholars.
- Preservation of traditional materials – has proposal submitted to IMLS involving ARL, University Library Groups and Oberlin group libraries to assess state of preservation in light of the major microforming project supported by NEH, an assessment of the brittle books program. Also looking at the economic models for preserving the content of sound and A/V materials.
- Digital Archiving – Has funding from Mellon Foundation to define requirements for archiving, discussions with publishers and librarians, but finding moving ahead with both groups in the same room difficult, so pursuing separately with each.
- Leadership -- Focus is on re-conceptualizing the management of libraries, building tomorrow's leaders.
- Economics of Information -- identifying and studying costs of library services, looking at costs of vendor services and consortial models.
- International Programs -- digital archiving is one of the areas where CLIR is looking at what is going on from an international perspective.

Throughout her discussion she encouraged use of the CLIR website for additional information. (http://www.clir.org/)

What would ASERL like to do in collaboration with CLIR?
- bring different communities together - faculty and administrators.
- Consider developing "digital factories"- use the cooperative model of SOLINET microfilming projects.
- look at issue of standards for service.
- Re-conceptualize services - what will libraries be when people don't have to go to them? Look at cooperation to get at "deep web."

Research Libraries' Outreach to Academic Units: Methods and Models –
Eileen Hitchingham, Charlene Hurt, Susan Nutter (represented by Amy Dykeman), Suzy Turner
➢ **Virginia Tech:** College Librarian program (13 librarians work w/faculty to incorporate information literacy), orientation "faculty to lunch" program, promote ILLiad Everywhere and LiveRef programs;
➢ **Georgia State**: find some way to reach users if they do not come to the library; modules for information literacy and e-courses; looking at ways to evaluate outreach program (LibQual and anecdotal);
➢ **NC State:** Operates a 'First Year' outreach program for entering freshmen, with a librarian assigned to work 50% of time in outreach office with new students;
➢ **Mississippi State:** Multi-pronged approach to graduate students, parents, scholars, undergraduate and graduate students using newsletters and personal contact.

<u>Monday March 26 Session</u>
Update on ASERL projects
➢ **KUDZU - John Burger**
- Currently in trial phase using OCLC SiteSearch. John will investigate options for extending trial period. By a show of hands, it was noted that many ASERL libraries have/intend to purchase ILLiad to manage ILL process regardless of Kudzu, so the cost factor may not be a big impediment.
- Also looking at VDX from Fretwell-Downing as software package for Kudzu.
- ILL policy/process statement presented for review. Will ask for adoption at future meeting.

➢ **Virtual Reference - John Ulmschneider**
Various possibilities exist for ASERL to develop a cooperative project:
- Possible ASERL action might be regional call center. ASERL will need systems expertise to develop such a center and collaborate for extended hours.
- ASERL may be able to acquire software through consortial pricing;
- U-Tennessee has a website documenting experience with virtual reference services; other ASERL members are asked to circulate information about their relevant experiences to the aserl-admin list.
- Many ASERL members are ready to implement some kind of program by Fall 2001 semester, want investigate possibilities of cooperative programs before buying incompatible systems.
- There remains a question of who owns the information -- particularly if provided from a proprietary database – does a virtual reference service have to cite sources?

ACTION:
- **SOLINET will compile information about what ASERL members are doing, in this area and schedule a meeting to decide what ASERL might want to do.**
- **SOLINET will create a dig-ref e-mail list for interested ASERL directors.**

SOLINET Update - Kate Nevins
➢ Talked briefly about pricing program and changes; 80% of libraries will see increase of 5% or less, 20% will see greater increase.
➢ Mentioned AmericanSouth.org providing access to regional collections

E-Resources Update - Amy Dykeman
➢ netLibrary; 1st Shared Collection was very successful thanks to huge participation by ASERL libraries. Usage is beginning to increase. SOLINET will develop a second collection during next few months. netLibrary is working with several partners and publishers to expand range of titles that are available.
➢ Although there are some concerns about the number of new e-books that may be available through netLibrary over the next 12 months, the group stated they were interested in a second collection

ACTION: SOLINET will develop a second collection. Additional information about timelines, process will be available at ASERL Annual Meeting (May 3rd).

ASERL Administrative Updates-Connie McCarthy
Connie called on Charles Osburn to announce ballot for ASERL elections to be held at ASERL annual meeting on May 3rd in Atlanta.

Vice president/President-elect:	Barbara Dewey (U. Tennessee)
	Connie McCarthy (William & Mary)
Member at Large (vote for 2):	Jennifer Cargill (Louisiana State U.)
	Lance Query (Tulane)
	John Ulmschneider (VCU)
	Lamar Veatch (Alabama Public Library Service)

It was noted that ASERL has "matured" - this being our first ever official ballot and proxy for officers!

Other Updates
- **DOI/SFX/CrossRef – Paul Gherman --** These linking systems continue to develop, but conflicts with proprietary systems may impede flexibility.
- **SACS Accreditation Update – Amy Dykeman/John Burger –** Copies of the December draft of the SACS guidelines distributed. Updated guidelines released that morning (March 26) via SACS website (www.sacscoc.org). Process scheduled to be completed by December.
- **ARL Committee on e-Resource Statistics – Eileen Hitchingham –** ARL Committee is developing guidelines (see handout), but local sites continue to vary in the how they count e-resources for statistical purposes.

Meeting Wrap-up -- John Burger (also see handout)
- Annual Meeting on May 3rd, 5:00 pm. Ballots mailed by April 3rd.
- ASERL Summit on Research Librarian Competencies – May 5th
- Annual Fee for 2001-2002 is due on June 30th. SOLINET will mail invoices by June 1st.

Respectfully submitted:

Connie Kearns McCarthy, Secretary-Treasurer