



ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

Steering Committee Conference Call Summary

ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program

April 7, 2008; 1:30 p.m. EDT

ATTENDING:

John Burger, ASERL
Judith Russell, University of Florida
James Staub, Tennessee State Library and Archives
Laura Harper, University of Mississippi
Marian Parker, Wake Forest University
Santee McAninch, University of Kentucky
Valerie Glenn, University of Alabama
William Sudduth, University of South Carolina

News from Depository Library Conference (DLC) in Kansas City

Santee McAninch reported that Regionals from all ASERL states except Tennessee attended the DLC conference in Kansas City last week. The big news: The Joint Committee on Printing (JCP) turned down the Government Printing Office (GPO) request to approve the proposed merger of Kansas and Nebraska into a shared Regional library to serve both states. The decision is based on an opinion from the Congressional Research Service (CRS) which found that the federal legislation that created the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) system did not permit approval of such mergers. JCP has asked GPO for a response to this opinion by June 1st and to describe the current service issues encountered by FDLP Regionals. GPO will ask Regionals for data to include in their reply to JCP; we should receive GPO's questions soon.

The group agreed that ASERL should also provide input to GPO, including Regionals' and Selectives' viewpoints. The Regionals in ASERL will be asked to serve as contact points for gathering feedback from Selectives in their states for this matter.

It was noted that the CRS opinion might set the stage for a legislative review/update to Title 44.

Other issues at the Kansas City DLC Meeting: Many librarians at the DLC conference remain interested in the ASERL project and were asking questions about the recent collection profile survey. They are particularly interested in seeing the data regarding linear feet measures for ED and FW collections. No one seemed to think they were close to Univ. of Ky.'s 90+ feet of FW. The ASERL Regionals asked whether

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they should be accepting ED & FW items that show up on their Needs & Offers lists, to help build comprehensive collections in these areas. The group agreed this would be helpful if the libraries have the space to store the items. Sandee agreed to post a message to the aserl_regionals listserv.

It was noted that if the JCP decision stands, we'll have to rely more heavily on Selectives to create a center of excellence within ASERL, since Regionals might not be able to enter into selective housing agreements. If that happens, the group will need to find ways to foster more participation from Selectives.

News from SEALL Meeting in DC

No Steering Committee member was able to attend the SEALL conference. We will attempt to get time on the agenda for the next SEALL conference to provide a project update to law librarians in the region.

High-Level Review of Survey Submissions

Eleven of the 13 Regionals have submitted their surveys.

John will send a copy of each library's data back to them for their records. Once all data has been received, John will send aggregated data to the Steering Committee for their review. Further analysis is to be determined.

It was pointed out that some of us did not report linear footage for fiche and CDs in question 41 about the size of our ED collections. John said he could add that information manually to each survey response if people will send that information to him via e-mail. Sandee will send a message to the ASERL Regionals list about this.

Follow-up on Cataloging Data Inquiries

- Paratext: We have not heard back from this vendor. Steering has asked ASERL Regionals who are current Paratext customers to assist us in initiating a conversation.
- GPO recon cataloging contract: There is no news to report, but GPO announced at DLC in Kansas City that they had selected a vendor and would be announcing their choice soon.
- OCLC: We have asked OCLC if we might be able to get the data from WorldCat for free/low price. A staff member has been assigned to follow up.

News from Colorado Training Project (Gi21)

It was reported that the UC-Boulder training project grant ends in Sept 2008. They are considering options for making their process workable for depositories nationwide, and may seek to expand to other service/collection areas, too. If so, they may seek another grant for this expansion. We will follow up with Colorado to determine their plans. A presentation at DLC on Gi21 can be found in the DLC Spring 2008 proceedings at:

<http://www.fdlp.gov/repository/dlc/spring08/index.html>

Date/time for ongoing monthly conference calls

Finding a date when everyone can participate is difficult. The group agreed that a call could be held if six of the nine Steering Committee members could participate. John agreed to poll the Committee members for standing appointments and try to find a day/time that could work for our monthly calls.

Adjourned at 2:30 p.m., EDT