



Meeting Notes

ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program

Meetings with Regional Depository Librarians

October 2008

GPO Depository Library Conference

Alexandria, Virginia

The ASERL CFDP Steering Committee hosted meetings for Regional Librarians on Sunday, October 19th and on Tuesday, October 21st to discuss project activities and suggestions for future projects. The goal of the CFDP is to provide full information about federal documents holdings to enable the creation of "Centers of Excellence" based on federal agency, where we can count on the collection to be as complete as possible and the service of it to be of the very highest. In order to create complete collections, eventually there may be instances where the needed documents (either original or surrogate) will move to a Center to round-out the Center's collection. The activities and projects discussed were:

1. The survey of the existing FW and ED collections at Regionals in the Southeast is complete and posted on the ASERL site. Numbers can be updated, if needed.
2. Based on the survey results, test bed projects will be the FW collection at U-Kentucky, led by Sandee McAninch, and the ED collection at U-South Carolina, led by Bill Sudduth. Each site will begin inventorying their respective collections in the coming months.
 - a. Bill and Sandee reported on other recent project activities. See the ASERL website for more information.
 - b. Questions arose as to when other Regionals will need to inventory their ED & FW collections: Will this inventory be based on the data gathered by Sandee and Bill? Or will there be access to the Paratext information (for the FWs)? These decisions have not been finalized, but there was a preference for the Bill and Sandee to complete their inventories first so others have something to work with.
 - c. The CFDP Steering Committee is considering the establishment of an ILS available to ASERL Regionals and Selectives for the purposes of sharing the information about the test-bed collections and locations.

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- d. The group also discussed the eventual need for all participants to add their holding information for these collections to WorldCat, in addition to anything we may do just for our purposes.
 - e. A question arose as to whether this interfaces with the recon cataloging project at U-Montana, but determined that since that effort is recon only (not full and ongoing), it does not.
 - f. Additional questions arose as to who will conserve/preserve documents that are identified as needing special care [don't know yet] and as to whether we will have multiples of "Center of Excellence" collections [yes, where possible].
3. Commercial Products survey: Barbie Selby (U-Virginia) volunteered to help with this effort to document who-has-which commercial products. It was noted that one of the Selectives in Louisiana has done such a survey for the state – may be a good source of information. The Committee seeks assistance from others (esp Selective) to assist in this effort.
 4. The possibility of participating in an IMLS grant proposal to continue the "Government Information in the 21st Century" project: IMLS has additional grant money available for more "train the trainers" work. The group discussed whether ASERL should partner with Kirsten Clark (project director) as a consortium, [agreed]. This proposal would include training for both ASERL and non-ASERL libraries. The Steering Committee will continue to explore options.
 5. The Florida State University Collections Development Resource Sharing Conference: The Steering Committee is submitting a proposal to be one of the concurrent sessions at this conference. There was discussion about possible speakers – it was agreed upon that having both a Regional and a Selective as speakers would be good.
 6. CFDP Staffing: This Committee described the need for a part-time staff person to move the project forward. A proposal to ASERL directors to self-fund the cost is under development. ASERL libraries will be asked to contribute to fund this position.
 7. Additional issues
 - a. The Regionals participating in this discussion noted that additional interaction with Selectives regarding all the above issues is needed.
 - b. The group feels it would be helpful to include library directors in the mix of people involved in working with creating the Centers of Excellence in particular, and other project topics in general.