



ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

Meeting Summary

Steering Committee Meeting with ASERL Regionals at Depository Library Council Meeting

ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program

April 21, 2009, 12:00n-2:00pm, Tampa, FL

Attendees

Sandee McAninch, University of Kentucky

Valerie Glenn, University of Alabama

Judith Russell, University of Florida

Jan Swanbeck, University of Florida

Stephanie Braunstein, Louisiana State

University

Laura Harper, University of Mississippi

Beth Rowe, UNC-Chapel Hill

Sarah Michalak, UNC-Chapel Hill

Hallie Pritchett, Univ. of Georgia

Millie Jackson, University of Alabama

Carol Diedrichs, University of Kentucky

Mary Clark, Library of Virginia

Meeting Notes

- 1) **Update from Technology Group:** Technology group has been holding separate teleconference calls to determine mechanisms for dealing with the technical issues surrounding sharing the data developed at our two "Centers of Excellence."

Discussion has been held with Jennie Burroughs (Montana) regarding the ASERL group using her pre-1976 wiki. Since her system involves individual institutions providing links to spreadsheets that are hosted on their own sites, there is little opportunity for cross-searching for titles.

Also brought forward for discussion was a question about divergent SuDoc numbers. If the idea is to create a unified list of holdings that others could view and edit, how do we handle divergent SuDoc numbers? Is the "Center of Excellence" (CofE) library the arbiter in this matter? The response was that people checking their lists against the holdings list of the CofE's list might need to do combined searches on titles and SuDoc numbers to account for possible differences. In the case of finding titles not held by the CofE, then those items would constitute the Needs list of the Center.

Other strategies for creating CofE holdings databases are being solicited.

LibraryThing [<http://www.librarything.com/forlibraries/>] and

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Biblios.net [<http://www.opendatacommons.org/2008/12/04/bibliosnet/>] [<http://blog.okfn.org/2008/12/02/biblios-worlds-largest-database-of-open-bibliographic-data-goes-beta/>] were suggested as possible means of sharing titles. Google Docs or the GoogleBase system (currently in beta) also might be possibilities.

It was decided that setting up an Evergreen catalog did not seem to be the best way to go since it is labor-intensive and an institution would have to host the site.

- 2) **Commercial Products Survey:** The question was asked, if this survey is run, how many results can we expect to get and how can we best use the information gathered?

It was suggested that Regionals be used to collect the information for their systems. An online form could be provided and the Regionals could ask their Selectives to provide the data. The ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program (CFDP) IMLS grant decision is pending. If awarded, the coordinator hired by the grant could organize the final data compilation.

However, the group felt that this project was not a high priority, and should be taken off the table for the ASERL CFDP, but that Laura should distribute the list of commercial resources to ASERL Regionals for informational purposes.

- 3) **Welcome to Mary Clark**, joining the ASERL Steering Committee from the Library of Virginia.
- 4) **Training:** What kind of training is needed? Is GPO's OPAL the most cost-effective method? It may also be effective and efficient to work with Lyrasis to create training modules. Smaller Selectives and non-member institutions would probably benefit the most from online webinars and tutorials.

What would be priority training topics?

- a. An introduction to the Catalog of U. S. Government Publications (GPO's online catalog) for public libraries.
- b. Public service and collection management for Selectives
- c. Agency based training topics
- d. Training for non-document librarians

The Steering committee would like to involve others in this process. Beth Rowe (UNC-CH) volunteered to help with this. Are there others, especially Selectives, who would be willing to help? The CFDP Steering Cmte will identify someone from Steering to work with volunteers.

Other ideas for group training were suggested, including using State library association meetings as a platform to get a uniform topic into the group consciousness. For example: Promoting the use of the GPO registry of digital projects and priorities.

State training programs can be listed on the ASERL website and posted to the ASERL listserv.

- 5) **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm