



ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

**IMLS National Leadership Grant Update**  
**ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program**  
**October 2009**

**Overview**

On September 24, 2009, ASERL was awarded a three-year grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to support ongoing development of ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Project (CFDP).

An important focus of the IMLS-funded project is to create "centers of excellence" that will ensure multiple, complete retrospective collections of federal publications by agency, supported by subject matter experts who are able to provide sophisticated, in-depth reference services.

The project, as outlined in other ASERL documents, will focus on the creation of two centers of excellence as pilot tests: The University of Kentucky (Works Progress Administration) and the University of South Carolina (Department of Education). The following activities will take place at each test site:

- inventory holdings and ensure accurate cataloging and holdings records for the extant collections
- create master lists of all titles in the ED, FW, and Y3.W 89/2 classes
- check "center of excellence" holdings against master lists to identify gaps
- fill gaps in collections as they are identified
- identify subject expertise to facilitate use of the collections
- document processes and decisions

The goal of the project is to demonstrate the feasibility of the CFDP collaborative model of "centers of excellence." Success of the model will be determined by the model's ability to meet its goals of increased completeness of holdings, improved access to holdings for the general public and other depository libraries, and improved services to support use of federal government publications.

The project will be supervised by Project Oversight Team, comprised of the Project Director, John Burger, Executive Director of ASERL, Sandra McAninch, Regional

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Depository Librarian at the University of Kentucky, and William Sudduth, Regional Depository Librarian at the University of South Carolina. The grant will fund a part-time Project Coordinator hired by ASERL, a database consultant, and part-time staff at the University of South Carolina. The University of Kentucky is contributing staff time as an in-kind contribution to the project.

### **Listserv Information - to receive ongoing updates about project status.**

**To Subscribe to the ASERL\_Selectives listserv:**

send an email to:

**join-aserl\_selectives@aserl.org**

with a subject line of

**subscribe aserl\_selectives**

### **Program Steering Committee**

Current members of the Program Steering Committee are:

- Mary Clark, State Library of Virginia
- Valerie Glenn, University of Alabama, *Chair*
- Laura Harper, University of Mississippi
- Faye Jones, Florida State University Law Library
- Sandra McAninch, University of Kentucky
- Judith Russell, University of Florida
- William Sudduth, University of South Carolina
- David Vidor, Emory University
- John Burger, ASERL