ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

Steering Committee Conference Call Notes
ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program
May 26, 2010 - 3:00pm EST

Attendees:
John Burger, ASERL
Mary Clark, Library of Virginia
Cheryle Cole-Bennett, ASERL
Chelsea Dinsmore, University of Florida
David Durant, East Carolina University
Valerie Glenn, University of Alabama, program chair
Laura Harper, University of Mississippi
Faye Jones, FSU Law
Sandee McAninch, University of Kentucky
Judith Russell, University of Florida
Bill Sudduth, University of South Carolina

AGENDA
1. Welcome David Durant! David is filling the vacancy left from David Vidor's resignation from the committee.

2. Updates
    a. WPA (FW and portions of Y3): U-Kentucky is identifying WPA items held in their LC collections, but only re-classing the item if a valid SuDoc number is available. So far about 1800 relevant items have been identified. They are working with the University of Missouri Libraries to acquire additional copies of WPA items if necessary. Sandee asked if she should consider getting the second copy for archival purposes (referenced in the MOU). More discussion needed to define what is meant by archival copy. Sandee noted that WPA is a subset of the Federal Works Agency so they are collecting all FWs. As a result, their collection will contain more than WPA materials and the date range of the collection will go about 8 years further than expected.
    b. DoE (ED): Bill reported they have touched most everything in the collection, with small pockets of relevant items still appearing. They have reloaded all ED records from Marcive, which is approximately 25,000 records. The Marcive set includes records of items not distributed by GPO – approx 3,000 of the 25,000. Bill suspects those 3000 are mostly electronic documents or microfiche. He is including only those ERIC documents that were distributed through the Department of Education. Bill is looking at need/offers list to obtain additional items.
    c. Panama Canal (PCZ): Chelsea has run across a large number of non-depository items in their collection and working to get bib records in shape for beta load to database. There was some discussion about whether to include items in the database which were not

distributed by GPO. It was agreed that the database should include these items as it was felt they were "fugitive" items and likely to be scarce.

d. Training Committee: Mary Clark reported the team is up and running. Mary, Rich Gauss (UCF), and Beth Rowe (UNC) met in Buffalo. They will focus initial training on the Documents Data Miner (program created to track all depository libraries and their selections) and the FDLP selection process. They have talked with Nan Meyers (Wichita State University, author of Data Miner) who is interested in working with them on an Opal program for Fall. Rich is also working on LibGuides to support the training effort.

e. ASERL Dean's committee: Judy discussed efforts to get the word out both locally and nationally. So far response has been less than anticipated, and generally positive. GPO concurs that the program is in compliance with Title 44 (without review by the general counsel). A few institutions are stepping forward with collections for which they would be willing to serve as a Center of Excellence. No implementation timeline has been set – this is still viewed as a proposal and in the review stage. Judy suspects that by the Fall ASERL meeting, the report will include more detail and incorporated edits. Judy will be speaking at the GODORT Federal Documents Task Force meeting, as well the GIS/GODORT meeting at the ALA Annual Conference next month. She may be speaking at AALL.

f. MOU subcommittee introduction – committee charge, members, timeline for completion: Chelsea, Laura and Faye will act as a sub-committee to create a final draft by the end of summer.

3. Define expert reference service and identification of subject experts at the COE.
   Our goals are to
   - Identify subject experts: During discussion at the Buffalo DLC meeting there was still some reluctance to identify specific individuals as experts and in dictating requirements to deans as per hiring requirements, subject expertise/educational requirements or in the number of service hours. Preference is that the subject expert be located at the COE, and that it be the responsibility of the library to indicate how they plan to provide reference and user support for the collection just as they would any other collection or library service point. This would be incorporated into the MOU.
   - Establish protocols, procedures and agreements for sharing expertise among institutions (coordinated with the GPO Online virtual reference service): Would this require that all COEs need to join GIO? General feeling is that while we wouldn't have to join, we should make sure that the COE project is brought to their attention and to possibly provide a contact person for the COE.
     Evaluation measure = Use of subject experts will be measured in terms of number and complexity of queries. Qualitative assessment will be based on feedback from the subject experts themselves and staff at both centers.

4. Masterlist database status report – UK/USC and UofF loading full set of records to the database this week/early next week. Steering committee members were asked to please take the opportunity to test the database features against the use case scenarios and to provide feedback.

5. Next meeting date, June 23rd is week of ALA annual conference – Will try to schedule a meeting in June with Judy about the ASERL Deans report and have the next Steering meeting on July 28th.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:10.