



ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

Steering Committee Conference Call Notes

ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program

May 23, 2012 - 3:00pm EST

Attending:

Bill Sudduth, University of South Carolina
Cheryle Cole-Bennett, ASERL
David Durant, East Carolina University
John Burger, ASERL

Judy Russell, University of Florida
Mary Clark, Chair, Library of Virginia
Sandee McAninch, University of Kentucky

AGENDA

- 1) **GPO/Implementation Plan** – John and Judy presented the response from GPO regarding recent revisions approved by the ASERL membership (April 2012) and the requests for additional edits to the document. Committee members agree to review suggested changes and send their recommendations to Judy Russell by May 29th, after which the plan will be re-distributed to Documents Coordinators and to Library Deans/Directors.
- 2) **Digitization Trust Fund Update** – John Burger gave a brief update to a meeting he attended during the prior week. A group representing ASERL, CIC, GWLA, California Digital Library, and HathiTrust is investigating basic digital access to FDLP book and book-like materials. HathiTrust has offered to coordinate the project and can provide both hosting and preservation services. Internet Archive and other programs may become mirror sites. John did not have information on FDSys involvement. The digital production would be performed via multiple channels, including Google. First steps in the project are for Hathi Trust to ingest cataloging data for print collections to get an idea of the scale of the project – approximately 2.2 million items are anticipated. It is John's understanding that a library can participate in this project if they are not a member of the Hathi Trust. This project would provide a large corpus of data on FDLP collections and might also be a data source to supplement the ASERL COE database. This initiative is independent of the FDLP and not funded by GPO.
- 3) **CFDP survey of depositories** - Committee again reviewed the questions with minor edits suggested. The survey is expected to be released the first week in June with a close date of July 29th. Cheryle Cole-Bennett will draft the email to accompany the survey. The survey is expected to be distributed through the ASERL listservs, GovDoc-L and each Regional will be asked to forward to their Selectives as well.
- 4) **COE Updates** –
 - a. Florida – Judy reported that they are waiting on the GPO Memorandum of Understanding to accept UFL cataloging records for FDLP materials. She indicated that they have also lost a staff member in the Government Documents area. Work on the Hearings has slowed, though the pre-1976 materials have been completed. She plans to continue discussions among the Land Grant Colleges on distributing the COE responsibilities for agencies under the US Department of Agriculture.
 - b. Kentucky – Sandee McAninch reported that they are working on an event that will take place in September to highlight the importance of the WPA and the CFDP program. She also has been working on a process to contact libraries that own items that appear on the gap reports generated through the ASERL COE Database. She has corresponded with Mary Clark for holdings at the Library of Virginia, as well as with Auburn University and the University of South Carolina. To date, she has identified 101

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titles that she did not own in her collection and overall has requested 152 items from institutions who have contributed records to the database to date.

- c. **University of South Carolina** – Bill Sudduth reported that they are about to lose their employee who has been working on the grant program. They have started to do an inventory of the older materials of the Office of Education. He is aware of a fairly large FDLF collection that is in need of relocating, as well as a Selective who may be making changes to their FDLF program this year. He continues to monitor the Disposition database. There is some concern with items being discarded before a COE has been developed – which led to a discussion on the possibility of creating a priority list of agencies for future COEs and the need to push for greater COE participation – possibly by identifying those institutions that have yet to choose an agency but are most likely to do so.

Level of Detail Needed for Posting Items to Disposition Database – This discussion also raised the question about the ASERL Disposition database process of submitting offers of large sets grouped under a broad SuDoc stem. Sandee indicated that UK made the decision not to look at needs matches that send them to a generic offers listing for a long run of a single stem that is not a COE agency for them. This decision was made because it is far too labor-intensive to try to claim material from this non-specific kind of offer. What would be a valid compromise to this? Due to time constraints, committee members agreed to add this as a topic of discussion on the agenda for June.

Meeting adjourned at: 4:10pm

Next conference call is Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 3:00pm EST