Conference Call Notes
ASERL Gold Rush Monograph Collection Assessment Project
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Absent: Emory Univ, Florida State Univ, U-Florida

Welcome / Introductions
In addition to self-introductions, John asked the group to talk briefly about their motivations for joining this project, to help identify commonalities within the group. Several people mentioned the ongoing need to review their print collections and make decisions about what to keep on campus, what to store off campus, and what to discard. Several libraries had used WorldCat Collection Analysis tool in the past, hoping to revive a similar process. Knowing what other libraries have is key to decision-making.

Updates on Logistical items
1. **Start date = July 1, 2016.** Data must be delivered to CARL no later than June 20 for this start date to be viable.

2. **What collections to include/exclude? Can we work with a mixed bag, or do we need everyone to be consistent on this matter?** We agreed that we could work with a mixed bag, but need to disclose what collections are included by each participating university so other participants can understand the implications.

   John Burger agreed to draft a checklist / profile form so each site can describe what collections are included in the data they provide to CARL.

3. **Progress in submitting records to CARL?** A handful of libraries still need to submit their data to CARL. The libs in Florida use a centralized system; they agreed to submit their data in uploads separated by each library to ensure disambiguation.
4. **Signing the consortial license.** Approved by ASERL Board. License will be signed by ASERL President once MARC record counts are confirmed and pricing is finalized.

5. **Invoicing for program fees.** John will send emails to each participating library to confirm their initial MARC counts are reasonably correct – does not need to be exact for pricing. Invoices should be sent in early June; libraries can pay in this fiscal year or FY17.

6. **Options for online training from CARL.** CARL can provide web-based training as needed; we agreed to an every-other month schedule for the start-up. John will poll the group to find a date that is viable for the initial training session in July.

**Discussion:** How will we define “success” of this project? Are there specific goals / deliverables people have in mind? Some people felt that “success” would be defined by getting data that enabled them to take actions with their collections – decide what to keep on campus, what to store off campus, what to discard – plus what areas they should grow in the future.

Others felt this was more of a demonstration effort, to test the feasibility of the concept. They did not feel they could take many actions with only a small number of libraries participating, but rather this group would identify ways a larger group could work together in the future.

**Next Steps**
- John will draft a checklist / profile form
- John will poll the group for dates for the initial online training session
- Any site that has not yet submitted MARC data to CARL will do so by June 20
- John will confirm each library’s MARC counts and pricing
- ASERL’s President will sign the group license ASAP
- Go-live date = July 1.