Conference Call Notes
ASERL Gold Rush Monograph Collection Assessment Pilot Project
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Absent: None.

1. Product Updates.
   a. Bug Fix: A bug was discovered in the program which affects the record counts. This occurs when a library submits records without an 001 field, or if their load is comprised of multiple files. This issue is expected to be resolved by next Monday. No data was lost in this process and no user action is required. George suggested that libraries who have not begun to use the program may want to wait until after the fix is implemented to ensure the reports they run accurately reflect holdings counts.
   b. New Facets coming soon: George provided a brief demonstration of new facets that will be added to the “collections” drop-down list: This is a new filter for regional groupings, which allows the user to scope the system to exclude libraries outside their region or to exclude holdings of little interest. The 583 search facets allow users to limit searches by retention commitments for a specific institution/institutions.
   c. New search filter: George also reviewed some of the search filters and asked attendees to let him know if there are any specific MARC fields that should be added to the filters.
      • The suggestion was made to add an ebook facet, to exclude e-content records so analyses of print collections can be conducted. George reported that this is in the works but no timeframe was provided – their first priority is to fix the bug (described above).
      • It was also suggested to build a facet that for the term “exclude” – right now only “include” is an option.
• A facet for non-English was also requested, with the suggestion to review the functionalities in SCOPUS for examples.

2. **Other feedback from ASERL users?**
   a. Preferred browser: The program works best on Firefox; other browsers will work but may experience some hiccups.
   b. George noted that some libraries are using the reports for space planning – to identify areas/collections for weeding
   c. Libraries can use the Gold Rush reports to support shared print programs. For example, use the system to do batch analysis, and to extract records for unique titles (probably within certain call LC subjects or number ranges) which are then edited using MarcEdit or similar tools to note the retention commitment, then uploaded into the library’s catalog to make global changes. Once populated in the catalog, libraries should refresh the data in GoldRush so others know of the retention commitment.
   d. Data refresh: How often should libraries update their records in Gold Rush? Updates can be done as often as desired. If a weeding project is underway, providing updated data for other libraries to use becomes important. The system will also note the date of last data refresh so users can be aware of how current the information is.
   e. Documentation / Training: Updates to product documentation are underway, most will be located inside the tool, as part of the user interface to provide info at the point of need. CARL has started a listserv for GoldRush users to distribute news & announcements. We agreed to offer an updated web demo/tutorial that will include the new features & functions. John will distribute the info to the ASERL-GoldRush list.
   f. Adding more users: A few libraries have not yet used the program, and others would like to add more users. George will work with John to distribute invitation codes that users can share with colleagues at their institution for accessing the program – contact John Burger ([jburger@aserl.org](mailto:jburger@aserl.org)) for the invitation code.

3. **Next call:** The next conference call will be after ALA MidWinter – sometime in early/mid-February 2017.