

Visiting Program Officers' Report: ASERL Special Collections

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Proposed Plan

Creation of network of special collections professionals in ASERL

Site visits / Skype Interviews

Collection profiles

Research directory

Plan for a shared online exhibit on slavery in 2019



Activities

Site visits throughout 2017-2018 (still ongoing)

- Visited 24 member libraries as of 5/30/18
- Visiting additional 9 libraries by end of June 2018
- 6 institutions via Skype

Special Collections Interest Group Listserv and Web page

<http://www.aserl.org/programs/special-collections-interest-group/>

Shared Online Exhibit planning



Professional Development Survey

Short survey of 15 questions

Majority of respondents were full-time faculty

Interest in meeting in-person or virtually

Most interested in learning how to:

- Develop donor relations/fundraising
- Work with communities outside campus
- Other outreach/engagement skills



Online Exhibit

11 people expressed interest in participating

- Selection of small group of 5-6 curators to organize

Currently developing plan for execution

Seek to involve as many ASERL institutions possible -- contribute at least one item

Launch in 2019



Trends in ASERL Special Collections

Collection Development:

- Caribbean
- Social justice
- Born digital

Outreach:

- Campus
- Community/ K-12



Concerns in ASERL Special Collections

Born Digital records/ manuscripts

- Housing
- Access

Community collecting

- Relationships (town and gown)

Cross-institutional collaboration

- Beyond the nearest institutions



Questions?

Thank you!

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