

2013 Regional Updates

Alabama (Auburn University, University of Alabama)

Arizona

Arkansas

California

Colorado

Connecticut, Rhode Island

Florida, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands

Georgia

The UGA Map and Government Information Library (MAGIL) continues to settle into its new space. Thanks to the Herculean efforts of our staff, at the end of Spring Semester the entire US documents collection was moved in record time to new locations in MAGIL and our off-site Repository. With our various collections moves finally complete, we are finally able to return to our long-term project to inventory and completely catalog the US documents collection. We also (finally!) have a new [Map and Government Information Library website](#).

In response to renewed efforts by ASERL earlier this year to convince Georgia drop its current discard process in favor of using their Disposition Database, the state's depository library coordinators met via conference call to discuss their options. After much debate and with the support of their directors, in April the selective depository libraries released a statement expressing their support of the current [Disposition Guidelines and Procedures for Georgia Depository Libraries](#) and strongly recommended that participation in the ASERL Disposition Database remain voluntary. Among other concerns, the selectives felt that to ensure the values of openness and transparency, any changes to the existing Georgia disposal guidelines should be discussed and approved by the state's depository coordinators and their directors. Discussion of our discard process will continue at the Annual Georgia Depository Libraries Meeting in December.

Hawaii, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam

Janet Dombrowski joined the Government Documents & Maps Department as the Geospatial Services Librarian in October 2012. Longtime documents librarian Mabel Suzuki heads the department. Gwen Sinclair is currently serving a yearlong temporary assignment through August 2014 as Interim Associate University Librarian. We are continuing to weed to the extent possible while doing retrospective conversion.

Idaho

Indiana

Since the last meeting I've been trying to visit some of the selectives around the State of Indiana. We hosted our first Government Information Day in April 9th; there were approximately 150 people here from all over the State as well as visitors from Utah, Alabama, and some of the contiguous States around Indiana. I'm trying to learn more about the Fed Docs program and my selectives. We're currently working with Ann Sanders to start offering a series of training sessions here for new (or fairly new) documents librarians.

Iowa

New University Librarian (director) as of early July, John Culshaw is interested in learning more about the FDLP and will participate in the virtual meeting of "All" in Nov. Self-study of the UI Libraries organization is in progress. Inventory and cataloging of SuDocs Collection continues. Reclassification from Dewey monographs to LC will be completed and integrated with the Gov LC collection in December. Courtesy visits with Iowa selective libraries continue.

Kansas

The State Focused Action Plan for Kansas calls for partnering with the Kansas Library Association GODORT to reach out to non-depository libraries and find way to improve ILL for government information. To this end, the KLA GODORT group has been very active this year. Some members of the round table/FDL coordinators presented a session entitled, *Introducing Children to Uncle Sam*. The primary targeted audience was school librarians. The focus of the presentation was to introduce websites designed for kids and also the resources available to teachers. Time was devoted to finding lesson plans are designed to meet national standards and examples of teacher's resources that meet the revised education standards recently adopted in Kansas. In addition to the presentation there is a new libguide, <http://guides.lib.ku.edu/govinfo-K-12>. Another presentation, *Digging for Buried Treasures (In the Stacks)* introduced librarians to lesser known genealogy resources available in depository collections. This topic was used as a hook to discuss tricks of finding government information and effect ways to make interlibrary loan requests when government resources are not cataloged.

The University of Kansas Libraries was restructured his past spring. My responsibilities for the FDL Regional are now within the Center for Community/Affiliate Initiatives & Engagement. This is a strategic shift from collections to outreach, as a primary focus. To assess needs and better understand each selective, I have started visiting each of the selective libraries with plans to visit all by the end of fiscal year in June. The visits have been very successful in building relationships and understanding. So far I have been given the opportunity to dialog with the library dean/director, FDL coordinator, and other staff along with tour the library and the FDL collection. During the past year there has been much turn over in the selective library coordinator positions and a loss of extensive knowledge. I need to come up with a formal training plan for new/rookie FDL coordinators. Informal, unstructured one-on-one phone calls are no longer efficient nor sustainable. Suggestions are welcome.

Kentucky

UK is back to just one full-time employee, Sandee McAninch, the Regional Depository Librarian, plus 40 hrs./week of student assistance and a half-time temporary staff member. Our half-time staff member is devoted strictly to ASERL activities involving the needs/offers

process, as well as continuing our work on two Centers of Excellence, WPA and Appalachian Regional Commission.

Louisiana (LSU, Louisiana Tech)

LSU - Our most interesting piece of news is that we are holding our first-ever Federal Depository Library Potlatch Event on Friday, November 15th.

Here is a link to the Wikipedia entry for “Potlatch”:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Potlatch>

In our version of this time-honored tradition, the fall meeting of our Louisiana Federal Depository Library Council will be held at New Orleans Public’s Main Branch—where they have a basement full of old docs that are never used. The demographics of the library have changed over the years; and since Katrina, NOLA Public Main has not been adequately staffed nor funded in ways that would enable that location to do a thorough job of sifting through that old collection and offering its titles out in any standardized way. Hence, the materials just sit in a basement gathering dust.

When I first arrived in LA, I brokered a deal in which NOLA Public sent a lot of its older materials over to Tulane—Tulane had lost most of its collection during Katrina’s flooding of their library. Tulane took as much as it could handle, but plenty was left behind. Finally, after several changes of administration at NOLA Public, I am again facilitating what I hope will be the successful moving of unused materials into collections where those materials might be used (or, at the very least, stored in a less decrepit place).

What my staff and I will do is oversee the “giving” process, making sure we don’t need any of the offered materials by bringing our currently known “Needs List.” For the most part, we already know that we don’t need what’s at NOLA Public—the only exceptions might be that they have a better copy of a title than we do (which is unlikely!). We will also take care of documenting the transfers from one Selective to another.

I’m excited by this opportunity to work with my Selectives in a more creative way. Since we lost a Selective earlier this year, we are trying to be flexible whenever and however it is possible—and legal! I’ll report how well this works at our next meeting. Even if we only transfer a few titles, it will be an improvement over the status quo.

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont

Maryland, Delaware, DC

Massachusetts

Minnesota, Michigan, South Dakota

Since we last met, the selectives in Michigan joined our regional network and this summer I took a whirlwind tour of Michigan to meet with selective depository staff and library directors. With

the growth in our region served, we established the Regional Advisory Group with representatives from each state and all types of libraries. Locally we have focused much of our staff work on getting ready for our December system migration to Ex Libris Alma.

Mississippi

Missouri

In the summer of 2013 we released a completely revised Missouri State Plan which records all selective housing arrangements. We now have eight selectives holding portions of the regional collection. Four of them have committed to retrospective collection in their adopted areas. Although we're not in ASERL, those four libraries are functioning much like Centers of Excellence. In 2012, our library calculated the linear feet of new shipments received from GPO during that calendar year. We counted 2.5 shelves of agency publications and 17 shelves of congressional material. Taking into account our newest agreements, we expect our congressional receipts will drop to 10 shelves in 2014.

Montana

Nebraska

New Jersey

New Mexico

New York

North Carolina

North Dakota (UND, NDSU)

Ohio

Several Ohio depository libraries with older collections are being required by their administrations to reduce their space. The trickle down is that the State Library of Ohio is accepting older offers mainly late 1800's to pre-1960's. We are very fortunate to have space. Two Kent State University School of Library and Information Science practicum students helped check gifts against our shelves and presort the gifts so they will be ready for cataloging. They also helped rearrange our map collection into Sudoc order.

Serial Set volumes with better bindings have replaced our original copies giving us a reasonably complete Serial Set. Our duplicates were offered and many were requested by the Senate Library. Our Serial Set and bound Congressional Record have been shifted to allow more space for current volumes.

Public displays featuring documents include Ohio Presidents and Elections, Women's Suffrage, Notable Documents and Space Exploration.

Oklahoma (Oklahoma Dept. of Libraries, OSU)

The Oklahoma depositories may be looking again at the idea of the concept of sharing their depository collections. This would be of great benefit to the two Regionals and the two large academic collections. Even with their continual use of discards lists, this would be of benefit to the remaining Selectives in the state. Our library has been undergoing a series of “Library Futures” meetings and this will impact the depository collections as well as other units in the building. Once the second remote storage facility is built all subject areas will have parts of their collections moved to allow space for students and other activities. Unfortunately, the Documents Department lost two staff to retirement and a new job and these positions have not been filled. Retirements will have an impact on the department during the next few years.

Oregon

The Oregon State Library has been directed to undergo a reorganization by our oversight committee in the Oregon State Legislature. After several projects and task forces to pull together various options and recommendations, the Legislature has issued a report providing specific direction on how to proceed with the reorganization. Included are directions to move state and federal government document collections and the Regional Federal Depository to the control of the State Archives, which is a separate agency under the administration of the Secretary of State. The work to implement this plan will begin soon, and I will be working with GPO to determine how to respond and work with this direction. On the bright side, the report also directs that these collections be digitized, and a system be built to provide centralized access to the resources. If anyone wants to review this report, is available at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/osl/Pages/OregonStateLibraryTransformation.aspx>

Pennsylvania

South Carolina

Tennessee

With the retirement of Mary Freilich, the former Regional Librarian in December 2012, the Government Publications Department at the University of Memphis Libraries became a Division under the Research and Instructional Services Department. In January 2013 Perveen Rustomfram assumed the position of Government Publications Librarian. We have three new selective depository coordinators. Two more selective libraries have joined the ranks of those using the ASERL Disposition Database for discards. Eight out of twenty two libraries have had their Public Access Assessments in the past year. Three presentations on government documents were made—two at conferences and one to students of the Library Science program at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The Tennessee Government Documents Round Table met in October 2012 and April 2013. We have postponed our fall meeting until after the Depository Library Council meeting is held this year.

Texas (Texas State Library, Texas Tech)

Texas Tech

We were just approved a second full-time Library specialist to work with Government Documents. Part of their work will be with an ongoing retro project involving both print and microfiche holdings. Texas Tech is working with the Texas Tech Law Library in the disposition

of the selective housing of maps collection in the Texas Tech Geosciences Reading Room which is being repurposed for office space. Local non-depository libraries have taken several states' worth and a local artist has taken some for her art work which often involves maps.

Utah

As the newly installed regional coordinator in Utah, I'm grateful to all of my colleagues for tolerating our persistent library patron, who has bothered many regional and selective depository librarians this year in his self-imposed role as a watchdog for federal government information, agencies, and websites. On a positive note, I have met with our state library association's GODORT twice, in May at the Utah Lib Association (ULA) annual conference and Sept. 25, the day of John Walters' retirement party, in Logan at Utah State University (John moved to Boise on Sept. 29; his email address will work through the end of the year). GODORT members will submit program proposals for the 2014 ULA conference on topics including: patents and trademarks (Dave Morrison of the Univ of Utah operates the Patent & Trademark Center there, which will mark 30 years of operation in 2014--he presented at the FDLC in 2013), FDSys as a means to find numerous government documents via the Web, and consumer health information (we have excellent resources from the Eccles Health Science Library at the Univ of Utah, home to the MidContinental Region NN/LM, whose librarians do an excellent job with outreach and education). I have created LibGuides for USU's government documents collection, and I plan to create a guide oriented to sources that are freely accessible, which I will promote to public and school libraries in Utah. I admit a tendency toward an academic library mindset, and I recognize that as regional coordinator, I must broaden my view. Even to include Mr. Brady Eames.

Virginia

Virginia held its annual depository meeting and discussed progress made on its State Action Plan goals. Some progress has been made in several areas including holding two census workshops for both public and depository libraries, conducting a government information needs assessment of public librarians in Virginia, collaborating with the Library of Virginia on training for public librarians, continuing to encourage ASERL Centers of Excellence, and hosting two programs at the Virginia Library Association annual conference.

The University of Virginia Library has hired two new positions – Data Services Librarian and Emerging Technologies and Government Information Librarian. These positions will work closely with the reference and government information staff to serve researchers needing data and government information. The ET & GI Librarian will primarily be in charge of the Virginia and international government information collections, and will assist the regional librarian with projects related to the Virginia State Action Plan.

U.Va. continues to work on inventorying and cataloging our ASERL Center of Excellence for State Department materials. The regional librarian visited the Department of State to apprise them of the ASERL initiative and explore how U.Va., Vanderbilt (the other CoE for State) and the Department of State might work together. Already the State Department has called upon the CoE of U.Va. for a DoD technical manual on ... wait for it... tank repair which a foreign government wanted. The State Department said they “score[d] some significant Public Diplomacy points” by being able to supply this document to the government in question.

Washington, Alaska

West Virginia

West Virginia University is recruiting a new Dean for the libraries. There will be a budget reduction in the libraries but it will not affect the Government Documents unit. Government Documents staff completed shelf reading the microfiche collection housed in the Downtown Campus Library. It took more than one year to finish this project. Government Documents staff visited the Libraries' contracted binding company to learn more about the process of binding for preservation. Government Documents collection in the Downtown Campus library has been rearranged on the first floor due to shelving changes. The rest of the collection on the lower level also has been shifted and rearranged in SuDocs order.

Wisconsin (UW, Milwaukee PL)