**DIGOR Fall Meeting**

**November 17, 2020**

**10:00 am – 11:30 am**

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**Minutes**

**Attendees**

Sarah Rowland, Eastern Oregon University; Arlene Weible, State Library of Oregon; Heather Pitts, State Library of Oregon; Jey Wann, State Library of Oregon; Caren Agata, State Library of Oregon; David Isaak, Reed College; Brad Engelbert, Oregon State University; Victoria Mitchell, University of Oregon; Kathy Stroud, University of Oregon; Rick Mikulski, Portland State University; Jean Knutson, Portland State University; Robert Kohl, State Library of Oregon/Portland State University; Amanda Fleming, Linfield University; Carol Drost, Willamette University; Pauline Theriault, Multnomah County Libraries; Amanda Duke, State Law Library; Dotty Ormes, Southern Oregon University

1. **Welcome and introductions**

DIGOR Chair Brad Engelbert convened the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.

1. **Funds update**

Brad reported the balance of DIGOR’s budget: $913.27

1. **OLA Conference Programs report**

Arlene reported the following was submitted to the OLA Conference Committee for the 2021 OLA Virtual Conference, which is similar to the program submitted for the cancelled 2020 conference.

**Using the Census Bureau’s Statistics in Schools Program to Promote Awareness of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion among Kids**

The Census Bureau’s Statistics in Schools (SIS) program offers a unique opportunity to talk to kids about equity, diversity and inclusion. The SIS program is a free program providing kid-friendly activities, games, videos, maps and data tools on a variety of topics. The program offers an array of ideas and resources for activities for kids to connect to their community and what they need to be media-literate consumers of information. This presentation will highlight the many activities that can be used to have engaging conversation with children on equity, diversity and inclusion. Participants will leave the session equipped with tools and activities to promote appreciation for their community’s diversity in addition to understanding statistical data, and the importance of civic engagement.

The session will be presented by Heidi Crawford, who is a Census trainer based in Oregon. Arlene has already been notified that it has been accepted, but it has not been scheduled yet. The 2021 OLA conference will be April 21-24, 2021.

Arlene also encouraged everyone to send her ideas for other programs that DIGOR or the State Library could sponsor related to government information. Given the current emphasis on virtual programs, it would be okay to schedule them at any time throughout the year. DIGOR’s budget could be used to support getting national figures who may charge speaking fees, so ideas are welcome.

1. **Oregon Documents update**

Jey reported on the State Library’s efforts to collect COVID-19 related publications from Oregon State agencies and shared the link to this collection in the [State Library of Oregon Digital Collection](https://digital.osl.state.or.us/islandora/object/osl%3Acovid19). She described the challenge of keeping up with the volume of materials being published, particularly those publications in other languages. There are nearly 40 different languages represented in the collection.

Jey also highlighted the digital [Voters’ Pamphlet collection](https://digital.osl.state.or.us/islandora/object/osl%3Aor_voters) and described a project to apply for grant funding to digitize county-level pamphlets. She asked for stories about local researchers using votes’ pamphlets to help with the grant application.

Jey also discussed the status of Oregon document depository shipments and the need to change the format of shipping lists. She will send an email to depository contacts asking for feedback about new format.

1. **PSU Fed Docs Cataloging Project Update**

Rick described the project to catalog portions of Portland State University’s Regional Collection, which is being funded by the State Library. Robert Kohl is the project’s cataloger and has been doing most of the work, but Jean Knutson is also contributing. They have added records for 12,713 items from Jan-Oct. 2020. This is a significant accomplishment given the limited access to collections during the library’s building’s closure. Robert has been able to bring material to his home work site, particularly microfiche. The focus of the project has been Census materials and Department of Defense Technical Manuals.

Rick also mentioned that PSU staff were able to run a report that identified 1,706 of the items added were unique to the Orbis Cascade Alliance shared cataloged. This was much higher than expected and demonstrates the value of focusing on traditionally undercataloged parts of the FDLP collection for this project. PSU will also look at including materials that may need to be moved to storage due to upcoming library renovations. The project is expected to continue through the end of the fiscal year (June 2021)

1. **Regional Federal Documents update**

Arlene reminded Federal Depository Library coordinators to do their best to keep information about the accessibility of physical collections to the public up to date. She described how to update FDLP directory information through the new [AskGPO](https://ask.gpo.gov) service and suggested it might be easier to add a generic public note to the directory pointing to the library’s web site rather than trying to update the FDLP directory each time changes are made.

If any libraries have requests for items in their collections that they are not able to provide, Arlene asked to have those requests referred to the [State Library or the other Regional partner libraries](https://www.oregon.gov/library/collections/Pages/Federal-Government-Publications.aspx), who may be able to provide a digital copy of material. She also asked to be contacted if libraries have any plans for significant weeding projects. With reduced staffing and limited access (in some cases) to collections, it will take more planning to review library discard lists. Arlene also asked anyone contemplating big weeding projects consult [GPO’s Needs List](https://libguides.fdlp.gov/GPODigitization), since they are asking for discarded material to help with digitization projects. Make sure to follow [Oregon’s disposal procedures](https://www.oregon.gov/library/collections/Documents/Federal%20Government%20Publications/ORDisposal_2019_rev.docx) before offering material to GPO.

1. **Depository Library Council report**

Rick reported on the following items:

* Revision of Title 44 (statute for the FDLP) – the revision will allow additional regional cooperation, establishing a national collection (not in one place, but rather official copies across the US), and allowing GPO to more directly interact with selective depository libraries. DLC suggested a revision that added the line "while working with Regionals" but I don't know whether that language will be in the final draft.
* FDLP has increased efforts to expand membership in the Cataloging Record Distribution Program (CRDP).
* DLC sub groups have been created on the following topics:
  + Examine GPO's use of PURLs
  + Look at digital deposit program - FDLP libraries could host digital files on their own servers, so in the case of shutdowns and the like the material is still online.
  + Improve cataloging and processing. Some items are indexed by GPO but not distributed in the FDLP, and some microfilm is sent to libraries before GPO catalogs it. These issues are being addressed.
  + Explore the possibility of an all-digital FDLP, with provisions like print-on-demand.
* GPO is pushing depositories to use [eXchange](https://exchange.fdlp.gov) and the new [AskGPO](https://ask.gpo.gov) service, though at the moment there is neither a carrot nor stick attached to that ask.

Arlene reminded everyone that DIGOR had put together a [talking points](http://www.olaweb.org/assets/DIGOR/FDLP%20Modernization%20Act%20of%202018.pdf) document when Title 44 reform was last discussed in 2018 and suggested this might be updated if a new reform bill moves forward.

1. **Federal Depository Library Conference reports and other information sharing**

Dotty reported that she found a conference program describing how to keep student workers busy with remote work interesting and timely as she has been working on documenting procedures. She reminded everyone that she will be retiring at the end of 2020 and there will be an interim depository coordinator while they recruit her replacement. Given the financial situation at the SOU, it may be a while before this happens. The Government Documents position is now combined with Open Educational Resources (OER) duties.

Brad reported that he is currently processing FDLP shipments at OSU, but they will begin interviewing for the position that is responsible for this work soon. He and others who have started receiving FDLP shipments reported that they have been slow in arriving. Arlene and Rick confirmed that GPO has deliberately kept the flow of shipments slow, due to their own staffing issues and the desire not to overwhelm libraries.

Rick and Arlene mentioned a conference program about fugitive documents and the discussion about the possible damage of continuing to use this loaded term for describing materials that are not included in the FDLP. It is possible that GPO may change this terminology in policy documents.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 am.