DIGOR Annual Meeting

October 23, 2009

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Hannon Library

Southern Oregon University

Ashland, Oregon

Attending in person

Roy Bennett (WOU); Sarah Cunningham (OSL); Deborah Hollens (SOU); Kate McGann (OSL); Liz Paulus – Secretary (CMCL/WCCLS); Heather Pitts (OSL); Ted Smith -- Vice Chair/Chair-Elect (U of O): Tom Stave (U of O); Tiffany Thornton (U of O); Laura Tucker (Lewis and Clark); Jey Wann -- Chair (OSL): Arlene Weible – Past Chair (OSL)

Attending via phone

Claudia Weston (PSU); Valery King (OSU); Alex Toth (Pacific U); Sally Mielke (EOU); Rachel Hawes (EOU)

Agenda

Greetings and Introductions
Depository Library Council Report
Continuing Education for 2009/2010 OLA Year
Essential State Documents
Nominations for Notable State Documents
OLA Report
Wrap Up and Adjournment

--- After Lunch Break ---

Presentation:
Southern Oregon Digital Archives (SODA) project review and scanning lab tour

Meeting started at 11:35 am due to traffic delays and technical difficulties. Original agenda was adjusted to accommodate; several items were abbreviated, combined or deferred to email for further discussion. Minutes of last meeting in April 2009 were approved via email and posted to DIGOR listserv and OLA/DIGOR website.

Treasurer's Report (Jey**)**

Due to OLA's transition from one management company to another, division and round table account data is not available at this time. DIGOR's current account balance is approximately $954; account information will be updated as soon as it available.

Depository Library Council Report (Arlene)

Arlene referred everyone to read her report posted via email to the DIGOR listserv (provided in print at the meeting and included at the end of these minutes). In addition to the summary and report, she took meeting time to highlight several elements from the meeting including:

- There was a great deal of discussion at DLC about the ARL-commissioned report on the future of the FDLP in academic libraries – the interim summary report was presented at the conference; see the 10-page summary (PDF) --

http://www.arl.org/pp/access/fdlp/index.shtml

- Public Access Assessment program – the program will focus on evaluating Depository Libraries' websites. Focus is on accessibility; processing of collections. They've already done two statewide assessments (ex: Texas). Oregon may be high on the list of states to be reviewed early in the program, since several GPO staff members are Oregonians and like an excuse to visit if any follow up is needed. She advised taking a look at the requirements. To prepare, review the Initial Review Checklist at the Public Access Assessments: http://www.fdlp.gov/outreach/paa

Several attendees had comments and questions about the Fall DLP meeting, including:

- Claudia also attended the conference, and adds that GPO is very interested in gathering feedback on the proposed changes and the report, and they are encouraging use of the FDLP Community through FDLP Desktop at: http://community.fdlp.gov/

- Deb and others expressed their ongoing concern about the time consuming nature of the discard process. Arlene said that within the state regional depository process there should be ways to find options to mitigate the impact, and that is something that can be worked on.

- In light of our scanning project tour later in the day, Alex asked "Who's doing digitization of government documents" in Oregon and elsewhere? Claudia commented, "Many. And that's the problem." There's a scanning projects registry at GPO – http://registry.fdlp.gov/?flag=searchp&st_3=R. SOU is doing quite a bit (see links below under Tour), and Alex says Pacific University is considering some projects, including looking at Bureau of Indian Affairs' materials as possible high-interest. Arlene encouraged him to check the list to see what's already been done by others. Liz also commented that for maps, the Western Association of Map Librarians is maintaining a scanning projects clearinghouse, and that SOU and other Oregon institutions with scanned maps should take the time to register. Find the registry and instructions at: http://waml.org/clearinghouse.html Note that Oregon is very under-represented in this database, and any additions would be very welcome.

Continuing Education for 2009/2010 Year (Tom)

With no OLA conference in 2010, continuing education will be planned separately from a major conference. After Tom gave a short report on training sessions already held in 2009, he stated that George Fox's Portland campus has hosted a couple of events and he would like to keep the "series" going, perhaps with another in Spring 2010.

The group then spent time brainstorming various topics, venues and ideas   Jey outlined some opportunities for other conferences to consider – Oregon SSD in July 2010, regional library conferences (EOLA and SOLF). Sally said that they need commented that the regional groups definitely need more professional development opportunities nearby, and that attendance is driven by the quality of programming – topics have to be compelling and networking time available as part of the program.

Valery just attended a good webinar and wonder if we have interest in creating webinars --- Arlene says that this was a topic at the FDLP conference. GPO has software, called OPAL, that can be used to develop this kind of training. Arlene pointed out that for any technology solution, there is a learning curve and there has to be a commitment for technology support and management. Kate and Liz offered comments on various platforms, including OPAL and Second Life. Valery will talk with OSU technology/distance learning staff about options and

challenges in virtual training environments.

Ideas for possible content providers/presenters

- Business – Possible organizers/presenters: Tom Stave / Valery King / Kaiping Zhang / Laura Bridges – Tom and Valery will pursue this topic for presentation – could be April or earlier.

- Legal Reference – Popular topic, particularly to refer to what's available for free or low-cost; possible presenters: Laura Orr (Washington County Law Library) or others

- Census – Focus on "What's New for 2010?", "Issues in Data Collection". A trainer from Census may be available: (Linda ?). Jey and Kate can investigate.

- Genealogy

- NGOs and documents – Tom is very interested in this topic and can elaborate on possible options

- Patent and Trademark – Lewis and Clark is the regional depository; pursue possible April meeting and training at L & C in April.

The group decided that we should offer this list of possible topics for seminars on the DIGOR website, with the intention of soliciting interest from various libraries and communities for future training opportunities. When the minutes have been approved and posted, Ted will add a webpage to promote learning opportunities available through DIGOR, with a list like this as "possible topics".

Essential State Documents / Nominations for Notable Documents

Jey, in the interest of time, briefly noted that OSL is interested in working on providing an updated version of the original "core documents" list to assist libraries for digital collections. She also suggested that members nominate Notable Documents as collected by Library Journal. An Oregon document was featured on the 2008 list, and nominations are still open for this year's list. The online nomination form is available at www.ala.org/ala/godort/godortcommittees/godortpublications/notdocform.cfm. The deadline for nomination is December 31, 2009.")

OLA Report

As stated earlier, OLA will not be having a conference this year; the state association is opting to providing two pre-conferences to the PLA conference in March. Divisions/round tables are invited to meet during the PLA conference late March but are not required to do so. DIGOR will not plan sessions during the conference (too late to plan, plus room rental costs for business meetings are significant). DIGOR will have its business meeting(s) in conjunction with other continuing education opportunities like the proposed event at Lewis and Clark in April.

Wrap Up – Presentation and Next Meeting Date

The meeting adjourned at 12:45pm. After a lunch break, the group returned (without our remote attendees) to hear a review of SODA from Kate Cleland, Teresa Montgomery, Jules Filipski and Deborah Hollens of SOU, including overviews of metadata structure and different parts of the collection, as well as a tour of the scanning lab at the library. In particular, they highlighted the newly available Southern Oregon History Collection (SOHC), with more than 800 items, including maps, brochures, event programs, images, oral histories and more from library and museum collections across Southern Oregon. See the collection at: http://soda.sou.edu/history.

Action items for DIGOR:

- **Training opportunity @ George Fox** in Spring 2009: Tom and Valery will begin planning session on business information from government sources.

- **OLA Support Services Division conference** Friday, July 17th, 2009 - DIGOR-sponsored program – Arlene and Jey will pursue options.

- **Continuing education for regional groups**: SOLF – Kate will make contact and inquire; EOLA – Sally will find out who is the best contact for planning.

- **Webinar technology and options** – Valery will talk with OSU staff about their experiences and available technology

- **Topic list for continuing education options from DIGOR** – A list of topics generated at this meeting (see Continuing Education section of minutes) will be posted to DIGOR web page for review.

Next meeting -- tentatively scheduled for the last Friday in April 2010 at Lewis and Clark College, Portland, to coincide with a proposed Continuing Education session on patent and trademark law and information services.

Report from 2009 Federal Depository Library Conference
Handout by Arlene Weible
Oregon's Regional Federal Depository Coordinator
October 2009

GPO's funding for the FDLP has increased in FY2010 to 40 million dollars. Part of the money is allocated to the following special projects:

- o Increasing data storage capacity

- o Development of education modules

- o Replacement of legacy systems (primarily systems that manage item numbers, depository selections, shipment information)

- o Increase cataloging production

- o Consultant to prepare report on future models of the FDLP

GPO will be working to enhance the PURL server to assure that there is real time redundancy to prevent total system failure such as the one experienced in Aug-Sep 2009.

GPO is collaborating with NARA and LC to develop goals for President Obama's government transparency initiative. Primary attention is placed on opening up and enhancing access to legislative data, such as:

- o Developing API's to enable data "mashups"

- o Developing a public domain citation standard

- o Allowing digital deposit in libraries

- o Create a "point in time" system that will allow a user to know what laws were in affect on a given date

The project to open up the PACER database to the general public is being restarted after some initial setbacks. The Association of American Law Libraries (AALL) will help shape the new project.

GPO has changed direction in its digitization initiatives. It will place more emphasis on coordinating existing projects among depository libraries, rather than creating a comprehensive collection of historical digital material. It encourages all libraries to register their projects at http://registry.fdlp.gov/

Several digitization projects were discussed, such as the CIC-Google project, which is digitizing 85,000 documents from the University of Minnesota's collection and depositing the files in the HathiTrust repository. The Greater Western Library Alliance is working on digitizing specific series of technical reports. Of note is that material with oversize pages (such as map fold outs) are not included in either project.

ASERL, a consortium of Southeastern research libraries, is working to put together complete inventories of depository material from the Works Progress Administration and the Dept. of Education. They also have grant money to work on cataloging the material.

GPO is writing requirements for a new system to replace the management of item numbers and depository selections. New models being discussed are the ability to select material by subject, geography, or format. It would also allow for item selection changes at least twice a year.

GPO Operations staff asked us to remind depository staff to use the web claiming forms only for material missing from shipments. Report gaps in the receipt of serial issues through the askGPO service.

GPO's project to digitize their historic shelflist is progressing. About 840 records have been

transcribed and are available in the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP) only.

GPO is also working on a pilot project to directly distribute catalog records from the CGP to libraries. They will be partnering with MARCIVE for the pilot. The goal is to test a system for record distribution. More information about how to participate will be forthcoming later in the fall.

GPO is beefing up its Public Access Assessment program, the successor to the Inspection Program. Full assessments have been conducted in several states. The assessments consist of an off site review of the libraries web site and services. Follow up visits will only take place if there are concerns. GPO staff will alert the Regional coordinator for the state about a month in advance of the reviews. To prepare, review the Initial Review Checklist on the Public Access Assessments web site: http://www.fdlp.gov/outreach/paa

Special emphasis is placed on the information conveyed on library web pages, so it is a good idea to review your pages to make sure they are up to date. If you have written policies related to public access to depository collections, make sure they are accessible from your library web page.

There was a discussion forum on the discards and offering processes for depository libraries. There is overwhelming interest in having GPO develop a better automated tool to help facilitate the Needs and Offers process. At the Regionals meeting, there was also some discussion about the future of the Superseded List. Some of the general guidelines for superseding material have been redrafted, and it is expected that no new titles will be added to the list in the future. Some of the Regional coordinators found that GPO statements about the responsibilities of the Regional collections in keeping material to be contradictory, so more clarification will be sought.

John Bertot from the iSchool at the University of Maryland announced the availability of scholarships for a new program centered on e-government services and digital government information. See http://www.liicenter.org/libegov for more information.

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) and Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) commissioned a report to study future models for the FDLP. Ithaka S+R is a research firm focused on innovation in higher education. The interim summary of the report was presented at the conference. http://www.arl.org/pp/access/fdlp/index.shtml The initial report recommends that the FDLP move away from a collection focus, and concentrate more on providing services for accessing government information. The report describes a scenario with a gradual reduction in the number Regional collections throughout the country. A more detailed report will be issues later in the fall.

The Spring 2010 Depository Library Council meeting will be held in Buffalo, New York.

I also attended several programs by depository librarians on a variety of interesting topics. I can provide more information on these topics if there is interest.

- o Tracking Online Document Usage from the Catalog

- o I Can Actually Participate! (an overview of different tools for virtual meetings and training)

- o Demystifying Digital Deposit: What It Is and What It Can Do for the Future of the FDLP