

University of California/Stanford
Government Information Librarians Group
Annual Meeting
Thursday, May 11, 2006
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Coffee and morning refreshments

Location: 712 Kaiser (7th floor), Oakland
Directions to the Kaiser building: <http://www.ucop.edu/services/directions-kaiser.html>

Meeting Participants:

UC Berkeley:	Jim Church, Susana Hinojosa, Florence Mayberry, Nick Robinson, Jesse Silva, Kay Sundstrom
UCB Law Library:	Alice Youmans
UC Davis:	Juri Stratford, Marcia Meister
UC Irvine:	Kay Collins, Yvonne Wilson
UC Los Angeles:	Jan Goldsmith, Kris Kasianovitz
UC Riverside:	Lynne Reasoner
UC San Diego:	Becky Culbertson, Rebecca Hyde
UC San Francisco:	Peggy Tahir
UC Santa Barbara:	Sherry DeDecker, Janet Martorana
UC Santa Cruz:	Lucia Orlando
Stanford U:	Elizabeth Cowell, Chuck Eckman
Calif Digital Library:	Trisha Cruse, Tracy Seneca
Cal State Library:	David Cismowski, Janet Coles
CDC Rep:	Lucia Snowhill
UC Director of Shared Print Collections:	Nancy Kushigian

AGENDA:

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9:30-9:45

Welcome, announcements, introductions and any agenda modifications

9:45-10:00

Web at Risk Update – Tracy Seneca

Tracy described progress and developments of the Web at Risk project. They took a fresh look at the project plan and developed four core work paths:

- Development: Composed of 8 releases and will deliver tools for use by curators
- Experimental: Includes data analysis and development of visualization capture display mechanisms. Addresses need to incorporate new developments and emerging technologies.
- Assessment: Ongoing assessment of tools, as well as needs of curators and content providers
- Partnership Building: Explore working with other groups engaged in archival projects.

Tracy noted that rights management has become a larger part of the project. Refer to the project wiki at wiki.cdlib.org/WebAtRisk/tiki-index.php?page=CISAPath for further updates, progress reports, and end-user and content provider interviews.

Digital Preservation Opportunity - Trisha Cruse

Trisha let the group know about a new grant opportunity for which CDL will be submitting an Expression of Interest. The Multi-State Demonstration Project for Preservation of State Government Digital Information is a grant available from the Library of Congress, Office of Strategic Initiatives that will establish a model framework for preservation of born digital content from state and local legislative, judicial and regulatory agencies. It will also include special subject areas and databases. This is a three-year grant and CDL hopes to partner with Bob Horton of the Minnesota State Library on the project.

Trisha also noted that CDL is requesting an extension of the NDIIPP grant to look at end user access and curatorial data.

10:00-12:00

Discussion of Planning for Changes in Government Information Report

The group discussed the Planning for Changes in Government Information report. The specific topics and sections addressed were shared print and persistence, preservation of born digital information, depository status, collection development, and deploying expertise. The group agreed to keep the focus of the report on federal information, and to use Marcive to channel collection processes.

Shared Print and Persistence

It was noted that the work required for a Shared Print collection is labor and resource intensive as there is uneven bibliographic control of documents and it requires reviewing the specified collection for completeness.

Nancy Kushigian invited campuses to gather a complete set of any serial for inclusion in the shared print collection.

- It would not count toward RLF totals.
- The table of contents and index would be digitized and included in an enhanced bibliographic record.
- Would need to be written down as an MOU

ACTION: S.Hinojosa, Y. Wilson, K. Kasianovitz, and M. Meister volunteered to draft a plan. EIRs were mentioned as a possibility for this collection.

Persistence

The group agreed to the following **persistence policy** for print material:

Each campus will check Melvyl when weeding document collections. If no other copy of a document is listed in Melvyl the holding campus must retain the document.

This policy includes documents in the RLFs. It also applies in instances when there is a microform copy of the document available. The campus holding the remaining print copy of a document cannot substitute a microform copy.

ACTION: S. DeDecker and J. Martorana volunteered to draft an MOU on retention of last copy.

Preservation of Born Digital Government Information

The group acknowledged the following core principles:

- UC must continue to collect in digital environment
- UC must determine what collections can be dealt with at the local, systemwide, and national level
- UC needs to be able to trust in perpetual access to information.
- Government information is a rich source of historical information
- The perception that government information is “out there for all” is simply unrealistic
- There is no guarantee GPO will push documents to depositories, or will be able to maintain electronic documents in a trusted place.
- When GPO’s digital collection is operational we will take advantage of it
- GPO still has a problem with fugitive documents. For example, EPA documents are frequently missed by GPO.

The group discussed how to collaborate and apportion collections for collection development purposes. K. Kasianovitz addressed the difficulty of employing one approach e.g. subject, agency, or geographic area. The group agreed to work in collaboration with CISA curators to determine how UC should address digital collection development. This will be an ongoing project with perpetual refinement. Collection development may be a tiered or blended approach.

The group re-iterated what will be needed to achieve this as stated on page 14 of the draft report.

- Tools to select, capture, curate, and preserve depository and non-depository materials
- Space in the UC Digital Repository where we can place born digital government information
- Assurance that collection moves will be supported

ACTION: GILs will charge the CISA curator group to look at principles of a collection development policy. Kris Kasianovitz, Nick Robinson, and Janet Martorana volunteered to take the first look at collection development issues and articulate a plan for the group, which incorporates the longer vision of collection development.

Depository Status

The group affirmed that in order to continue as full participants we must remain in the depository program. The report and future communication with CDC will articulate the assumption that campuses will maintain depository status.

12:00-1:15 LUNCH

1:15-2:15 Discussion continued

Legacy Collection Digitization

The group arrived at the following criteria for what types of material should be pursued.

- Large, space intensive collections
- Material not digitized elsewhere

The group discussed questions that need to be addressed for digitizing collections. If material is digitized, how will it be used and accessed? What are the costs and benefits of filling in gaps? Is this something GILS could do as a group or do we need to collaborate with others? What are the UC selection criteria? One suggestion was to use the Essential Titles list as a starting point. The Open Content Alliance (OCA) was identified as a partner for future projects as they are interested digitizing in large collections of open access material. OCA metadata could be used to create Melvyl records.

ACTION GILS will survey campus libraries to assess interest and ability to participate.

Training/Expertise Needed to Manage the Collections

Assumption: We need to maintain government information expertise across the campuses in order to provide research level instruction, reference and research assistance for core research and primary source collections.

- It is important to emphasize that we need librarian positions dedicated to government information, as it should be considered a subject specialization like English, History, etc.
- Are there opportunities to do our work in this area differently?
In 5 years, with all of the resources (online and print), how will we do our jobs?
- We need to state in our vision “this is how government information services will look”.
- We need bibliographers who are government information experts.
- Our collections are increasingly virtual; print collections will be more centralized and we will have strong collaborative approaches to collection development. What does it mean to have a virtual identity? We need to recognize that working with [collecting, managing, providing access and services to] virtual collections is more challenging to learn than working with print collections. We are losing the identity of government information experts because of virtual collections. It is key to maintain government information identity within the UC’s as these are core research, primary source collections.
- We need experts to answer tough and in-depth research questions. Tie this research mission in to faculty recruitment and retention issues. If we don’t have experts in this area to build collections and provide research assistance, then we are not fulfilling our research mission.
- What can we do to support this as a collective, systemwide approach?
 - Develop a list of core competencies for government information specialists
 - Revamp the UCGILs website (utilize education and new web technologies, centralize our website).
- Develop training and resources not just for government information specialists, but for librarians who work at shared desks or provide instruction, etc. in areas where government information is a key resource.
- We should emphasize that there is more to just finding government information on google; but government information specialists provide the necessary context for students so they can see how and why they are significant or how to use them.
- We need a dialogue about what skills we need for the future.
- Go back to C. Eckman’s comment that libraries provide answers to harder questions. The university needs people trained to support faculty and graduate students who use primary government information, in their fields of expertise, ex: politics, history, sociology, etc.

ACTION: Janet Martorana and Lucia Orlando will consolidate comments (address user needs, needs of other desk staff, and outreach to other librarians) and bring back to group for evaluation.

2:15-3:45 Reports and Updates

- a. Depository Library Council meeting, April 2006 in Seattle (C. Eckman)
- A brief recap of issues, since almost everyone attended DLC. Judy now reports to Bruce James directly as head of strategic planning. Rick Davis and Kevin O’Toole are in charge of operations. Bruce James announced his retirement shortly after DLC
<http://www.gpo.gov/news/2006/06news11.pdf>
 - DLC Vision Statement “Knowledge Will Forever Govern” (access to latest report, Blog, etc.
http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/council/index.html)
 - The council is really pushing for community input on this. Feedback so far has been ok; more input is desirable. Breakout sections at DLC collected information.
 - Emphasis is on the growth of programs and services and support for partnerships

- Barbie Selby, a major proponent and developer of the Vision statement, will be leaving the council this year
- The next DLC Conference Call is May 15; next steps on the Vision statement will be discussed.
- Other updates: ILS; Authentication issues; Release of FedSys in 2007 – there was a scenarios based report on FedSys, “a day in the life of FedSys”, which demonstrated very tangible uses and implementation of the system.
- ?What about the Big Red Building? Any word on what is happening?

{Brief discussion arose about creating a UC-wide government information email reference system; could we use the UIC Gov Info Online as a model? Many thought this would be too difficult to administer; as each campus monitors and answers emails from campus; referrals would be hard to manage as well. UCB Gov Info is using chat/im as well as email to answer questions. Perhaps it is best to post to the list when we need to utilize expertise from the collective?}

b. The State Library and the UC Libraries potential collaborations (L. Kennedy)

- Linda was unable to attend the meeting. A handout detailing CSL and UC collaborations was provided. Janet Coles gave a brief update.
- Linda and Janet will have further discussions in the upcoming week on the feasibility of collaborating with OCLC Repository. (Nick Robinson noted that UCB IGS is considering subscribing to the OCLC Repository as well.)
 - CSL has been testing the OCLC tools up to this point to determine if this is really a viable and scaleable way to handle born digital information.
 - ?What is the role of the California State Archives (CSA) in all of this? They are a collection source for digitization projects. CSA recently lost their e-archivist.
- Digitization Projects:
 - Index to Senate and Assembly Journals project has been dropped because Stanford is already working on this.
 - Government Executive Orders is another potential collaborative project on the table; To be determined: who will fund? How do we scale the project?
- Other items to note on Linda’s report: #2 Retention Policy Language
- *Keep an eye on your CA Depository mail!!* California Depositories may see an increase in publications from the Resources Agency departments, boards, and commissions -- <http://resources.ca.gov/> The Secretary of the Resources Agency sent out a memo recently reminding folks that they are required to send materials to CSL, complete and selective depositories.

c. LOCKSS-DOCS (E. Cowell)

- All GPO pilot titles have been successfully cached!!! No problems were encountered! For a list of titles see: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/lockss/index.html#ejournals
 - GPO is bringing up its own LOCKSS box and is part of the LOCKSS Alliance. Functionality of LOCKSS technology is transparent to the user.
 - GPO should not be the sole trusted keeper of these materials. LOCKSS technology is a tried and trusted tool that has been successfully in use since 1999. LOCKSS enables distributed copies to be maintained and preserved securely and collaboratively; no single agency or entity has control over the titles.
 - Another phase of the project will be taking place. More LOCKSS partners might be invited to join the pilot.

- Future LOCKSS development - working with dynamic databases and crawling RSS feeds (potential feed to GPO for fugitive documents)
- A Fugitive Documents Network project is being developed. Content is from the Federation of American Scientists – Project on Government Secrecy <http://fas.org/sgp/>; CRS Reports from Open CRS; and Intelligence Resource Program <http://www.fas.org/irp/> (see GOVDOC-L Archives for announcement:
<http://lists1.cac.psu.edu/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0601B&L=GOVDOC-L&P=R867&I=-3>)

d. Shared cataloging (B. Culbertson)

- Becky handed out 2 lists, one is a list of the California agencies that are currently reviewed for SCP; the other is a list of new California agency publications.
 - **ACTION:** Send feedback to Becky about the lists; are there any other agencies that should be included? Is the frequency of website review appropriate for the agencies? We can suggest non-governmental agencies as well.
 - ?What are the number of titles that are no longer available? Approximately 30 titles.
 - ?Any idea how many publications are current issue only on the website? No.
- Readex Serial Set
We will be receiving over 350,000 records for individual items in the Serial Set. These records are from a project with Stanford (who is supplying Dublin Core records) for materials up through 1890. There is an XML crosswalk that will turn proprietary records into MARC format; SCP will do authority control and them into “real” records.
- EBBO and ECCO records will be coming to our catalogs soon.

There will be a JSC Survey of titles. We should create a “wish list” of titles that we want CDL to purchase for inclusion in the JSC Survey.

3:45-4:00

Wrap-up. Janet Martorana announced that there will be a call out before the end of the month for nominations to the GILS Steering Committee.