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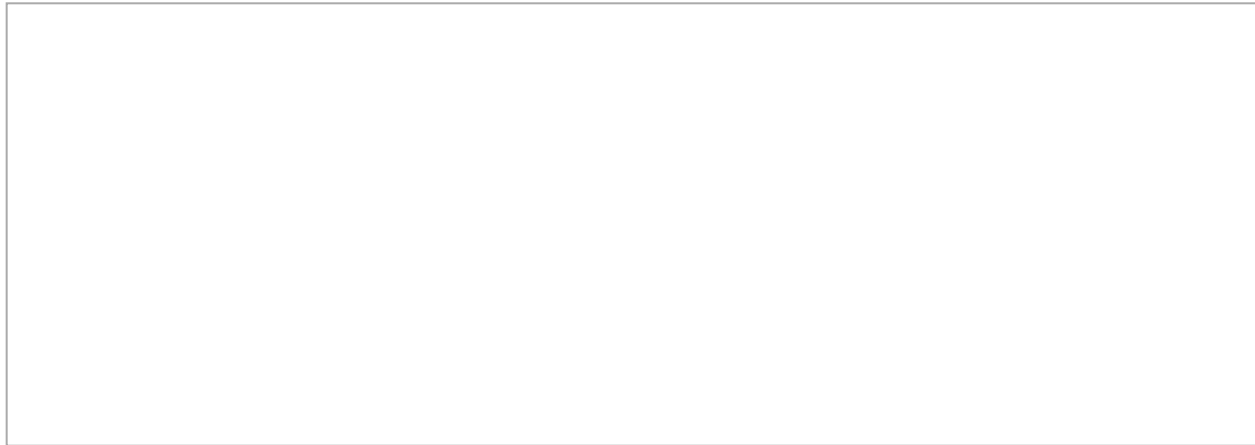
Federal Documents Task Force, Business Meeting

ALA Government Documents Roundtable

American Library Association Mid-Winter Conference – 2010

Boston, MA – 4:00pm, Saturday, January 16, 2010

Presiding: Kirsten Clark, Coordinator/W

- Resolution to Support Digital Information Initiatives at the Government Printing Office

- To communicate with GPO about what we need

- To communicate with Congress about what we want to support the FDLP

- More discussion to follow

2. Publications (Vickie Mix)

- Working on an update on history of GODORT.

3. Rare and Endangered (Marcia Meister) - Nothing to report

4. Cataloging (Gregory Wool) - Nothing to report

5. Education (Linda Spiro)

- Working on identifying necessary competencies
- Working with GITCO in identifying online tools that will assist with our needs

6. GITCO (Shari Laster)

- Meeting with Education on Sunday to discuss training technologies
- Cindy Etkin will offer update on FDsys later in this FDTF meeting

V. Update from the Government Printing Office (Cindy Etkins for Richard Davis, GPO)

1. Assessment team went from two members to six

2. Working with FDLP on GPO page

3.

- Cataloging, indexing, and record distribution
- Legacy system and replacement of PURLS software
- Hiring an outside consultant to help us see how we should re-work our library program to meet the needs of our libraries, users, and meet the requirements of Title 44
- Cataloging and Indexing project with MARCIVE, which involves cataloging the shelf list (3100 monograph records). Contracted with Library Associates and they started January 4. (More information available at the MARCIVE booth)

8. 10,000 records have been digitized. Testing completed. GPO will be purchasing servers, hardware, and software

9. Plan to digitize 100,000 records during fy2010. Need approval from Joint Committee on Printing for additional digitization

10. Discussing moving digitized files from the library community into the GPO plan if the digitization meets GPO's standards.

11. FDsys report - The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) has been converted by GPO into XML (extensible markup language) and available on FDsys as well as through data.gov. Initially the CFR from 2007 forward are available. Earlier years will be added over the next few months, dating back to 2000.

- Precedents of the United States House of Representatives (Deschler, Hinds, Cannon)
- As of the latest release, the following collections in FDsys have been digitally signed:

- Budget

- CFR

- Cong Bills

- Cong Directory

- Cong Record Bound

- Federal Register

- Government Manual

- List of DFR Secions Affected

- Precedents of the US House

- Public Laws

- Public Papers

- Statutes at Large

- The next release is in development and is planned to include the United States Code, House Rules and Manual, Senate Manual, and Privacy Act Issuances. Also working on converting the pre-2000 Federal Register into XML to complete the bulk data set available through data.gov.

12. Will sunset GPO access web site this spring

13. New staff to be added for:

- Quality Control for digitization
- Cataloging
- Acquisitions
- Technical Services

VI. Old Business

- None

VII. New Business

Presentation and discussion of the Ithaka S+R report, Documents for a Digital Democracy: A Model for the Federal Depository Library Program in the 21st Century. Presented by Roger Schonfeld and Ross Housewright. Kirsten Clark, moderator over discussion.

1.Research began with a broad analysis of state and federal depository programs, interviewing users, librarians, and GPO personnel

2. Discussion involved:

- Preservation of "born digital" by entering into FDsys with digital not being the only format

- All digitizing parties as well as GPO should be involved. Build partnerships

- Involvement of third party discovery services

- More emphasis on gov documents librarians since e-government increased access to government information – even for those not participating in the FDLP. More service, not less, is needed.

- R. Schonfeld: "yes" when asked if there is a recommendation for a inventory of all digitized documents and that directors move funds from past projects to digital ones

- J. Jacobs (Stanford) and R. Schonfeld both noted that Google claims their scans are for access, not preservation.

- Concern that since "born digital" docs are the same as fugitive documents from years ago, and success in preserving fugitive docs did not go well, wondered about success of preserving born digital. R. Schonfeld said success is unknown.

- How many copies of a digital product are needed to assure long-term access?

- Discussion on how long we can actually depend on tangible products to be available. Some feel tangible is still the best in regards to preservation but many docs are published only digitally.

ATTENDEES VOTED TO EXTEND MEETING ANOTHER 15 MINUTES.

- Conflict between librarians that view tangible documents as important and library directors that do not.

- Reformatting is an important part of preservation

- Legal resources are still an issue when it comes to digital. There should be secure standards set for this need.

- Remember the GODORT Wiki is a good place to continue discussion.

Meeting adjourned.

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