

GODORT Rare & Endangered Government Publications (REGP) Committee  
ALA (Zoom virtual meeting)

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

3:00–4:42 p.m. CST

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Committee members present: Angela Bonnell, Cynthia Etkin, Kathryn Little

Guests present: Kris Abery, Michael Alguire, John Beekman, Kristina Bobe, Brandon Burnette, Susanne Caro, Jennifer Castle, Andie Craley, Jenny Groome, Samantha Hager, Dominique Hallett, Naomi Lederer, Abigail McDermott, Aimée Quinn, Kathy Stroud

Meet [The meeting is being recorded.

review that REGP's Committee mission is to identify rare, unique government publications, in all formats and from all levels of materials for preservation and conservation; and to plan and create LibGuides on the preservation of these materials, in the REGP project was to create a

## [Guidelines for the Preservation of](#)

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#### **II. Update on the Guidelines Document**

Little described the committee's current project to create a Planning Document for Determining At-Risk Government Publications. She shared the draft document through

through the resource guide noting it is being developed for government documents collections, at any level of government documents; state; national; and international documents would be useful for libraries that may not have a preservation budget or have limited funding and staff to preserve documents. She discussed success along with the deliverables and timeline.

Little shared that Cynthia

consult with rare book librarians, attend RBMS meetings, and seek advice from those who have been in the profession. These approaches are better than publishing a list of items that could target them for theft.

McDermott commented she works with Etkin at GPO. The work with at-risk FDLP documents is really useful because the percentage of what is considered "rare" [McDermott has a background as a rare book librarian] is very small, but those items at risk for loss is much higher. Considerations for at-risk sources include condition issues, low production value, distribution in low numbers, or have been heavily discarded from depositoriesh-6 (o)-4 (se)-3 Tw 0.23

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Etkin also shared GPO is creating a group to look at obsolete media. Previously, emulation hadn't advanced enough to meet their needs but it could be reviewed again.

Caro suggested that librarians work with their IT department to provide equipment for accessing floppy drives and also microforms. Many libraries have microcards without the ability to read that content, noting that aperture content [punched card with microform chip] is particularly vulnerable.

Groome questioned requirements in place for libraries to provide the necessary equipment to view materials regardless of format. It was noted requirements vary by state. Etkin noted that an item's treatment in reality varies from regulations and program requirements. This may be one reason for the mass de-acquisitioning occurring in libraries. It isn't feasible to keep older computers in the library to access older formats. She also pointed out