Collections Integrity Task Force

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Charge

The Collections Integrity Task Force is asked to explore the extent of material loss, mutilation, and physical condition (viability for ongoing service) across the Gardner (MAIN) Stacks general collections, with a particular emphasis on areas of known risk (rare, visual arts, history, literature, etc.). A sampling method using the CALIPR tool is recommended, also taking into account various factors impacting on-shelf availability: technical services processing status, circulation status, shelf order, re-shelving queues, etc. Data gathered should include: (1) use of replacement funds for targeted categories of material; (2) historic sources such as the Gardner (MAIN) Stacks rare missings file maintained by Bonnie Bearden and GLADIS records of lost/missing items; and (3) ILL requests for material that is lost from the UCB collections. Consider value of conducting a longitudinal analysis to evaluate risk

After collecting the data, an assessment phase should involve comparison of results to those of three previous studies conducted by The Library in order to identify the magnitude of the problem. The Task Force may wish to compare the results with studies at peer institutions in order to place the Berkeley situation in a broader context, with comments as to how our rate of material loss compares to the experience of our peers. If unacceptable rates of material loss are determined to exist, the Task Force should consider a variety of prevention or remediation strategies that have been effective locally in the past and at peer institutions. Recommendations should include suggestions as to appropriate strategies for the future.

The Task Force may wish to consult with the Gardner Stacks Survey Task Force and the Collections Data Working Group. A small amount of general assistance funding is available for supporting survey work. We are seeking a report no later than September 30, 2007 to be submitted to Chuck Eckman and Elizabeth Dupuis.