

LAUC-B Affiliated Libraries Spring Assembly
Wednesday, 18 April 2007, at 8:30-10:00 a.m.
Goldberg Room (Boalt Hall)

Minutes

Committee on Affiliated Libraries Affairs (CALA) Chair Susan Garbarino called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

I. Committee Reports

Susan Garbarino, CALA

Susan distributed the committee reports, which will also be posted to the Affiliated Libraries website: <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/LAUC/cala/>. Susan highlighted the creation of two new committees, the Affiliated Libraries Technical Services Group and the OCLC Digital Archive Users Group. Anyone interested in more information about the OCLC Digital Archive Users Group should contact Nick Robinson.

Nick Robinson, TALAG

TALAG continues to meet quarterly, with minutes posted on the website: <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/Staff/talag/>. TALAG is currently working on strengthening communications between Affiliated Libraries and the California Digital Library, particularly with regard to bolstering Affiliated Library presence in systemwide bibliographer groups.

Lucia Diamond, LAUC-B

Lucia invited all present to attend the LAUC-B Spring Assembly on May 1st at 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Morrison Library. The guest speaker will be Peter Brantley, Executive Director of the Digital Library Federation. Lucia noted that the Townsend Center did not choose a librarian or archivist for next year's Townsend Fellowship, and she is working to address this issue. Librarians and archivists bring knowledge of research tools and ways to conduct research that can benefit all fellows. She encourages everyone to submit proposals, even those that have previously been rejected, because the Townsend Fellowship seeks a particular mix of research areas amongst all of the fellows in a given year. Lucia then discussed ExComm's focus on diversity, including such concerns as lifestyle, community involvement, and working conditions. Finally, Lucia encouraged librarians and archivists to apply for travel funding to attend this year's LAUC Statewide Meeting in San Diego on May 30th. For more information, see <http://gort.ucsd.edu/lauc/springassembly07/award.htm>.

Lily Castillo-Speed, Distinguished Librarian Award Committee

Lily named some of our fellow Affiliated Librarians that have previously received the award. She then distributed "pink slips" on which anyone can nominate a librarian or archivist for the Distinguished Librarian Award and then submit it in the DLA box. The pink slips allow nominators to submit the name of their nominee right away and later complete the nomination packet, which is due on 14 September 2007. The pink slips and DLA box will be available at the LAUC-B Spring Assembly.

II. Guest Speaker: Robin L. Chandler, Director of Data Acquisitions and Mass Digitization, California Digital Library

The California Digital Library (CDL) was reorganized last summer, with Robin receiving a new title. She has previously worked on the Online Archive of California (OAC), but now focuses on scanning projects with Google and Microsoft/Internet Archive (a.k.a. Open Content Alliance). She can be reached at robin.chandler@ucop.edu.

Robin began her presentation with an overview of the Google Books and Microsoft/Internet Archive projects. She explained that the UC Libraries are responsible for supplying and curating books, preserving digital files, and supplying on-site scanning facilities while the third-party vendors are responsible for funding and scanning the books. Robin discussed motives behind the projects, workflows, scanning statistics, why books might be rejected (e.g., fold-outs, tight spines, and thin margins in gutters), sample book scans, impacts of mass digitization, needs of users today, and the potential for new library services in the wake of mass digitization projects such as these.

Motives for these projects include creating collaborative collections amongst institutions, allowing our community greater access to materials, and possible future funding reallocation. At the same time, she emphasized that we want to focus on what makes us special, what are our unique collections? The University Librarians approved the Mass Digitization Collection Advisory Group (MDCAG) to provide recommendations as to which collections should be considered for digitization and to set priorities. The Collection Development Committee (CDC), with members representing all 10 campuses, provides further vetting.

Workflow for these projects begins with pulling, inspecting, checking out, providing metadata and other bibliographic information to vendors. The images and data are in JPEG2000, PDF, and OCR. Once books are scanned, they are returned and checked in, the digital files are verified to be correct and then ingested into the digital repository, and a catalog link to hosted content is added.

The **Microsoft/Internet Archive** project began in April 2006, with a scope of digitizing 100,000 works within the public domain per year. There are scanning centers at both RLFs and books are scanned from all 10 campuses. Once scanned, digital files go live (i.e., made publicly-accessible) quickly. So far, over 78,000 items have been transferred, over 52,000 have been scanned and gone live (all full-text), and over 26,000 have been rejected.

The **Google Books** project contract was signed in August 2006, with a scope of digitizing 2.5 million works, both in the public domain as well as under copyright, per year. The books are scanned at NRLF, with a short, seven-day turnover, allowing for approximately 3000 books to be scanned per day. So far, over 200,000 items have been transferred, over 181,000 have been scanned, over 17,000 have gone live (includes snippets and full-text), and over 14,000 have been rejected.

A question-and-answer session followed. Topics discussed included collection decisions in diverse technical environments, project bottlenecks, missing catalog links, duplication between the two projects, the current dearth of user studies, motives of the businesses involved, quality control and

audits, risks to originals and other preservation concerns, potential for non-book scanning within the current projects, creating a process for proposing collections, and issues surrounding increased use since items have been scanned.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Supple