ALA MIDWINTER MEETING - 2011
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

MEDIUM-SIZED ACADEMIC LIBRARIES DISCUSSION GROUP

Conveners: Brad Matthies and Vivian Brown-Carman

Topic: “Preservation of Library Archives”

Attendees: Richard Uttich, Roosevelt University; Richard Werleing, US Naval Academy; Joseph Barnes, Georgia Perimeter College; Robert Fleming, Emerson College; Ginny Moreland, Lenoir-Rhyne University; Melissa Benett, EYP Architects & Engineers; Sara Byrd, Vanderbilt University; Chris Milson-Martula, Lynchburg College; Doug Lehman, Wittenberg University; Morris Hounion, New York City Tech; Matthew Pierce, Mohave Community College; Tim Zoa, Univ. of Arkansas

Many participants of this discussion were involved or thinking of pursuing digitizing library archives of their institutions. A discussion centered around many types of materials; however the most popular one seemed to be college yearbooks.

College yearbooks versus college catalogs – interest in the college area revolved around athletic programs, alumni relations, transcript, etc.

Question: What about “paid hosting” when there’s not in-house expertise? Also, should small size libraries be involved in this?

Another question had to do with funding. Who helps with the cost of digitizing? One Name was mentioned – LYRASIS. Ohio Link was mentioned as a good source for digitizing.

IT involvement on campuses - what is their role in projects such as this?

Storage problems:
  Archives are usually in second-class space.
  Heavy sprinklers

There was discussion on a possible conference proposal for ALA Planning Committee. Also, We need to look at past ALA Conference and see what was posted on preservation or digitizing And check commonalities. What about ACRL and this concern? Check ALEX. Are standards Being developed?

Problems:
  Staffing
  Funding
  Utilizing part of the library’s budget
Responsibility of archival documents --- whose is it? How do we recruit for support?

There was also concern about copyright legality.

Respectfully submitted,

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Co-Convener