

KENTUCKY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING 1983

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ROUND TABLE
OCTOBER 13 RAMADA EAST/LOUISVILLE

Meeting was called to order by Connie Gray, chair. at 4.

Mr. DeGrasse, CIS, Inc. representative, who was attending the conference, spoke briefly on a couple of new company products. New U of L Law School In.: Ms. Beaumont.

Commissioner of State Dept. for Libraries and Archives Jim Nelson reported on what he and Kathy Pratt are saying concerning the proposed State depository program.

Due to filming capabilities, they are now more able to make State publications more accessible; but this is a time when several other big projects are either underway or in prospect.

This proposed program must (1) fit into something already existing; (2) must be handled by persons already handling government documents; and (3) include an education of prospective users. Martha Gregory and KENCLIP would help in this last-named process. Kathy Pratt seen as intermediary. She has not been given Federal money, but her work is included in the State budget.

The State Library is primarily public-library oriented due to the meaning of the Library Services and Construction Act. It wishes the depository program to develop in a logical, sequential way and the general public to know about it.

It is estimated that after December 31st there should be a good idea of the internal mechanism of the program. The basic model is that it would operate in areas where the greatest need exists. Such a program is not in the basic service plans of university libraries except for the four Kenclip librarians, who are based in academic libraries.

Only nine other state libraries include public library and public records components. Finally, the Round Table should combine our work with the depository program with educating of other library staff members.

Sheila McGarr, an inspector in the Government Printing Office's depository library program, talked about the current GPO climate. Publication is less massive now, 1800 series having been terminated and another 200 having been consolidated. The program -- under the Library Programs Service, an arm of the Superintendent of Documents -- often fails to receive sufficient copies to be able to supply all libraries that selected that Item Number. But the Service will convert the title to fiche only if that is the only possible way they can get the required number of copies. Seventy per cent of GPO's printing business is contracted out. By summer 1984, libraries may be able to purchase replacement fiche -- at cost.

In January 1985 the film version of Monthly Catalog will begin. It will be slightly different from the paper version. Cum. M.C.: finding aid in paper; headers on fiche

Publicity campaigns on the depository program will increase in the near future. Depository libraries are expected to serve the Congressional districts in which they are respectively located. There should be signs -- more than the small logo furnished by GPO -- directing the public to the documents area of each library. All employees, including student assistants, should know about the program. Patrons should not be told to come back the next day.

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The General Accounting Office found distribution of samples of items newly appearing via the depository Surveys to be wasteful, thus this service has ceased.

A distinction between printing and copying. Thus, the recent Grace report on education was not printed, but rather copied! SuDoc has lost 50 people in the past two years. Ms. Kadec has left her job as director of Library Programs Service.

Minutes of the May meeting were accepted.

Nominating Committee report was given by Lee Caruthers, chair. The nominations were accepted and officers are now Phillip Yannarella, chair; and Kathleen Pratt, secretary. Since the treasurer job will come up for a new officer is just one year -- Yannarella having held the spot for a year -- Kathy will also be treasurer for one year.

Kathleen Pratt reported that the camera to be used in the projected depository program had arrived and been set up. There will be the same budget and the same crew as before its arrival. Work in the Department that makes money gets priority over other work.

New Business. Phil Y. will investigate having the spring meeting at Northern Kentucky University.

Phil asked that those who had not turned in his questionnaire (union list of microfiche products pertaining to documents) do so.

Connie Gray announced a U of L Census seminar, to be managed by the State Data Center, would be held October 19th and 20th.

On a motion by Caruthers, second Yannarella, the group expressed appreciation to outgoing chair Gray.

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Secretary