GLA Technical Services Interest Group (TSIG) Minutes
GaCOMO Conference
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October 9, 2009, 9:00 AM

Present:
Amy Eklund (Georgia Perimeter); Jack Fisher (Valdosta State); Guy Frost (Valdosta State); Elaine Hardy (GPLS); Cathy Jeffrey (Clayton State); Adam Kubik (Clayton State); Daryle Maroney (Georgia State); Alex Reczkowski (Fort Valley State); Shelley Rogers (Univ. of West Georgia); Linh Uong (MLIS student, Univ. of North Texas at Emory); Jim Veatch (Bartram Trail RLS); Justine Veatch (Evans, GA; COMO presenter)

Welcome & Elections
Adam Kubik, Chair, called the session to order, and welcomed everyone. He passed out ballots for elections. Cathy Jeffrey volunteered to count votes. Shelley Rogers, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and Amy Eklund, Secretary, were unanimously elected. Adam introduced Daryle Maroney, Chair-Elect, who will preside at the Mid-Winter meeting.

Technical Services Presentations at COMO
Guy Frost gave a brief preview of his presentation (with Linda Jones of Columbus State) on locally-produced sound and videorecordings to be held later in the day. Guy catalogs many recordings of school of music performances each year and will share his practices at the session.

General Discussion
Adam opened the floor for topics of discussion.

Alex Reczkowski asked about how MARCIVE authority control works - he is a new librarian at Fort Valley State. Discussion ensued about how new headings are loaded, weekly vs. monthly lists, how records are marked for export in a system, and who to contact about setting up or making changes to a MARCIVE profile.

Cathy Jeffrey asked if anyone from the public library had any updates. Elaine Hardy of GPLS gave an informative update about PINES (the consortium of public libraries in Georgia) and their catalog powered by Evergreen software. Elaine said they were about to undertake a massive de-duping project. Many pre-PINES records will be deleted or cleaned up (they estimate that 900,000 records will be deleted, out of the 1.9 million currently in the database). This project will greatly improve the function of the Evergreen software. Elaine said GPLS is in discussion with the developers of Evergreen about acquisitions and serial control functions, which they currently do not have in Evergreen. Because PINES is such a large and unique consortium, this makes these functions difficult to build. The PINES catalog currently doesn't have the ability to batch import or export, so there is no way to load authority or bibliographic records by batch process. GPLS lost their dedicated Evergreen developers, so they are dealing with that problem as well.

Cathy Jeffrey stated that the University System is having similar challenges with its development and refinement of the GIL Vu-Find (GIL-Find) catalog overlay. There was some discussion of GIL-Find and comments from those who had taken a look at the examples of it at the various test-sites around the state. She encouraged USG librarians to send suggestions for improvements via the comment link in these various test-sites. Guy Frost noted that we need to get public services staff more involved in sending comments to improve GIL-Find.

Jim Veatch talked briefly about his project of hand-selecting government document records for inclusion in PINES. He is adding many GPO items, especially Spanish language materials. He noted that GPO is planning to go to 95% electronic documents starting soon, and that this presents issues if links are not working. The necessity of paper backups for these materials was discussed.

Alex Reczkowski asked how the TSIG stays in contact throughout the year. Cathy Jeffrey mentioned that the chair can obtain a list with contact information for all GLA members who check "technical services" as an area of interest on their membership application form. Amy Eklund mentioned that TSIG has a webpage on the GLA website (located at http://gla.georgialibraries.org/interest_ts.htm). Daryle Maroney and Shelley Rogers will look into setting up a listserv, blog, or email list for TSIG discussions, so that all technical services staff throughout the state can communicate with each other.

Next Meeting
GLA Mid-Winter Planning Conference, Clayton State University, January 29, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Eklund
Secretary