GLA Technical Services Interest Group (TSIG) Minutes
GLA Midwinter Planning Conference
Clayton State University, Morrow, GA
January 29, 2010, 1:30 PM

Present:
Pamela Bagby (Henry Co. Library System); Heidi Benford (Clayton State); LouAnn Blocker (Augusta State); Amy Eklund (Georgia Perimeter); Jack Fisher (Valdosta State); Laura Herndon (Clayton State); Cathy Jeffrey (Clayton State); Adam Kubik (Clayton State); Daryle Maroney (Georgia State); Sherlonda Pitts; Shelley Smith (Univ. of West Georgia)

Welcome
Adam Kubik, Outgoing Chair, welcomed everyone and introduced Daryle Maroney, Chair. Daryle stated the two main topics for discussion--communication and ideas for TSIG programs at COMO.

Communication
Daryle noted that at the previous TSIG meeting, setting up an avenue of communication was discussed. Cathy Jeffrey noted that Robin Fay (librarian at UGA) might have access to a listserv that could be re-purposed for TSIG. The benefits of having a TSIG listserv would be that all technical services staff in Georgia could participate (lists specific to USG schools exist, but this excludes public library staff, acquisitions staff, etc.). Daryle and Shelley Smith (TSIG Chair-Elect) will ask Robin about this and come up with a solution. Creating a Facebook page for TSIG was also mentioned (since GLA has a Facebook page), though this was not deemed sufficient as a primary communication method.

Technical Services Presentations at COMO
Several ideas for COMO programs/presentations were discussed, and the group was interested in doing at least one session in addition to the annual TSIG meeting at COMO (which traditionally has the title "Ask Technical Services").

Shelley suggested a technology "hands-on" session, where new technologies could be tried out. This could include technologies such as cell phones, e-audiobooks, or web-based applications. Having a session like this would enable technical services librarians to know more about the technology so that acquiring, cataloging and processing the technologies would be easier. Amy Eklund suggested that MARC records for the technology (if available) could also be shared at this session if they were locally created or adapted.

Cathy suggested a session with the topic "What are you doing with your LC copy cataloging?" She'd recently asked Adam Kubik to do some informal checking on this with other libraries to inform Clayton State's policies. Daryle shared that Georgia State has a new policy of not verifying any information in MARC records accompanying shelf-ready materials. Laura Herndon shared her concern about database quality with less oversight of records from her experience as a former bookstore employee. Other attendees shared similar concerns about issues

resulting from the budget crisis and resulting changes (or anticipation of changes) in technical service workflows at academic and public libraries. It was suggested that this session could be similar to the recent ALCTS E-Forum entitled "Shifting Technical Services Priorities to Meet Evolving Needs of the Institution".

Shelley suggested a presentation on a specific cataloging tool that everyone might not have access to or be familiar with, such as Cataloger's Desktop or Classification Web.

Robin Fay's recent GIL-cataloging committee-sponsored webinar on training tools for catalogers was mentioned (entitled " Learning about Cataloging: Free Online Tools to Help You Learn About Cataloging From the Basics to More Advanced"), and Cathy posited that Robin might consider adapting and repeating this session for COMO.

LouAnn suggested that a serials/e-resources management session would be of interest. Shelley suggested inviting an e-resources librarian, perhaps Charlie Sicignano at University of West Georgia, to discuss options for serials/e-resources management.

Next Meeting
GaCOMO Conference, Classic Center in Athens, GA, October 13-15, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Eklund
Secretary