University of Arkansas Libraries Diversity Committee Meeting—3/13/2012

Present: Jeff Banks, Mary Gilbertson, Elaine Dong, Cedric Kenner, Joshua Youngblood, Martha Parker, and Jennifer Rae Hartman

Announcements
- Jeff Banks
  - Web site changes: feature to click through titles added
- Martha Parker
  - Diversity funds: spent $3,500 on diversity titles that include a broad range of subjects
  - We can promote this through Newswire once the books are here
- Web Group
  - We can experiment with the new University style guide on the Diversity Web page
  - Mary, Joshua, and Jennifer Rae will work on this
- BAD Collection
  - We have received local and national attention about this collection. Way to go, Special Collections!

Discussion
- Cedric Kenner
  - Diversity Awards Ceremony: Students who do diversity research should be recognized
  - Special award for research could promote awareness of research being done on campus; support research; and increase awareness of diversity issues / impacts
- Heritage Months
  - Cedric: Asian Pacific American Islander Heritage Month will be celebrated in May
  - Discussing a way to acknowledge the Hmong population on campus
  - Ideas include having a mixer for Asian population on campus as well as diversifying the Greek culture
  - The Multicultural Center lists diversity celebration themes on their Web site: http://multicultural.uark.edu/1675.php
- Martha
  - Attending the Dream B.I.G. Legend’s Luncheon with the Dean. The purpose of the event is to expose 7th-12th grade girls from the Arkansas Delta to successful women who have arisen from hardships to get to where they are today.
- Jennifer Rae
  - The Human Library is April 5 and 6. The sessions to “read” Human Books are forty-five minutes long.

For the Good of the Order
- Think of ways the Multicultural Center and the Libraries’ Diversity Committee can work together on diversity projects / celebrations.