University of Arkansas Libraries Diversity Committee Meeting – 9/13/2011

Present: Jeff Banks, Mary Gilbertson, Luti Salisbury, Elaine Dong, and Jennifer Rae Hartman
Regrets: Matthew Kelly and Joshua Youngblood

Diversity Collection Enhancement Grant (DCEG)
Mary described the grant to the new members of the committee. The original pilot program started with $8,000. Now the Libraries provide $4,000 per year for the diversity collection. Mary noted that Judy suggested using the funds for foreign language materials.

Review of Diversity Committee Charge and Goals (please see website for more details)

Programs include:
- Human Library
- Services for patrons with disabilities
- SafeZone Allies
- Librarian-in-Residence
- One Book, One Community
- Diversity Month celebrations

Goals / Projects include:
- Updating the Libraries’ Diversity website
  - News and Notes section, among other things
- Celebrating diversity months
- Recruiting diverse candidates
  - Jeff has been actively pursuing opportunities to recruit / visit students at ALA and university graduate programs
  - He was also the keynote speaker for Spectrum Students at ALA
  - He will attend the National Diversity in Libraries Conference
- Promoting diversity efforts in Books and Letters and on website

Human Library support
Jennifer Rae will be the new contact person for the Human Library. She will work with Sue Theiss from the Ombuds office to continue the libraries’ support of the program

Upcoming Events
- Cherokee Heritage Presentation (interactive diversity session), Thursday, Oct. 13, Room 104, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Daisy Bates (mentor for Little Rock 9) Film Screening on Thursday, Jan. 19, Reynolds Auditorium in Walton College (tentative), 2 p.m.
  - Daisy Bates: First Lady of Little Rock will be screened the Thurs. after MLK day
  - Sharon LaCruise used our Special Collections when conducting research for the PBS documentary
  - We need to investigate tie-ins with classes on campus
  - Angela Bassett provides voiceover.
- Silas Hunt documentary screening in Feb.
- Diversity Award winners to be announced at the Employee Awards Banquet
Action Items

- Luti will work on the Disability Studies bibliography
- Mary will continue working on the grant
- Jennifer Rae will serve as liaison for the Human Library and meet with that group to organize and promote the event
- Meeting schedule is second Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m.

[submitted by Hartman, 9/20/2011]