Diversity Committee Meeting – April Meeting

1. Attending: Jeff Banks, Tim Zou, Kalli Vimr, Mary Gilbertson, Stephanie Freedle, Luti Salisbury, Tim Zou (guest)

2. Jeff Banks proposed a discussion on the possibilities for the Libraries to get involved with Bentonville Film Festival, a festival which will champion women and diversity in all aspects of film making focuses. We have proximity and our own collection of films (possibly grow and/or promote our collection).

3. Tim Zou presented an overview of festival and its focus on women and diversity. It will be an annual event. This could be an opportunity to connect departments on campus with festival. Maybe the Libraries could ask for complimentary copies of films and/or documents for archives.

4. Jeff will meet with the dean to see about reaching out to Crystal Bridges, how can we might become involved with BFF, and if she has any contacts? He will also talk to admin group.

5. Kalli asked if there is another film festival (such as Cleveland) we can contact to see if they’ve done any type of archiving?

6. Members of the group will reach out to Lauren DeCarvalho, communications assistant professor, maybe Mount St. Mary’s University and/or Geena Davis Institute on Gender in the Media

7. Do we send to Libraries’ a call for volunteers? Maybe find out more about what is needed first.

8. Could be a time to promote our own collections—DVDs, streaming collections (like Kanopy), and items in Special Collections.

9. Other announcements:
   10. Jeff showed the latest update to diversity page/collection.

11. Juneteenth update: Kalli met with Danielle about advertising and promoting ideas.

12. Jeff shared that Joshua shared a call from ALA conference about library involvement in community diversity events. Jeff will share the details with group.

13. Jeff reported that Martha presented diversity standards, will have a REFORMA update

14. After Juneteenth and Real World, the next big diversity initiatives with library involvement will be the visit of the Nobel Laureate Rigoberta Menchú this fall.