University of Arkansas Libraries Diversity Committee Meeting – 7/10/2012

Present: Jeff Banks, Mary Gilbertson, Joshua Youngblood, Kate Dougherty, Stephanie Freedle, Luti Salisbury, Martha Parker, and Jennifer Rae Hartman

Announcements

- Jeff Banks
  - New committee members appointed
    - Welcome, Kate Dougherty and Stephanie Freedle
    - Dougherty working on maps of where UofA international and diversity program students are from, potentially for the Libraries’ diversity website, GIS Day, and the International Students and Scholars website.
  - Juneteenth event update
    - Joshua Youngblood, Jennifer Rae Hartman, and Martha Parker represented the Libraries.
    - Sixty-five interactions; important to bring an educational element to the event
  - ALA diversity activities
    - Banks attended Reforma meeting
    - Talked with Joint Conference of Librarians of Color
    - Cultural sensitivity training

- Martha Parker, Resident report
  - JCLC is from September 19-23
  - Parker waiting on my diversity volunteer assignment from JCLC chair
  - ACRL: REDC (Racial and Ethnic Diversity Committee) member, working on presentation about the Diversity Standards for Academic Libraries at the JCLC conference
  - UNCG and the UA: Diversity presentation at the conference
  - Library 2.012 webinar is October 3-5
  - ACRL proposal to present the ACRL-REDC Diversity Standards at this virtual conference accepted
  - REFORMA
    - Chair for mentoring committee; mentoring presentation at the 2012 ALA Board of Directors in CA
  - Ms. Denice Adkins, new REFORMA president is in the process of deciding what other committee Parker will chair.
  - Member of the REFORMMA conference planning committee

- Youngblood update:
  - RBMS growing diversity collections
  - Japanese Internment Photo Exhibit on Level 1
  - Coordinate with secondary school history teachers for National History Day
    - theme is “turning points”
    - Topics may include the Civil War, civil rights, Silas Hunt, women in history, Diane Blair, women’s library, etc.

- Overview of Diversity Goals
• Real World Program, Saturday, August 18
  o Hartman reached out to have the Libraries’ faculty represented (Parker and Sarah Spiegel) on “Successful Classroom Strategies” panel
  o The Real World program is for minority freshmen; it is aimed at retention and development

For the Good of the Order
• Next meeting August 14—focus on website
• How can we collaborate with more departments, faculty?
• Salisbury suggests putting committee minutes in the Tuesday Times.