Federal Documents Archive at UC--A Multi-Year Project in 4 Phases

High-level Background: UC has a large library system with many duplicate holdings of federal documents stretching back to the founding of the nation. Does UC need multiple copies of every publication; probably not. U.S. documents are almost always free of copyright so they are an excellent candidate for digitization.

Goal: Create a print and digital archive of U.S government documents to be shared across the UC system, with one paper document and one digital equivalent accessed via HathiTrust.

Phase 1 (2015-2017): Identify the duplicates amongst the approx 218,000 documents housed at NRLF and SRLF. Resolve issues and establish workflows, develop assessment metrics and identify additional potential costs. We are in this phase now.

Phase 2 (later 2015-2018): Ensure there is at least one digital copy of a document in Hathi that corresponds with our print archive. Paper duplicates may be destructively scanned or offered to other FDLP libraries in CA (the latter is required by law).

Phase 3 (2016-2018): Identify the duplicates housed on the individual campuses. Each campus will be allowed to deposit documents needed for the archive or retain them on campus. Campuses may also choose to weed their collections knowing that a shared copy exists in the archive. Items in the archive may be housed at an RLF or at a UC campus following the shared print in place policy and the shared housing agreement.

Phase 4 (Continuing the project): Acquisitions of documents will continue and UC will designate one copy of a print document into the archive when needed.

Milestones to Date:

- UC has agreed to press Hathi on opening up full access to documents for non-Hathi members.
- Decision: If only one copy of a paper document exists in UC that is not in Hathi, that document will be non-destructively digitized.
- A disposal process based on the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) project has been proposed and further investigation is underway to see if it is viable for UC.
- Shelf verification has been conducted at the RLF’s, showing that the records have a very high degree of accuracy (Of 1000 items checked, 4 were noted as missing from NRLF and SRLF – so 99.996% accuracy).
- Approx 36K monographic items (18K titles) have been deemed duplicates in the RLF’s based on OCLC number.
- NRLF will house the paper collection, SRLF will remove the duplicates.
- We are working with the Government Publishing Office to finalize a Shared Housing Agreement.
- ERIC Microfiche from UCB’s Ed-Psych will be designated as part of the archive.