ACRL / ANSS ANTHROPOLOGY LIBRARIANS DISCUSSION GROUP
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ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2012
Sunday, June 24, 2012
8:00-10:00 AM
DIS-Western

Attending:

Christina Smith
Sally Willlson Weimer
Sally Dockter
Maureen Morris
Wade Kotter
Jennifer Nason Davis
Miriam Rigby
Terry Epperson
Katie Anderson
Monique Andrews
Helen Clements

Announcements:

Miriam: The Guide to Reference is looking for an editor for the anthropology and ethnology section. Information for applying is on the Guide to Reference website - http://www.guidetoreference.org/DynamicContent.aspx?ctype=17

The Criminal Justice group will be meeting in this room at 10:30 for those who would like to stay.

Anthropology librarians tool kit:
http://connect.ala.org/node/173710

The main topic of the meeting was a working session on developing an Anthropology Librarians Tool Kit. In 2007 Stephen Fowlkes presented a similar document for sociology and the document we are working on is based on this with updated language and additional resources. EBSS has a Social Work Selector's Toolbox, which, while somewhat out-dated, does list book review sources, key publishers in the discipline, etc.

The first iteration of the Anthropology Librarians Tool Kit has a cultural/social focus based on the subject specialties of the librarians who started working on it. We would like to include more on primates, medical anthropology and archaeology. (What about business anthropology, applied anthropology, folklore, and linguistic anthropology?). Or might some of these sub-disciplines become spin-off Tool Kits.

We recommend that an Ad hoc committee be created to continue work on the website. We can put out a call out to ANSS for those who would like to edit it. Encourage crowd sourcing. We could encourage anyone on ANSS to edit and have the ad hoc committee take on an overview role. Christina will bring this to the ANSS Executive Committee.

ALA Connect is a good tool for this. Easy to log in and edit.
We would like a link from ANSSWeb when we have a more solid document perhaps under resources.

Some of the content we added or suggested includes:
- Streaming video and other media resources. We explored the EVIA Digital Archive of ethnographic field video. http://www.eviada.org/.
- Core publishers in the U.S and worldwide for anthropology.
- More collection-building tools input.
- Oxford Bibliographies, http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/obo/page/anthropology
- Links to useful print sources such as the Sudden Selectors Guides from ALCTS.
- Miriam has section on primates in a libguide which she can add.
- Links to existing libguides. There are already listed on the ANSS website so we can link to that.
- Key associations.
- Section on social media links (for example, Mendeley, (http://www.mendeley.com/), blogs (for example, Savage Minds, http://savageminds.org/), twitter feeds, Facebook.
- Institutional repositories (see for example, University of Michigan's Deep Blue, http://deepblue.lib.umich.edu/subject-list) .
- Archives (for example, the National Anthropological Archives, http://www.nmnh.si.edu/naa/)
- Grey Literature

Topics for midwinter

Linguistics/Linguistic Anthropology was initially proposed as a possible topic for 2013 Midwinter. This topic was last addressed by ANSS member Anna L. DeMiller, in a 1998 Annual Conference discussion based on her book *Linguistics: a guide to the reference literature*. Given that the University of Chicago's Linguistics Department is the oldest in the United States, we will likely hold this topic for the Annual Conference meeting in Chicago in June, 2012. [Miriam has subsequently made inquiries in the Pacific Northwest on the topic of digital anthropology].

Respectively submitted by Christina Smith, drawing upon the excellent minutes taken by Maureen Morris.