

Memorandum

Date: 31 August 2007
To: Ms Tokiko Bazzell, Chair
Ms Victoria Bestor, Executive Director
From: Chiaki Sakai & Amy Paulus, Co-chairs, ILL/DD Committee
Re: Activities and Plans of the ILL/DD Committee

Member Changes in July

Previous co-chairs, Sharon Domier and Kathy Ridenour (University of Massachusetts) completed their terms in January 2007, however, they agreed to remain as advisors to the Committee for another six months. In July their terms have finally ended. Hiroyuki Good (University of Pittsburgh) and Patricia Duff newly joined the Committee to take these two positions in July.

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Hiroyuki agreed to share the manager roles for the GIF Google Group and take care of the registration requests.

The Section 108 Study Group and International Interlibrary Loan

Currently, Section 108 of the Copyright Act which allowed the libraries to make certain uses of copyrighted materials in order to serve the public and ensure the availability of works is under the review by the Section 108 Study Group in order to reflect impacts caused by newly available digital technologies. The Study Group consists of library administrators, publishers, and legal specialists. The Committee received the information from the NCC Director that the Study Group is discussing if a separate set of guidelines is needed for the international electronic interlibrary loan services. The publishers issued comments stating the international interlibrary loan should be governed by the different rules. Many interested parties have submitted their comments to the Study Group, however, virtually no strong rationales have been provided against the publishers' statements regarding the international electronic ILL. Chiaki Sakai drafted a comment to submit to the Study Group as a co-chair of the Committee in April. There have been no updates regarding the Study Group discussions since April.

GIF Promotion Activities

- **Poster Session during the AAS Annual Meeting in Boston**

The Committee was given a space to have a poster session by the Japan Foundation

at their reception during the AAS Annual Meeting in Boston. The Committee members were able to explain the GIF Project and other ILL/DD services available from Japan with Japanese Studies faculty and graduate students.

- **Regional E-Resource Seminar at the University of Florida in April**

Hikaru Nakano and Michelle Foss conducted a joint-session on 1) Japanese resources and databases that are available at the University of Florida libraries and; 2) how to order the items via Interlibrary Loan. The joint hands-on session lasted approximately 1.5 hours. Michelle taught how to use WebCat and then to place orders via ILL with extensive coverage of the GIF program, how they can have their ILL join GIF, and GIF membership privileges. Both UF faculty and visitors attended the session. The UF faculty members were from the Asian Studies department and various departments within the library. The visitors included the ILL faculty & staff from the University of Central Florida, who wants to now join GIF, and an Asian Studies faculty member from Florida International University.

- **The GIF Social at the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Meeting in Washington DC**

On Saturday, June 23rd from 6pm to 7:30pm, over 30 librarians met at the Old Dominion Brewhouse for appetizers and drinks to socialize and discuss the Global ILL Framework (GIF) Project. The majority of the librarians in attendance were from the Interlibrary Loan field but there were several catalogers present as well. Michelle Foss from the University of Florida and Amy Paulus from the University of Iowa hosted the event and between the two, were able to answer questions and talk about the GIF Project with all attendees. Handouts about the GIF project as well as the NCC Newsletter were available for attendees to take home. Michelle Foss reported that several attendees were going to seriously consider joining our group and Amy Paulus reported that several attendees were going to take the information about the group back to their home library for discussion with the Japanese Studies librarians. This was a great opportunity to share information about the GIF project and should be considered a success.

OCLC Policy Directory Project

Japanese Studies and East Asian Studies Librarian committee members had a meeting during the AAS with Ms. Sekido and Mr. Koga from the National Institute of Informatics and Ms. Modeki of Ochanomizu University Library. Kathy Ridenour was able to join the meeting and it was very helpful to discuss a project to enter Japanese GIF members ILL policies in the OCLC Policy Directory for the easier access to the important information for the ILL Librarian and staff at the North American member libraries.

A student assistant was hired at the University of Iowa Libraries with the financial support from the NCC in July. The initial arrangement with OCLC was made by Kathy Ridenour and the role was taken over by Amy Paulus in July. Chiaki Sakai and Amy Paulus supervised the student assistant's work together. Individual Japanese GIF members were contacted to verify unclear conditions and supply the lacking information.

The data entry work by the student assistant was completed in August. Sakai is currently doing the follow-up activities.

System Status

Operations have been working smoothly.

GIF Project Participants

Japan side: 137 (77 loan service)

North America side: 59 (33 loan service)

Future Activity Plans

Hitoshi Kamada is investigating the possibility of another upgrade project for his GIF holding checking program. If this project materializes, the program can be run on the website and will greatly improve the easiness of its use.

The Committee has been discussing the website makeover. The most important part of this plan is to add FAQ and trouble shooting sections for the GIF librarian users. Kathy Ridenour provided one document useful for the troubleshooting site. This will be another major project for the committee for the latter half of 2007.

Hitoshi Kamada will give a presentation titled “Obtaining Japanese Materials Successfully: A Guide to the GIF Project” at the Western Conference of AAS in late September.