



DPLA Board of Directors Conference Call

December 15, 2016, 2:00 PM Eastern

Present: Luis Herrera, Mary Minow, Denise Stephens, Jamie Hollier, Bob Darnton, Siva Vaidhyanathan, Sarah Burnes, Jenny 8. Lee

Absent: Niko Pfund, Amy Ryan

Dan Cohen commenced the call at 2:05 PM Eastern.

[Public] Milestones, events, and other items of interest from the past three months

- Dan Cohen provided an end of the year report on collection growth based on data recently compiled by Data Services Coordinator Gretchen Gueguen, including:
 - We have seen a 25% increase in the number of items this year
 - We now have twenty-five states live or actively in progress. In addition, Director for Content Emily Gore and Network Manager Kelcy Shepherd have been meeting with a series of new states recently about prospects for developing hub partnerships and submitting applications.
 - Currently, DPLA has 14.5 million items from over 2,000 institutions.
- Dan acknowledged the DPLA staff who helped make this growth possible.
- Planning is actively underway for DPLAfest 2017 in Chicago. It will be hosted by a group of partners and the events will take place at Chicago Public Library. A few highlights:
 - We have invited hubs to be involved in programming for the first time this year.
 - We look forward to sharing updates on new initiatives such as ebooks, newspapers, and rights statements.
- Together with Europeana, we are planning to open the rights statements work to more international partners in 2017.
 - RightsStatements.org launched at DPLAfest 2016.
 - Since then, the project has received lots of international interest, most recently from Library and Archives Canada, about implementing the rights statements.

- Plans include translating the statements into other languages and bringing on comparable national digital libraries from other countries/regions around the world.

[Public] Teagle Foundation grant

- The Teagle Foundation is a new funder with particular focus on higher education and support for small liberal arts and community colleges as well as hybrid learning.
- The new grant will allow us to share our 100 Primary Source Sets more broadly with colleges/universities as well as invest more significantly in marketing and professional development events to help circulate our resources more widely.
- This work builds on Whiting-funded education work over the last two years, which provided initial support for concept and development of the Primary Source Sets project.
- The Teagle Foundation has a focus on higher ed but it's important to us to pursue inclusion of K-12 in this work as well.

[Public] DPLA at ALA Midwinter

- DPLA will have a significant presence at ALA Midwinter in Atlanta in January. All staff members will be meeting in Atlanta in person ahead of the conference and there will be several DPLA-related sessions during the conference. The full schedule should be available soon.
 - Saturday January 21 1:00-2:30 is our annual update session. Please join us for a chance to meet staff and get a general update on DPLA. We look forward to connecting with new people.
 - Other sessions to look for include Emily Gore's presentations on rights statements and several sessions on ebooks presented by Ebook Program Manager Michelle Bickert.

[Public] Library of Congress partnership

- Dan briefly mentioned our excitement at the positive attention and feedback we have received about the recently announced Library of Congress partnership.

[Public] Miscellaneous Items

- Dan introduced DPLA's new Director of Technology Michael Della Bitta, who brings experience from the technology sector as well as a background at NYPL as well. Michael greeted members of the Board and public.

- We are actively hiring for a number of positions currently: We have interviews for the Program Assistant position next week and are currently evaluating candidates for the Business Development Director role. In the new year, Director of Technology Michael Della Bitta will be hiring another developer as well as a couple of other positions under discussion.

[Public] Questions/comments from the board

- Bob Darnton suggested that Harvard's Open Collections project, which he worked on and is similar to Primary Source Sets may soon be available to contribute to DPLA after some copyright difficulty and he suggests that this content might make a valuable contribution to DPLA to support or stand alongside the Primary Source Sets. Dan agreed that this could be a source of new material or idea for new topics for sets, which will be part of the Teagle grant.
- Luis Herrera congratulated Dan on great work and asked about the goal of raising visibility and awareness of DPLA, which was one of the topics discussed at the in person board meeting. He acknowledged success given recent press mentions, but asked about DPLA's plans and goals for 2017-2018. Dan responded that projects like the Library of Congress partnership and Open eBooks have been helpful in getting the DPLA name out there more broadly, especially in the past year, but acknowledged that we could use limitless help in expanding public awareness. Dan also noted that the sets have also shown a substantial increase in organic traffic, showing that our awareness and use in classrooms and education environments is growing.
- Mary Minow asked about what resources we might have that are relevant to contemporary politics? Dan pointed to our newest exhibition, *Battle on the Ballot: Outsiders in US Presidential Elections*, which was published in October and serves as a commentary on the 2016 election through the lens of historical perspective. Samantha Gibson also mentioned that we do have a Primary Source Set on "Creating the US Constitution," for example, which relates to current debates about the electoral college and that we have a "Law and Government" tag by which you can filter the sets to see the ones that most directly relate to issues of civics and legal history.

[Public] Questions/comments from the public

- Rick Adler from the Michigan Hub also added via the chat box: "I did want to mention that the Michigan Service Hub is now very close to completing our first

metadata harvest. We'll be very pleased to enter 2017 with that accomplished. I wanted to thank Gretchen for her help with that process, and also Samantha for the help she'll be giving us with PR.”

Cohen adjourned the public portion of the Board call at 2:26pm Eastern.