RBMS Public Services Discussion Group

ALA Annual Meeting
Saturday, July 11, 2009
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Palmer House -- Hancock Parlor

All are welcome!

AGENDA

1. Welcome

2. Introductions and Announcements

3. Discussion
   -- topics will include:
   Google Books: who has it on their catalogs and how it affects patron requests and
   misconceptions? Who, that has it, likes it & doesn't? What are its limitations?
   
   Implementing automated circulation and electronic reader registration in Special
   collections: experiences with Aeon and homegrown systems, barcoding, what works and
   what doesn’t?
   
   Statistics: who keeps and how, ARL reporting?
   
   Reference resources: Updating your reference collection - suggested titles? Learning
   about new databases. Strategies for keeping up with the rapidly changing world of
   reference resources, both electronic and book. Do public services professionals create and
   maintain guides to your collections or to resources at your institution of use to your
   Library's readers? How do you maintain, update, and disseminate it? Do you do it across
   collections and repositories within an institution? If so, who has primary responsibility
   for it?
   
   Professional outreach: How do you or how does your institution reach out to other special
   collections colleagues in your state? Opportunities for collaboration, exchange of ideas,
   regional initiatives?

4. Adjournment

Co-convenors:
Margaret Tufts Tenney, Head of Reading Room, Ransom Center-UT Austin
Susan Odell Walker, Head of Public Services, The Lewis Walpole Library, Yale
University