

*Depository Services – Library Advisory Committee (DPS-LAC) Report*

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Last year (2008) I was nominated and appointed to the DSP-LAC to represent map libraries. Since that time I have twice met informally with Christine Leduc and Gay Lepkey, participated in e-correspondence and in one tele-conference of the entire DSP-LAC. A second tele-conference is expected in late June and the annual meeting of the DSP-LAC usually takes place the last week of August.

The major issue of the fall and winter was the (re)establishment of the DSP-Depository Libraries Agreement. Depository Map Libraries were involved in the consultative process as part of their institutions. At the Univ. of Alberta the draft was reviewed by a committee of government publications librarians and other staff dealing with Depository materials and comments and suggestions were forwarded to DSP. The final draft evolved from these comments, nationwide was reviewed both locally and by the DSP-LAC.

The NRCan Depository agreement which we received several years ago as an appendix was not part of this new agreement. Rather, it has been superseded since DSP now distributes NRCan publications through a MOU with NRCan, and NRCan data is freely available for download directly from NRCan.

The role of the DSP-LAC is to provide advice and feedback to DSP and to communicate info from DSP to the community (e.g. The Map Library community). In this role I have received a number of queries which I have discussed with DSP officials and am using this report to communicate back to the Map Library community.

The following are some of the current map related issues and activities of the DSP:

- New topo sheets. NRCan indicated that they would be producing approx 900 new topo sheets over the 'next' 3 years. These are to be distributed by DSP when released. The period was to encompass the 3 fiscal years 2008-09 through 2010-11. So far none have been delivered to DSP: summer 2009 is now the expected date for the first batch. It is important to note that DSP functions as a distributor for these topos once they are produced and delivered to DSP. As such, DSP has little or no control over the actual production schedule.
- A-Series maps on CDROM are another concern. DSP is investigating the availability of these and whether they could be included in the DSP
- Open File maps are available to Libraries free through DSP They are not included in the DSP weekly lists because DSP does not receive them or ship them. They are listed by NRCan and when requested by libraries (with a DSP number) are shipped to the requesting Libraries. DSP is billed and pays the cost, but does not handle, and thus does not add records to the list.

- Hydrographic Charts. DSP has made overtures to the Canadian *Hydrographic Service (CHS)* regarding DSP distribution but to date there has not been able to negotiate an agreement.
- Maps from the National Atlas of Canada are now covered in a new Memorandum of Agreement between NRCan and DSP. This covers new maps produced since the MOU, and is not retrospective.

Other news of interest is that DSP is moving towards establishing an ILS. This is a slow process within the Federal Government system, requiring RFP and progress through purchasing bureaucracies. However, once successful, DSP could act as the primary catalogue record generator. This would allow full MARC cataloguing in the weekly list and thus provide full copy for all documents distributed. Not something to expect immediately, but to look forward to.

As mentioned above, part of my role is to bring to the DSP issues and concerns of our Map Library community. I am hoping to meet, either formally as a group or informally one-on-one, with ACMLA members who have issues and concerns that we can discuss and that I can take back to DSP-LAC for consideration. If we can not schedule a time for a group meeting, please seek me out at the Conference.