Session/Meeting Name: Public Librarians Special Interest Group
Date, Time: Sun. Apr. 1, 2012, 6:30-7:30pm

Moderators: Alyssa Resnick

In attendance
- Kimberly Hull - Toronto Public Library - the Merril Collection of Science Fiction, Speculation and Fantasy (she is the art library)
- Cathy Billings – Brand Library & Art Center (Glendale CA)
- Martha Maier - now retired - Providence community library (now lives in Syracuse)
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- Karreemah Hamden – Chesterfield County Public Libraries (VA) - 3rd ARLIS, Sr ref librarian, manager 2 branches & works with digital collection
- Karen Lightner - Free Library of Philadelphia - head art dept & literature (combined)
- Alyssa Resnick – Glendale Public Library (CA) – current moderator
- Clayton Kirkling - NYPL

Toronto picketing for 10 days
Settled on a deal
Trying to cut part-times
98 branches

Need new moderator – Cathy suggested Emma Roberts, Berdetta, Mary Stark, Pam Eyerdam, Dana Holz

Idea for proposal for Pasadena Conference:
Artists files, digital collections, fostering community
Digitized collections may be the way to go to include public libraries

  National Digital Public Library
  OAC (Online Archive of California)
  Pasadena Digital History
  Focus on CA only
  LA as Subject
  Nate @ San Jose

Attendees asked for an update on CA economic status from Alyssa

NYPL update
Research library 8 floors, 2 blocks long 85% going to off site storage; 15% will be what's been "circulated" recently
New interior (exterior is protected)
Current recall time is 15-90 minutes; 24 hours average time for future recall time
CUNY students are most affected
Off-site storage is being built so items may be moved multiple times
4 million books to be accelerated moved within a few months
President doesn't want the info on front of website etc.
Clayton has to deliver the bad news to staff & figure out what to do
He came to ARLIS this year primarily because of artists files because he thinks NYPL will be asked to delete the artists files and he thought it would always be retained

**FLP** can’t raise enough for addition