Photography Librarians SIG – Meeting  
4/26/2013, 4:45pm

Moderators: Leigh Gleason, Curator of Collections, California Museum of Photography, UC-Riverside
Recorder: Cheryl Costello, Art & Architecture Librarian, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY

Agenda:
1. Discussion of SIG’s past and future
2. PHOTO-SIG Blog
3. Future conferences/activities
4. Open discussion

Minutes:
[Introductions]

1. Discussion of SIG’s past and future
Last known PHOTO-SIG meeting was ARLIS Conference, 2008, Denver

2. PHOTO-SIG Blog – Ideas
Blog as clearinghouse for librarian resources on photography, whether for purposes of cataloging, reference, image resources, etc. One example mentioned is the George Eastman database of photographers.

How often to post on blog? Regularly, once per month.

Are the PHOTO-SIG members to be make collaborators in terms of blog content, or will submissions be posted after moderator approval?

Section on blog for discussing ideas related to the following areas of librarianship: reference, cataloging, instruction, digital images
“What’s Happening Now?” Section – area to discuss current questions and concerns in the profession. One topic raised was on the challenges of cataloging a gift collection of photobooks

Section on blog for a list of photobooks

Section on blog for a list of reference sources – it was mentioned that there are not many for photography.

Further discussion about blog can happen via email or an ARLIS listserv.

3. Future Conference Activities – Ideas

Photography session proposed for the next ARLIS Conference

Workshop on providing photography-related reference service proposed for the next ARLIS Conference

4. Open Discussion


SF MoMA recently acquired 29 boxes of Japanese photobooks, many of which will make SF MoMA the only owning-institution in WorldCat

The University of Colorado-Boulder recently acquired a collection of approximately 7,000 19th century photography publications and original photo prints

For the next PHOTO-SIG Conference meeting, it was suggested that instead of a formal meeting, to instead as a group attend a fair, exhibition, dinner gathering, etc.