

## **Government Documents Roundtable Report (#9)**

### **2008-2009 report**

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#### **September 2008**

Informed publishing agencies of results of 2008 Notable Documents awards and requested copies of books for American Library Association GODORT.

#### **October 2008**

Sent copies of *North Dakota history: readings about the Northern Plains state* and “*You have been kind enough to assist me*”: *Herman Stern and the Jewish refugee crisis* to American Library Association GODORT for review and judging at the national Notable Document level.

Had NDLA Executive Secretary Cathy Langemo fix typo on plaques and duplicate plaques for Notable Document winners, and presented plaques to State Historical Society of North Dakota and North Dakota Center for Distance Education.

Wrote article about Notable Documents winners and sent to *The Good Stuff*.

Picked up three GODORT binders from Past Chair Kathy Thomas in Fargo and reviewed in preparation for updating GODORT Policies Manual.

#### **November 2008**

Submitted budget to Finance Committee Chair.

#### **February 2009**

Evaluated GODORT policies handbook and made notes on potential changes.

#### **March 2009**

Received updated list from GODORT Chair-Elect Naomi Frantes of Notable Document winners and submitted to Web Editor for inclusion on NDLA Awards section of NDLA web site.

#### **March 2009**

Submitted “On the Docket” article for inclusion in the June 2009 issue of *The Good Stuff*. Article talked about the federal government’s use of blogs and Twitter to communicate federal information to the public. Also solicited nominations for the roundtable’s Notable Document award.

Continued to edit GODORT policies handbook.

## **April/May 2009**

Used GODORT listserv to seek volunteers for Chair-Elect of roundtable. Marilyn Johnson, Research Librarian from the Legislative Council Library and Kalan Knudson, Government Documents Associate/Copy Cataloger from UND Chester Fritz have agreed to run for the position of Chair-Elect. Submitted names to Nominations and Elections Committee.

Used GODORT listserv to seek nominations for the roundtable's Notable Document award, and reviewed North Dakota State Library state document depository shipping lists for potential nominees.

Used GODORT listserv to notify roundtable members that two North Dakota documents were profiled in Library Journal as 2008 Best Notable Government Documents (<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6657395.html>, or May 15<sup>th</sup> issue). The notable titles were: *North Dakota history : readings about the Northern Plains state* produced by the State Historical Society of North Dakota and the North Dakota Center for Distance Education and Terry Shoptaugh's "*You have been kind enough to assist me*" : *Herman Stern and the Jewish refugee crisis* published by the North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies. Congratulatory e-mails were sent to the authors and publishers of the winning books.

Continued to edit GODORT policies handbook. Revised handbook will be sent to GODORT members on roundtable listserv for comments, then sent on to Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies Committee for review before September Executive Board meeting.

## **June 2009**

Submitted "On the Docket" article for inclusion in the August 2009 issue of *The Good Stuff*. Article was about the inclusion of 2008 NDLA Notable Documents on the ALA GODORT Notable Documents list in Library Journal.

Finished editing GODORT policies handbook and submitted to roundtable members by e-mail for comment and discussion.

Secured Federal Document Library Program (FDLP) promotional materials for giveaway at GODORT booth at September conference.

## **July 2009**

Submitted GODORT policies handbook to Constitution, Bylaws, and Policy committee for review.

Evaluated nominated Notable Documents and drew up ballot.

**August 2009**

Began soliciting display copies of nominated Notable Documents for display and voting at Conference. Also sent congratulatory e-mails to agencies of nominated documents.

Updated GODORT policies handbook was submitted to Executive Board by Constitution, Bylaws, and Policy committee and approved.

**September 2009**

Sent e-mail to GODORT listserv announcing Notable Document nominees.

Respectfully submitted,

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