

THE ST. LOUIS AREA SUB-REGIONAL PLAN

The St. Louis Area Sub-Regional Coordinator will:

- Receive weed lists from St. Louis area Federal Depository Libraries (FDLs), select items for its own collection, and advertise remainders to other FDLs in the St. Louis area. The Sub-Regional coordinator sets the claim period on each offer. After expiration, the State Regional Coordinator fills its gaps and offers the rest to depositories elsewhere in the state and nation. Missouri has one officially designated Regional and six Regional Partners, each of which house portions of the Regional collection. Ultimately, only Regional coordinators have the authority to permit unclaimed documents to be recycled or destroyed.
- Insofar as possible, the Sub-Regional will make documents available by loan to other Missouri libraries. Rare and valuable works need not circulate but may be designated for in-house use.
- The Sub-Regional is not expected to build a comprehensive collection for its own library, nor is it expected to build a comprehensive collection among libraries in its area.
- The Sub-Regional will host meetings of area FDLP coordinators for networking, training, or other purposes as needed.
- If Washington University should step down from its role as Sub-Regional Coordinator, other selectives will be given the opportunity. If a replacement is not found, St. Louis area selectives will revert to the original practice of sending weed lists directly to the State Regional coordinator(s).

Selectives are responsible to deliver documents to the Regional or Sub-Regional libraries, should any be requested. Selectives are not responsible for costs to deliver withdrawn documents to any other library.

Participation in the St. Louis Area Sub-Regional is voluntary. Benefits include:

- Faster, cheaper transfer of withdrawn depository material to the receiving library.
- The opportunity to withdraw materials, yet have them remain available to local area users.
- Reduced need to create lists. It is possible that the Sub-Regional Coordinator may identify needed material during a site visit. In most instances however, lists will still be necessary.
- Opportunity for greater coordination in collection development among area libraries.

Possible disadvantages could include:

- A potentially longer wait time before permission to withdraw is granted, since the process will involve two libraries rather than one (first the Sub-Regional, then the Regional.)

