

Think Globally, Act Globally

An Overview of
IMLS US-China Grant Project

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What is the TGAG Grant Project?

- An almost \$1M grant project! with half of it (\$500,000) funded by Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)
- Pilot project in a two year period from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010
- A partnership program for exchanges and sharing under the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program

How it is funded?

- \$500,000 by IMLS fund
- \$180,000 contribution of personnel from University of Illinois
- Additional funding provided by the Ministry of Culture, China

Whom the TGAG is trying to reach?

- U.S. librarians with expertise in the study of China and the Chinese language;
- U.S. librarians responsible for providing service to Chinese-language communities;
- Chinese librarians with expertise and experience with publicly-available Chinese-language resources, collections, and services; and
- Chinese librarians who may benefit from participation in a broad-based continuing professional education program focused on issues of library leadership, public services, and digital library development.

What are the goals?

- To enhance communication and relations between U.S. and Chinese librarians.
- To encourage and promote collaboration and sharing of information

Project Activities

- Professional development programs in the U.S. and China
- Placing Chinese librarians at U.S. institutions around the U.S. to provide an opportunity for education and cooperation
- Attend conferences in the U.S. to learn more about librarianship in the U.S.

Project Activities-cont.

- promoting international standards and best practices related to digital content creation, description, dissemination, and preservation
- Developing a Web-based portal to share and promote China related resources
- A workshop for U.S. librarian to promote web-based resources

Timeline of Activities

- A plan targeting different audiences in the U.S. and China
 - Three (3) Programs at the Mortenson Center (including a conference and host visit)
 - Library Directors (June/July 2009)
 - Library Educators (January 2010)
 - Library Technology managers (May 2010)
 - Six (6) continuing education programs in China
 - 2009 (May, September and October)
 - 2010 (February/March, June and July)
 - A web resources portal
 - A workshop for U.S. librarians in June 2010

Why TGAG?

- Being First in many ways:
 - funded by both governments
 - involving many library organizations from both countries with each bearing unique experience
 - Training and other activities in both countries
 - Addressing the professional development needs of a larger audience

Why TGAG?--cont.

- Forming a great partnership
 - with commitment and support from both governments
 - IMLS with its resources and guidelines
 - MOC with its commitment
 - University of Illinois Library
 - Asian Library
 - Mortenson Center for International Programs
 - Chinese American Library Association
 - Library Society of China
 - Libraries in 30 provinces and Municipalities

Why TGAG?—cont.

- Promoting Diversity
 - Reaching key professional communities in the U.S. and China
 - Involving librarians from both countries and other library professionals working in public services and library technology
 - Different backgrounds, different types and size of public as well as academic libraries
 - Service to a diverse user population

Why TGAG?--cont.

- Creating good opportunities
 - to promote collaboration between U.S. and Chinese librarians on an increasingly global stage
 - for continue education and professional development
 - To connect and be connected with partners and develop long-term relation

What's the impact?

- Recognizing the universal significance not only of information resources but also of issues of professional concern.
- Foster a more “global” perspective on librarianship among its participants
- Promoting international standards for information discovery and sharing
- Reaching out to both Chinese and U.S. librarians, to libraries, especially public libraries, and to all level of library management.

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- Have Questions?
- Want to learn more?
- Want to participate?
- Want to help?

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