



## **Annual Report of the Documents Association of New Jersey (DANJ) – 2017**

The Documents Association of New Jersey (DANJ) is a proud advocate for the preservation, use, and provision of public access to government information. Our continuing mission is to:

- Promote the use of government documents
- Provide a forum for discussion of problems and opportunities
- Provide training and continuing education events
- Facilitate communication among documents librarians and administrators

We continued to hold bi-monthly meetings of the Executive Board and Documents Interest Groups throughout the year. In April, the board voted to approve two travel grants for members to attend the Depository Library Council Meeting and FDLP Conference. After soliciting applications from all current members, the grants were awarded to Caitlyn Cook and Wen Hua Ren.

### **Federal Documents Interest Group**

The Federal Documents Interest Group continues to be chaired by Laura Saur. The group met throughout the year and discussed various topics related to the work of FDLP libraries. At the June meeting, Laura presented information on the forthcoming FDLP Exchange, the new site slated to replace the national Needs and Offers list. In October, the Group discussed the Depository Library Council's proposed revisions to Title 44.

### **State Documents Interest Group**

Deborah Mercer continues to serve as chair of the State Documents Interest Group, keeping members informed about the status of efforts to preserve and digitize New Jersey state documents. The Group also selected the winners of two awards for best document and website.

### **International Documents Interest Group**

Susan White continues as chair of the International Documents Interest Group. This year she circulated information on Key Docs on the topics of "Who Pays for the United Nations" and Annual Reports from the US and UN.

### **Membership**

The membership committee reports that we currently have 44 members.

### **DANJ Web Page/Social Media**

DANJ continues to use the website, [www.danj.org](http://www.danj.org), Facebook (documentsassociationNJ), and Twitter (@docnj) to inform the public of news and information related to government documents, and promote DANJ activities.

### **Newsletter**

Two issues of the DANJ newsletter were circulated to members in May and October. Archived copies of the Newsletter continue to be available at <http://danj.org/pub.html>.

### **Continuing Education**

Ma Lei Hsieh continues as chair of Continuing Education, which planned the 2017 conference "Honoring New Jersey Military History" to take place on October 27, 2017 at Thomas Edison State University. Speakers include Mark Lender, Regina Fitzpatrick, Maren Read, and Patricia Chappine. The conference comes together each year through the hard work of dedicated members of the executive committee. Thank you Ma Lei for your hard work and keeping the conference planning on track. Special thanks also to Deborah Mercer who coordinated this year's venue and catering, in addition to keeping track of conference registrations and suggesting and inviting many of the great speakers on this year's program. Thanks goes to Caitlyn Cook, Susan Bucks, Wen Hua Ren, Rick Mikulski and others on the executive board for their work coordinating speakers, preparing the program, and support on the day of the conference. Last but not least, thanks to Library Link NJ, for its continued support for this program.

### **School of Communication and Information (SC&I), Rutgers University**

DANJ supports government information education by recognizing the best paper in the Rutgers University Government Information course. Of the several papers submitted by the course instructor, Kay Cassell, the DANJ committee selected, "The Condition of Farmland in the United States: Government Conservation and Preservation Efforts and Statistics" by George Eppinger to receive the 2017 Award, which includes a \$300 scholarship. This and previous winning papers are available on the DANJ website.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Wen Hua Ren continued her excellent work as Treasurer. This year's audit was completed with the help of Mary Fetzer.

Respectfully submitted,

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