CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Project
Team Member Report

Seminar Location: ___Yunnan University of Nationalities, China____
Seminar Dates: From: ___July 5___ to ___July 9, 2012_____

Your name:   Jianye He

Your topic:  Special Collections of the Libraries in Digital Era: Practice and Experience of One East Asian Library of the United States
网络时代图书馆的纸本特藏——一个研究型美国东亚图书馆的探索与经验

Your evaluation of the seminar you have participated:

It was my first time to attend such a CALA’s cooperative program. Overall, I think this seminar was successful and achieved its goals. Personally, I am grateful to CALA for providing me this rare opportunity.

Here below are several thoughts about the seminar:

1. The topic of the seminar “Construction and Development of the Library under Multicultural Background” was a very meaningful one and provided a good exchange platform for both American and Chinese Librarians to share their insights and thoughts

2. All the speakers were well-selected and each presentation provided unique perspective on the theme of the seminar. The talks covered many aspects of library management and services with an emphasis on renovations and creative practices. During the conference, I heard very positive comments and feedbacks from both our US team members and our Chinese colleagues. Personally, I was especially impressed by the presentation of the Library Director of Qinghua University, Dr. Deng Jingkang, for the new innovative changes in the top Chinese academic library; also our US team keynote speaker, Mr. Keith Michael Fiels, for the broad view he has as one of the ALA leaders on the interpretation of new role that public libraries can play for the community.

The presentations were well consolidated and grouped; each session was hosted and commented by an experienced library director.
Four speakers were also invited to the Chuxiong Normal College to give special extended presentations to this library staff, which was an extra outreach effort that was made to support Yunnan local high education. As one of the four speakers, I felt much honored.

3. The organization of the seminar was very good and satisfying. The Library of Yunnan University of Nationalities is the organizer of the seminar. They made very thoughtful planning and arrangements for the seminar from an early stage and implemented them very successfully, including logistics, meeting facilities, transportations and entertainments. The library conference team was very warm and helpful.

I personally appreciated the arrangement of visiting other Yunnan universities and colleges, especially their libraries and museums. Through the tours, I can witnessed the impressive progress the local university libraries are making and can have more exchange with the Chinese colleagues, or identify any possible potential cooperation in the future.

Your suggestions:

1. The discussion session can be grouped by different interests or topics, which can make the exchange of ideas or discussion more focused and in-depth. This time, I attended one of the two discussion group, and it was not a very involved and interactive discussion due to lack of focus and time.

2. It would be better if each attendee’s paper topic and abstract (if not full paper) can be printed in advance so that it will give every one enough time to read and then prepare questions for the seminar session or discussion session.