Site Visits: Regional Impressions
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Depository region map
I also did visits in the North Dakota depository region when I was one of the regionals there.
37 site visits with GPO

15 in Michigan
12 in Minnesota
7 in South Dakota
3 in North Dakota

50+ site visits in all
Why visits are important to the Regional

➢ Make connections and forge relationships with your selective coordinators and their staff
➢ Learn about the needs of your selectives
➢ See collections so that you can provide advice on weeding and collection development. You have insight into how your region is collecting specifically.
➢ Often helps your selectives feel more comfortable around GPO
➢ Forge stronger relationship with GPO
How the Selective benefits from their Regional visiting

➢ Weeding guidance, but also conduct in-person review or “eye-ballng” of collection
➢ Regional can advocate and talk to library administrators
➢ Identify unique collections
   ➢ preservation stewardship opportunities
In advance of the visits

➢ Determine if any libraries should be given priority for a visit
➢ Send out email so that they aren’t taken by surprise by GPO and don’t get nervous
➢ Depending on the GPO librarian, regional coordinator might do more or less planning
   ➢ For the 2017 MI visits I chose to organize meetings and travel plans
What I've learned

➢ Selectives are simultaneously nervous and excited to show off their collections and depository work
➢ Often selectives just want to talk to someone else who knows about the depository as much as they do
➢ I know so much more about the rules and regulations: what to look for, and how to help depositories that are having a rough time with something
Thank you for your time!

Any questions?

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