President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Fireside Chat
April 28, 1935

Six Fundamental Principles
Directing the Works Progress Administration

I shall recognize six fundamental principles for this work relief program:

First, the projects should be useful.

Secondly, the projects should be of a nature that a considerable proportion of the money spent will go into wages for labor.

Third, projects that promise ultimate return to the federal Treasury of a considerable proportion of the costs will be sought as far as possible.

Fourth, funds allotted for each project should be actually and promptly spent and not held over until later years for the spending.

Fifth, in all cases projects must be of a character to give employment to those on the relief rolls first.

And Finally, projects will be allocated to the localities or to the relief areas in relation to the number of workers on the relief rolls in those areas.

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Preserving and Improving Access to the Works Progress Administration Records for the Future

Welcome . . . Dr. Terry Birdwhistell, Dean of Libraries
Remarks . . . Dr. Timothy Tracy, Interim Provost
Introduction . . . Deirdre Scaggs, Associate Dean for Special Collections
Keynote Speaker . . . David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States
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Remarks . . . Mary Beth Thomson, Associate Dean for Collections, Digital Scholarship and Technical Services
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John Burger, Association of Southeastern Research Libraries
Heath Martin, UK Libraries
Dr. Tracy Campbell, UK History Department
William Creech, National Archives and Records Administration

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Reception to follow in the Alumni Gallery

David S. Ferriero
Archivist of the United States

Mr. Ferriero was sworn in as 10th Archivist of the United States on November 13, 2009.

Previously, Mr. Ferriero served as the Andrew W. Mellon Director of the New York Public Libraries (NYPL). In this position he was part of the leadership team responsible for integrating the four research libraries and 87 branch libraries into one seamless service for users; and was in charge of collection strategy; conservation; digital experience and strategy; reference and research services; and education, programming, and exhibitions.

Before joining the NYPL in 2004, Mr. Ferriero served in top positions at two of the nation’s major academic libraries, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, MA, and Duke University in Durham, NC.

Mr. Ferriero earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in English literature from Northeastern University in Boston and a master’s degree from the Simmons College of Library and Information Science, also in Boston. He served in the Navy during the Vietnam War.
Panelists

Sandra McAninch, Moderator:
Ms. McAninch is head of the UK Libraries’ Federal Depository Unit. She has been at UK since 1983 and has been a government documents librarian for over 35 years. In 2010, she was awarded the James Bennett Childs Award by the American Library Association’s Government Documents Round Table, and has served on the Depository Library Advisory Council to the Public Printer of the United States.

John Burger:
Mr. Burger is Executive Director of ASERL, the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries. ASERL was founded in 1956 as a directors networking group. ASERL creates programming to benefit member libraries, including resource sharing, networking forums for various communities of interest within ASERL, and collection management programs such as the Collaborative Federal Depository Program.

Heath Martin:
Mr. Martin is Director of Collections for the University of Kentucky Libraries. He has worked closely with the Federal Depository Unit in its implementation of the IMLS-ASERL grant project and advised on the broader implications of the Collaborative Federal Depository Program for the UK Libraries collections.

Tracy Campbell:
Dr. Campbell is professor of history and co-director of the Wendell H. Ford Public Policy Research Center. He is the author of numerous books on mid-twentieth century American history and is a frequent user of federal government publications in his research.

William Creech:
Mr. Creech is an expert on WPA historical archives. He presently serves as an Archivist in the Reference Section, Research Services, National Archives and Records Administration providing assistance to a wide range of researchers.

Notes

Celebrating the completion of a 3-year leadership grant awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries, which assisted the UK Libraries in its development as a Center of Excellence for its Works Progress Administration collection.

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