GRS Quarterly Report (7-18-14)

The Government Resources Section (GRS) hosted its 2014 Annual Meeting & Workshop on Friday, June 13 at Elon University in Elon, NC. There were 23 attendees. There were good discussions on the latest developments in the federal and state depository library programs, followed by a pair of well-received sessions on free tools for creating online maps and on North Carolina open government laws. The day concluded with the section business meeting, which focused on plans for 2015 and on ways to increase membership and participation. As a result of this discussion, we plan to conduct a survey this fall both of current members and of government information librarians in the state who are not section members. The survey will seek to find out how the section can best meet the needs of current and prospective members, as well as asking about preferences for future programming, both scheduling and content.

Overall, the Annual Meeting/Workshop was a great success. As Section Chair, I wish to thank the members of the GRS Executive Committee for all their tremendous efforts in making it happen, as well as Belk Library and Elon University for hosting.

The GRS Executive Committee held a virtual meeting on May 20 in order to coordinate preparations for the Annual Meeting/Workshop. Additional activity took place via e-mail. The "Help! I'm an Accidental Government Information Librarian" webinar series continues to do well. Sessions were held in May and June, and the series picks up again in August.