Sometimes good intentions just plain go awry. My intention was to publish a [Stacks] e-newsletter on a quarterly basis. Time zipped past and it’s been just over six months since the last one. Who knows what the timeline will turn out to be in the future? You might want to stay tuned just to see how often I can actually get it finished.

For calendar year 2010 over 800 state agency publications have been submitted either through our easy website form or via CD. We now have over 14,000 publications ranging from Fish & Game Fisheries Div. reports from the 1950s to agency newsletters from last week. I’m grateful for all the cooperative effort and thrilled that our database is so impressive. I discovered a recent problem with the links embedded in the “View Stacks by Agency Name” at http://libraries.idaho.gov/landing/stacks. I think I have them all fixed, but if you detect that or any other problem, please let me know.

At the risk of appearing to be a nag, I wanted to remind agency liaisons that if you are also creating any publication in printed format, please send two (2) copies in addition to the electronic copy to the attention of State Documents at the Idaho Commission for Libraries. We’re still bound by stature to maintain a small depository of printed publications. One copy goes to the State Historical Library and Archives and one to Special Collections at the University of Idaho.

All of the publications in our [Stacks] database are available in the WorldCat worldwide library catalog. The Commission is also partnering with the Washington State Digital Archives to ingest and store publications in a regional archive. The project is in the early phases, but when we have a real presence in that database, I’ll send a link in case anyone is interested in taking a look. The project is funded by a Library of Congress grant.

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