I. Introduction

The theme for the term of the current Committee on Public Services is: Connect, Collaborate, Create, and Communicate: The Role of Public Services in the Context of East Asian Studies Librarianship. We are going to focus on a different target audience each year: 2015 – undergraduate students, 2016 – graduate students, 2017 – faculty and researchers, and have asked for program presentations that fit in with the theme of the conference and our target audience.

The work of the committee got off to a slow start and we will be meeting during the 2015 annual conference to plan out our activities for the next two years.

II. CPS Membership

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III. CPS Annual Programs

For the 2015 CPS program we put out a call for participants in the fall of 2014 asking for proposals that targeted undergraduate students and spoke to the theme of collaboration beyond our East Asian collections. We got a number of proposals, which were then vetted by the committee and the selected presenters were offered constructive comments to help them to refine their presentations further. In some cases, people who put in similar proposals decided to collaborate and co-present in order to provide a more coherent overview of their topics.

We have also encouraged the presenters to revise and submit their presentations in a written format in JEAL as a way of furthering their research and sharing their knowledge more broadly. The 2015 program is:

“New and Changing Roles for Academic Libraries: Expanding Collaboration Opportunities When Serving Undergraduate Students in Arizona” - Qian Liu, Chinese Studies Librarian, Arizona State University Ping Situ, Associate Librarian, University of Arizona

“Building Bridges: Vernacular Language Videos and Library Outreach to International Students” - Xiang Li, Chinese & Asian Studies Librarian, University of Colorado Boulder Kevin McDowell, Japanese Studies Librarian, University of Oregon Xiaotong Wang, Chinese Studies Specialist, University of Oregon

“Maximizing Library Impact through Librarian Faculty Collaboration: Developing an Undergraduate Core Liberal Education Course” - Yao Chen, East Asian Studies Librarian, University of Minnesota

“Building Japanese Extensive Reading Programs and Collections” - Xi Chen, East Asian and Web Development Librarian, Oberlin College Library, Tomoko Bialock, Japanese Studies Librarian, UCLA, Sharon Domier, East Asian Studies Librarian, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Hye-jin Juhn, East Asian Studies Librarian, University of Notre Dame

IV. CPS Workshops

The Committee did not plan a workshop for 2015, but we are all in agreement that it is time to devote some of our precious pre-conference time to public service and that 2016 might be a good time to have a workshop devoted to the new Framework for Information Literacy that is being considered and implemented by the
Association for College and Research Libraries. We will be seeking EB approval to allocate the time and funding support for this venture.

V. Other CPS Activities Under Consideration

The committee will also be meeting to discuss the potential benefits and drawbacks to proposing a virtual poster session as a way of increasing active participation in CEAL. We would like to flesh out this idea further before we bring it to the board for consideration.

Another idea that we will be considering is using the new possibilities of Google Hangout to allow for more conversation and information sharing among public service librarians on a regular basis. This would allow us to see each other's faces and share more information than is currently possible during 2 or 3 days of CEAL and the rarely used eastlib listserv.