**ACRL Technical Services Interest Group Meeting Minutes, American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, Philadelphia, PA January 2020**

**Reported by Cynthia A. Romanowski, Convener**

The ACRL Technical Services Interest Group held its biennial meeting on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 4:30 PM at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There were 24 people in attendance. The meeting consisted of three presentations as follows:

Dave Van Kleeck, Chair, Cataloging and Discovery Services, George A. Smathers Libraries, at University of Florida, presented “Celebrating Cuba! Global Access to the Cuban National Library’s Catalog.” Mr. Van Kleeck outlined the collaborative effort between the University of Florida (UF) and Biblioteca Nacional de Cuba José Martí (BNJM), Cuba's national library, in order to provide open access to the national library’s digital collections that celebrate Cuban patrimony. The project aimed to contribute the cataloged records of BNJM to WorldCat for enabling global discovery; to help create a comprehensive bibliography of Cuban resources in order to identify BNJM’s unique holdings to prioritize for digitization; and to identify other types of materials for digitization by working with international partners. Mr. Van Kleeck stated that to date, over 130000 bibliographic records have been contributed to OCLC and previously unknown collections to researchers outside of Cuba have been opened. He believed that this will have a major impact on Cuba-related scholarship for decades to come.

Cara Calabrese, Acquisitions & Access Librarian, at Miami University Library, presented “Changing methods of streaming video acquisition: Benefits & Challenges.” Ms. Calabrese reported on the benefits and challenges of changing to a mediated video option for streaming videos due to high streaming video costs caused by PDA.

Charlene Chou, Head of Knowledge Access at New York University, presented “The Digital Humanities: Rethinking of the Roles of Technical Services Librarians.” Ms. Chou discussed the potential impact of digital humanities on Technical Services. She examined the traditional roles of Technical Services to identify if they would have a new scope and skill sets because of what types of challenges that digital humanities bring to the profession. She stated that some digital platforms do not have any identity management or controlled vocabularies and asked at what point did the technical services person pursue a better option to optimize discovery by providing quality metadata when keywords fail to provide consistent and precise search results. She concluded that interoperability could resolve the silo problem of digital platforms and would require metadata to be compliant with international standards for international data sharing, e.g. ISO (International Organization for Standardization). She perceived that digital platforms should be maintained like ecosystems and concluded that technical services will be involved with the workflows for digital preservation, acquisition and metadata.

The program ended at 5:30 PM.