



ILLINOIS DIGITAL ACADEMIC LIBRARY

DATE: May 10, 2005
TO: CARLI Board of Directors
FROM: David Carlson, IDAL Chair
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RE: A Summary of IDAL Programs and Services to be Considered in the Merger Transition

At its last meeting the IDAL Steering Committee discussed how it could best facilitate the CARLI transition process. First and foremost, they felt it appropriate to provide the new Board with a brief description of the programs and services currently provided by IDAL to any of the 150+ academic libraries in Illinois. That summary accompanies this memo.

Beyond that, it was the consensus of the Steering Committee that they constrain the actions of the new organization and you, its Board, as little as possible. Therefore, the IDAL Steering Committee makes the following suggestions for your consideration.

Recommendations from the Steering Committee to the CARLI Board

- ❑ **Maintain all of the exiting IDAL programs and services available to member libraries, including subsidized e-resource offers during the transition year (FY 2006).**
- ❑ **Maintain and further develop the Web-based IDAL Database Selection System and make it the primary tool for database subscription services.**
- ❑ **Use the transition year to evaluate all existing e-resource licenses and offers and prepare a comprehensive plan for the future provision of consortial e-resources in a consolidated and flexible manner.**
 - ❑ **To assist in this evaluation, the Steering Committee calls your attention to the database brokering review undertaken by a committee, chaired by Karen Schmidt last summer.**
<http://www.idal.illinois.edu/about/broker-eval-comm.pdf>
 - ❑ **The e-resources plan should take particular note of the growing demand for e-books in CARLI member libraries.**

Illinois Digital Academic Library (IDAL) Programs and Services to be Assumed by the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI)

May 2005

At a February 28, 2005 Membership Meeting, the membership of the Illinois Digital Academic Library unanimously approved the following resolution of the IDAL Steering Committee.

Our recommendation to the governing bodies of ICCMP, IDAL, and ILCSO is the adoption of two central motions.

First, we recommend a motion to dissolve the respective organizations effective July 1, 2005.

Secondly, we recommend a motion that the Bylaws attached to this report be adopted, which shall establish the governance and operations of the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois, CARLI, on July 1, 2005. Furthermore, that the respective staffs, services, and budgets of ICCMP, IDAL, and ILCSO be merged and transferred to this new organization as described in the Bylaws and other associated documents submitted with this report.

We urge adoption of these motions by all three consortia prior to April 1, 2005.

The new CARLI organization will undertake the complete range of services and programs currently offered by ICCMP, ILCSO and IDAL and will provide the platform for new initiatives of value to the academic library community in Illinois.

To facilitate a smooth transition to CARLI, the IDAL Steering Committee charged the staff with preparing a brief overview of the specific IDAL programs and services for which CARLI will become responsible on July 1, 2005. It is anticipated that the strengthening of electronic resources programs and services will be a high priority for CARLI, so the following should be seen as a description of what IDAL brings to the new consortium on Day 1.

Subsidized E-resources Program

- IDAL has from its inception provided a series of full text electronic resources to any interested Illinois academic and research library, at no direct cost to the member library.
- Currently IDAL provides the following resources:
 - EBSCOhost full text aggregated journal databases, including Academic Search Elite, Business Source Elite, Newspaper Source, Professional Development Collection

- HarpWeek
- Oxford English Dictionary
- netLibrary
- Mary Ann Liebert Journals
- Sanborn Digital Fire Insurance Maps - Illinois

E-resources Brokering Program

- In 2002, IDAL assumed responsibility for brokering abstracting and indexing databases previously done through the ILC SO IBIS program. The service was expanded to all interested IDAL member libraries. Between FY 2003 and FY 2006 the program has grown from approximately 45 participants to over 80. The dollar volume of subscribed databases has grown from just over \$1.3 million in the first year to slightly more than \$2 million in the third year.
 - Members have the option to select from over 100 databases from six (6) commercial vendors:
 - Cambridge Scientific
 - EBSCO
 - OCLC
 - Ovid
 - ProQuest
 - H. W. Wilson
 - In addition to its annual Database Brokering Program conducted in March, IDAL also brokers both sole source and competitive database offers for self-selected groups of members libraries. In some cases IDAL negotiates a central license and in others it negotiates the consortial price and each participating institution contracts directly with the vendor. The databases brokered currently include:
 - Chicago Tribune Online
 - Kluwer (now Springer) Online Journals
 - BIOSIS Previews

Online E-resources Selection Database Service

- In 2003 IDAL designed an online selection database to facilitate the comparison of database offers from multiple vendors and to provide a single source of information on all of the resources obtained by a member library through IDAL.

Centralized E-resources Licensing

- IDAL negotiates centralized, consortial licenses for most of the resources it makes available to member libraries. IDAL uses the services of the University of Illinois as its agent.

Online E-resource Trials

- In 2004 IDAL began hosting vendor trials of databases of interest to members libraries. At the conclusion of each trial, IDAL surveys members on their interest

in subscribing and works with the vendor to provide consortial pricing. The result can be either a centralized IDAL license or direct institutional contracts, as appropriate. Recent trails include:

- Natural Standards Database
- PsychBOOKS
- Westlaw Campus
- Alexander Street Press
- Saskia Scholar's Resource