

IACQ Forum December 12, 2007 – Governor's State University

Pink Breakout Session Notes

Discussion began with the thought that many libraries seem to be creating E-Resource Librarian position

- Interest was expressed in seeing job descriptions
- Is there a CARLI standard?
- An E-Resources Librarian allows other librarians to do other things and helps in small libraries with coordinating license agreements, access and legal issues, etc.

Also brought up was the issue of transferring skills among staff members—Do they have the skills to do new things related to Electronic Resources?

Prices for E-Resources are not fixed—they can be negotiated (such as negotiating for increased value—i.e. another product—for the price)

Interest was expressed in a licensing (and negotiating?) workshop

The rest of the discussion focused on general aspects of ERMS

→ Is CARLI interested in brokering a price for members or for actually acquiring a product? ANSWER: Product and Services Vetting Committee and the board wants to learn more about the needs hopefully there will be informational sessions before RFP

→ basically, libraries all have their own "system" for keeping track of E-Resources and that "system needs automating"

→ an ERMS can change workflow since all the information is recorded in one place—what are the ramifications?

→ Information that may be included in the ERMS: license information, price negotiations, date starts, renewals, contacts, status information

→ it can be hard to start using an ERMS depending on how much information is in the OPAC/catalog—want it to 'talk' to Voyager, the connection between the database and catalog is important

→ different levels of access can be created for staff members

→ the ERMS does not have to be permanent—if, after time, a new one is necessary a switch can be made