

**Annual Report**  
**CARLI Electronic Resources Working Group (ERWG)**  
**June 2009**

**Membership:**

Jeannette Pierce (2007-2010), Loyola University, Chair

Sara Blaszcak (2006-2009), University of Illinois at Chicago

Linda Carlisle (2009-2011), Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville

Laurie Sauer (2006-2009), Knox College

Chris Sweet (2007-2009), Heartland Community College

Wendy Shelburne (2006-2009), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Sarah Wessel (2007-2010), Illinois Wesleyan University (served as acting chair while Jeannette was on leave)

Illinois State Library Liaison: Gwen Harrison

CARLI Staff: Cindy Clennon, David Hamilton, Elizabeth Clarage

**Highlights of Activity**

**Electronic Resource Proposal Evaluations** – outside of the CARLI database brokering program the ERWG received and reviewed approximately 16 new e-resource proposals. Of these, 4 products were offered directly to the libraries or are available through MLNC. Work is still being done on 8 of these in anticipation that agreements will result.

**Targeting Resources of Greatest Value** - in an attempt to ensure that the product offerings negotiated by CARLI are of the greatest value of the membership the ERWG undertook several activities this past year. This included reviewing the list of most commonly held titles presented in the Statewide Serials Task Force Report and analyzing those titles held by 60 or more libraries. Of those titles, 69% are included in Academic Search Premier, with varying coverage depth. Academic Search Premier does not provide current access to two of the most commonly held titles, Science and Nature. As the task force recommendations included consortial licensing of electronic access to these most commonly held titles we have begun discussions with vendors about a consortial offering for these products.

The ERWG members also created wish lists for their respective libraries. The products receiving the largest number of votes, along with new products mentioned by the members in the annual interest survey, were included in the pricing requests sent to the vendors in preparation for the spring database subscription cycle. Once the selection system is closed we will be analyzing the uptake of these newly proposed products.

**Shared Contribution Program** – due to budgetary constraints the funding for the third and final year of the shared contribution program was suspended so no new products were purchased for the consortium membership.

Here is an update on the current cost recovery:

Offering	Dollar Amount Recovered	Percentage of Target
Sage Deep Backfiles	\$182,430	81%
2008 Offerings*	\$132,940	52*

\*This included Black thought & Culture, Historical Statistics of the US, Sage E-Reference, and Women & Social Movements

**Licensing Workshop** – the ERWG hosted a very successful workshop on licensing on November 17, 2008. The workshop was attended by 95 librarians and included discussions of the key rights libraries need for materials and both good and bad examples of the corresponding license language; educating staff and patrons about license language and licensing work flow. The post-workshop evaluations were very positive and 62% requested a follow-up session on licensing. The program proposal is being prepared for an additional licensing workshop to allow more hands-on license review and more discussion of workflow.

**E-Book Symposium** – In conjunction with the Collections Working Group, the ERWG hosted an e-book symposium which was held on March 4, 2009 at the Hawthorn Suites in Champaign. The symposium provided an overview of the industry from not only a publisher’s point of view but also from the user’s perspective. ERWG member Wendy Shelburne was one of several presenters to share their experiences working with e-books. The program was attended by approximately 90 librarians and staff. The symposium was highly successful, judging from evaluations and the “joint” meeting was certainly a factor in boosting attendance.