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E-Resources Working Group Minutes

March 10, 2008

Members attending/calling in: Gwen Harrison (Illinois State Library); Sarah Wessel (Illinois Wesleyan University); Jeanette Pierce (Loyola University); Jeff Matlak (Western Illinois University); Chris Sweet (Heartland Community College); Laurie Sauer (Knox College); Sara Blaszcak (University of Illinois at Chicago); Cindy Clennon (CARLI), David Hamilton (CARLI), Elizabeth Clarage (CARLI), Tom Dorst (CARLI)

Members absent: Wendy Shelburne (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Discussions

1. Approved minutes of February meeting.
2. Approved the document to be submitted to the CARLI Board on Friday, March 14. Cindy described a two-tier matrix to distribute what libraries will spend based on type of membership and FTEs. Cindy is finishing up a document to show the matrix to the Board, and the rest of us would be interested in viewing the matrix too.
3. Cindy asked for feedback about the process of evaluating e-resources, and in particular what we might want to change. Overall, the members of the group were satisfied with it, and agreed it was helpful to divide up the investigation into new products among the members. If one thing is changed, it might be gathering the list of e-resources to be considered. Cindy spoke about the clearer arc towards the next one-time purchase targeting e-books, as well as the need to communicate to vendors what contents we desire most in a package. The goals of this remain to find things that are better purchased through a consortium, show what we can do together, and going forward - with or without more funding from the Board - figure out how we can commit to such purchases and distribute costs among participating libraries.
4. New and existing proposals were reviewed with actions noted below. (See <http://www.carli.illinois.edu/mem-prod/e-resources/propose/office.php>)
 - a. Greenwood Daily Life: Not enough interest
 - b. Facts on File: No major interest; however, it might offer a better price for those who are in, Cindy will look into this.
 - c. BEPress: Going to staff review
 - d. Archivision: Postponed pending a CARLI trial, to be arranged in Fall 2008.
 - e. Lib Guides: Going forward for further consideration.
 - f. Oxford DRS: Most felt it should be offered; moves to Staff review.
 - g. Euclid Prime: Not enough interest
 - h. GeoScience World provided by GSW or Amigos: Staff review to clarify if OK to proceed considering Amigos didn't participate in the RFP. Pricing also needs clarification.
 - i. ALPSP: Not enough interest
 - j. Scholarly Stats: This is an assessment tool, not an e-resource strictly speaking, but we'll give it a home. David Hamilton informed us about a consortial version under development. We wanted to keep it on the list pending receipt of pricing.

5. Jeff Matlak and Jeanette Pierce volunteered to work with Elizabeth Clarage and a subgroup from the Collections Working Group to plan an E-Book Symposium for this Fall. A proposal should be ready by the end of March.
6. Survey questions about a Licensing Workshop will be sent by Cindy for the working group to preview; Cindy wants to give us a couple of days to get our comments back to her before she sends the survey to the general membership.
7. Our next call was rescheduled to Monday, April 7, 1:30-3:00 PM instead of April 14.

Next meeting:

Conference Call

April 7, 2008, 1:30pm to 3:00pm