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Annual Report
CARLI Electronic Resources Working Group (ERWG)
July 2008

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Highlights of Activity

Licensing Principles – the ERWG crafted a licensing principles document which was approved by the CARLI Board in January 2008. The document was written to provide both the philosophical assumptions which are the foundation of the CARLI E-Resources program and the principles which guide our licensing efforts.

Electronic Resource Proposal Evaluations – outside of the CARLI database brokering program the ERWG received and reviewed approximately 40 e-resource proposals. Of these, 6 became new agreements and 4 additional ones became offers that went directly to the libraries.

Shared Contribution Program – following on the success of the first year of this project and the participation in the Sage Deep Backfiles purchase, the ERWG used a slightly different approach to the selection of products for the second year of the project. In a face-to-face meeting the group reviewed 10 proposals for a variety of types of products. Four products were selected for purchase:

Black Thought & Culture – Alexander Street Press
Historical Statistics of the US – Cambridge University Press
Sage E-Reference Collection – Sage Publications
Women & Social Movements – Alexander Street Press

The products were announced in April and made available in late May. Since the announcement of their availability, 30 libraries have committed to participate and we have recovered 40% of our target for cost-recovery. Libraries are now able to utilize the CARLI selection system to record their participation in these one-time purchase agreements.

Also, the Sage Deep Backfiles, announced in 2007, has now recovered 80% of our target for cost-recovery.

The Working Group expressed interest in utilizing the Year 3 funds for a sizeable e-book purchase and we have begun talking with vendors about possible proposals for consideration in the spring of 2009.

E-Book Symposium - The ERWG in conjunction with the Collections Working Group is planning another e-book symposium in late February or early March 2009. The one-day symposium will provide information about the current state-of-affairs in the publishing industry related to e-books, as well as best practices and information about how libraries are using and marketing e-books. This will also be used as an opportunity for the ERWG to gather information from both libraries and vendors in preparation for decisions about products for the third and final year of the Shared Contribution Program.

Licensing Workshop – the ERWG designed a survey to gather information about perceived needs among the member libraries for further information and training on the negotiation of license agreements. The workshop proposal was submitted and approved for full funding by the CARLI Board. The workshop will take place on November 17, 2008 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Champaign. Trisha Davis of the Ohio State University will be the presenter.