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Electronic Resources Working Group Minutes

Conference Call

January 12, 2009

1:30-3:00 PM

Telephone number – **217-244-7526 or toll free 877-607-8976**

Attendance: Jeannette Pierce (Chair), Sara Blaszcak, Linda Carlisle, Sarah Wessel, Laurie Sauer, Wendy Shelburne, Chris Sweet, Cindy Clennon, David Hamilton, Sarah Miller, Elizabeth Clarage

1. Announcements -- none
2. Review of new and current proposals

(<http://www.carli.illinois.edu/mem-prod/e-resources/propose/comm-view.php>)

New proposals

PBS Videos (not on proposal page yet) – Documents not distributed to committee yet due to paper format. One committee member stated that his library would be interested. Currently PBS offers volume discounts, but not necessarily consortia-specific pricing. Initially CARLI considered central hosting for the video files, but due to concerns with bandwidth, it is likely that this must be hosted locally by each institution. Files are delivered either by DVD or external hard drive. There is less interest in the product if institutions must host files individually.

Action: Cindy to follow up with CARLI techies regarding hosting options for digital content and to follow up with sales rep to get information shared with committee.

OCLC Audio (not on proposal page yet) – Proposal not yet distributed. Any interest? If the titles are popular (i.e., not scholarly), then there is probably very little interest. UIUC has already purchased some.

Action: Cindy will distribute proposal to committee. If there is interest, Cindy will request sales rep submit proposal through official system for easier tracking. Wendy will review UIUC usage statistics.

Continuing proposals –

World Bank Online – update: There is no time limit on the proposal. Cindy expressed concern about the “sole source” status of this resource. She will follow up with the sales rep. She hopes to send the offer to the membership before next month.

3. Old business

E-Book Survey – update: Jeannette will share with the E-book group after this meeting. A few edits were suggested, which Jeannette will make before sharing the document. An additional suggestion was made to include a question about bad experiences with format or content, based upon one member’s experience with missing tables.

What is the purpose of the survey? The article from the UK indicates patrons are definitely using ebooks.

In light of the CARLI Board's decision to postpone the purchasing program, this survey can't be used to identify what we want to purchase. However, the survey's results can be used to inform brokering for future purchases and planning the e-book symposium.

E-book symposium – There will be two panel presentations about collection development and marketing and technical services and cataloging issues. The symposium will be a showcase opportunity for CARLI libraries who are already doing something with e-books. A vendor panel will talk about platform issues and use of book jobbers.

E-book survey will go live tentatively the first week of February.

Sara Miller suggested that it is possible to see what e-books CARLI members have activated in SFX along with their use. Although only 56 CARLI libraries use SFX and they may not use SFX as the sole means for accessing e-books, this collection of usage statistics could give some indication of use. This type of data could complement the information gleaned from the survey, and the committee could run this type of report more readily in the future.

Elizabeth added that registration will go out shortly. The location for the symposium is the Hawthorne Suites in Champaign. There will not be a vendor showcase.

4. New business

Brokering Survey – Open until January 22. Over 52 responses, approximately 40 unique responses. David hopes that the response rate will be closer to 80 or more. The committee discussed the list of free text responses submitted thus far, which Cindy had distributed before the meeting. The list will be cross-checked with the offers MLNC provides.

The main target of the interest survey is to identify interest in databases for current vendors. If a resource is sole-source, it is extremely easy to add a new vendor to the brokering program. The request for pricing will be sent in early February. The committee could vet the list of new products to possibly narrow. There was much discussion about Ancestry.com and its relevance to academic libraries.

In the current economic times, the MLNC membership may need to reassessed.

Next conference call:

February 9, 2009

1:30 – 3:00

1. Follow up on interest survey
2. MLNC membership use
3. Follow up on licensing workshop – with another workshop?