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CARLI COLLECTIONS WORKING GROUP REPORT OF ACTIVITIES, 2008-2009

Members

Mary S. Konkel (2007-2010), College of DuPage, **Chair**
Marlene Slough (2008-2011), Eastern Illinois University, **Vice-Chair**

Jerry Anderson (2007-2010), Joliet Junior College
Kathleen Bloomberg (2007-2008), Illinois State Library, resigned July 2008
Chad Buckley (2007-2010), Illinois State University
Luann DeGreve (2007-2010), Benedictine University
John Dorr (2007-2010), Illinois Institute of Technology
Frances Drone-Silvers (2008-2011), Parkland College
Katie Maier-O'Shea (2006-2009), North Park University
Heather Parisi (2008-2011), Dominican University
Lydia Morrow Ruetten (2008-2009), Governors State University, appointed August 2008
Lynn Wiley (2007-2010), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Staff Liaisons: Elizabeth Clarage, Connie Walsh

Scope of work

The Collections Working Group provides advice to the CARLI Board in matters relating to collection development and collection management within CARLI. Included in this charge is management of the collection partnership grants. The Collections Working Group will advise the CARLI Board about policies and structures for future collection development and collection management projects.

FY09 Activities Timelines

CWG Meeting Schedule

July 30, 2008 CARLI Office
September 15, 2008 via conference call
November 18, 2008 via conference call
February 12, 2009 via conference call
April 3, 2009: Forum Planning Group conference call
April 14, 2009 via conference call
May 29, 2009 Governors State University, University Park
June 12, 2009 Illini Center, Chicago

CARLI E-Book Symposium Planning Group Conference Call Schedule

July 11, 2008
August 28, 2008
October 13, 2008
December 15, 2008
January 6, 2009
January 15, 2009
February 10, 2009
February 26, 2009

Timeline for FY2010 Collections Enhancement Awards Program

September 15, 2008: Conference call to discuss theme
October 13, 2008: Fall Forum: The New Paradigm of Weeding; and an Overview of the CARLI Collections Programs
December 5, 2008: Intent to apply letters due
December 12, 2008: Proposal workshop in Chicago
December 16, 2008: Webinar of proposal workshop
March 27, 2009: Proposals due
April 14, 2009: Conference call to discuss if proposals meet the theme
April 16-May 11, 2009: Working group, volunteer library directors, and CARLI Board members scores proposals
May 29, 2009: Working group meets to review scores
June 5, 2009: Inform CARLI Board of decisions

Timeline for FY2010 CARLI Book Digitization Initiative

October 13, 2008: Fall Forum: The New Paradigm of Weeding, and an Overview of the CARLI Collections Program
December 5, 2008: Intent to apply letters due
December 15 & 17, 2009: Book Digitization Initiative Proposal Workshop (webinars)
March 2, 2009: Proposals due
March 9 - 30, 2009: Working group scores proposals
April 14, 2009: Conference call to review proposals

Programs and Meetings

October 13, 2008: CWG Fall Forum, Heartland Community College, Normal
October 24, 2008: CARLI Committee and Working Group Chair Meeting / CARLI Annual Membership Meeting
December 12, 2008: Collections Enhancements Awards Program Proposal Workshop, Chicago
December 15, 2008: Webinar Book Digitization Initiative Proposal a.m. Workshop
December 16, 2008: Webinar Collections Enhancements Awards Program Proposal Workshop
December 17, 2008: Webinar Book Digitization Initiative Program Proposal p.m. Workshop
March 4, 2009: CARLI E-Book Symposium, Hawthorn Suites, Champaign

Narrative Summary

CARLI Book Digitization Initiative

A listserv for participants has been created. CARLI is working with the participants to ship materials through UPS as well as CARLI staff members have driven some materials to the site. Materials may be accessed on the Internet Archive site at <http://www.archive.org/>.

A subgroup of the CWG consisting of John Dorr and Elizabeth Clarage reviewed the documentation for this program for FY2010 and updated the required itemized list to include the information that is required when shipping the materials. The theme for this program remains, "Illinois Culture and Heritage."

For the FY2010 Program, the CWG worked to change the timing and the timeline for the Book Digitization Initiative to distinguish this program from the Collections Enhancement Awards Program, as there was some confusion for CARLI members between the two in FY2009.

The CWG discussed the evolution of the CARLI Book Digitization Initiative and the process for submission and selecting items for the program. The CWG agreed that making this a more rolling program would work and possibly increase submissions. Further discussions will continue in this area.

Collections Enhancement Awards Program

Peace / Justice / Conflict was selected as the theme for the Collaborative Digitization / Collection Partnerships section of the FY2010 CARLI Collections Enhancement Awards Program. Themes discussed and/or suggested, which were not selected, will be considered as options for future years.

A subgroup consisting of Mary Konkol, Luann DeGreve, Marlene Slough, and Elizabeth Clarage was formed. This group worked on merging the proposal documents into a single document to simplify the proposal process. The program documentation was reviewed and updated to add a requirement for an abstract for all proposals, and a literature review and research and methodology sections to proposals in the Access & Analysis category.

Programs

Luann DeGreve, Katie Maier O'Shea, and Elizabeth Clarage served as the Planning Committee for the CWG Fall 2008 Forum this year. They continued to serve as the CWG members of the joint planning committee between the Collections Working Group and Electronic Resources Working Group for the CARLI E-Book Symposium which was offered in Spring 2009.

The CWG Fall Forum "The New Paradigm of Weeding; and an Overview of the CARLI Collections Programs" was held October 13, 2008 at Heartland Community College. The morning program featured presentations on weeding by CARLI members, and a roll-out of the 2010 CARLI Collections Enhancement Awards Program and the CARLI Book Digitization Initiative. The afternoon featured topical breakout sessions for participants to discuss the two programs. There were approximately 80 people that attended this program.

The jointly hosted, CARLI E-Book Symposium from the Collections Working Group and the E-Resources Working Group was held March 4, 2009 at 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. CWG Chair, Mary Konkol 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.

In February 2009, a subgroup was formed to work on the Fall 2009 CWG Forum. This group consists of Mary Konkol, Jerry Anderson, Marlene Slough and Elizabeth Clarage.

Other

The Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign conducted an RFP for the selection of a monograph/book vendor. YPB Library Services was selected. Vendor presentations for the UI RFP were scheduled for September 16, 17, & 19, 2008. Heather Parisi, Frances Drone-Silvers and Mary Konkol's reports on these vendor presentations were posted on the CWG Wiki to share key points of the presentations among group members. CARLI is publicizing the pricing that is extended to CARLI member libraries through this proposal. CWG Committee member Lynn Wiley was a key player in this project. The CWG has discussed and will continue to discuss how this product might aid in cooperative purchasing within the state.

On the recommendation from the Collections Working Group, CARLI partnered with SpringShare to offer discounted pricing for LibGuides. Through May 2009, 32 CARLI members have purchased a subscription.

The Collections Working Group's wiki and listserv continues to facilitate collaboration of the Group including drafts of minutes and meeting reports.

The Collections Program web pages, which Elizabeth Clarage maintains, have been very helpful in the electronic tracking of proposals, both current and prior year, and may serve as a best practice model for both libraries considering participation in the program and participants who are working on proposal submissions.

Collections Enhancement Awards Program: <http://www.carli.illinois.edu/mem-serv/coll-man/collman-awards.html>

CARLI Book Digitization Initiative: <http://www.carli.illinois.edu/mem-serv/coll-man/collman-digit.html>

Many thanks to CARLI staff liaison Elizabeth Clarage for keeping us administratively on track and in the CARLILand loop and CARLI staff liaison Connie Walsh for her fiscal advice and consortium perspectives.

Future Plans

- Continue efforts in continuous improvement, publicity, and rollout of Awards Program and Book Digitization Initiative.
- Continue to explore joint partnerships in program development across the Working Groups with topics of mutual interest.
- Further discussion of making the Book Digitization Initiative a more year round “rolling” program, which may increase submissions and help maintain the flow of OCA digitization.
- The Collections Working Group is holding a strategic planning meeting in June 2009.

Submitted June 1, 2009

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