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CARLI Collections Working Group Minutes

May 21, 2010

CARLI Office (Champaign-Urbana)

Members Present: Marlene Slough – Eastern Illinois University (chair) ; John Dorr – Illinois Institute of Technology (vice-chair/chair-elect) ; Chad Buckley – Illinois State University ; Luann DeGreve – Benedictine University ; Frances Drone-Silvers - Parkland College ; Jim Millhorn – Northern Illinois University ; Lydia Morrow-Ruetten – Governors State University ; Heather Parisi – Dominican University ; Lynn Wiley – University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Members Absent: Jerry Anderson, Joliet Junior College ; Mary Konkel, College of DuPage

Staff Attending: Elizabeth Clarage, Connie Walsh

1. Marlene convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Everyone shared something about they are looking forward to this summer.
2. Announcements

Recent CARLI events have included the Public Services Open Houses, the Digital Copyright Workshop, and the Public Services Working Group Forum on “Connecting Libraries and Users.”

Lynn gave an update on the pilot Patron Driven Acquisitions project. The steering group last met in April, and Lynn sent out a draft report to the group this week. The project was considered to be a success and feasible to continue in some form. The average cost of books purchased was \$55, and 190 items were purchased. Most were not already held by I-Share libraries. Those that were duplicated had limited availability. It was suggested that the text in the universal catalog would need to be changed to be more clear to patrons. UIUC is planning to continue this program and will invite other libraries to participate with the participation fee yet to be determined.

UIUC is also currently working on an ebrary patron driven acquisition project which began in mid-April. They have seen phenomenal use and purchased about \$12,000 in e-books so far (out of a total budget of \$28,000). They loaded a small profile of 5,000 titles from YBP and set the threshold for purchase at 10 views.

John reported that all incoming freshman students at IIT will receive an iPad. The library is looking at developing apps and a mobile web site. There are currently issues with compatibility with the campus wireless network.

Illinois Senate Bill 51, which passed recently, is causing much concern. It was supposed to take effect January 1, 2010, but has been delayed until July 1 at the earliest. This would require much more red tape for sole source purchases, potentially resulting in delays of a year or more. Every sole source request would have to be sent to Springfield for approval, with a public hearing also required. No staff or procedures are in place to deal with this yet. Every contact with vendors would also have to be documented. Voyager reports could be useful in documenting cumulative expenditures by vendor.

Elizabeth raised the question of whether non-CARLI library staff persons should be allowed to join the CARLI Collections and Content Group email list. This is considered a private email list, and confidential information such as consortial pricing is sometimes shared. Someone at an Illinois library school had recently asked to join. It was suggested that we keep these lists private, and others interested in CARLI issues could use the publicly posted minutes and reports on the CARLI web site.

The recent ICAT Forum included discussion on impending changes to requesting via the Universal Catalog which will all go through VuFind now. Illinois Institute of Technology is using VuFind as their primary catalog including for Reserves. John shared how they are doing this – this could serve as a model for other CARLI libraries. Other topics of discussion included future ILS plans and best practices on what to catalog.

3. Minutes from April 9, 2010 were approved.

4. Book Digitization Initiative

Funding for this initiative will be decreased depending on various CARLI budget scenarios, possibly to \$49,000. It was suggested that we also consider digitization of newspapers. Papers would need to be microfilmed first, then sent out-of-state for digitization. Elizabeth will ask for pricing. Shipping issues were discussed. Shipping is free from a “regular” UPS shipping location, but not for special requests. Issues possibly causing lower-than-hoped-for participation in this initiative include the need for items to be cataloged, copyright questions, and local digitization efforts already taking place. It was suggested that the CWG could share options for local use of files from OCA to highlight how the Book Digitization Initiative could support local digitization needs. Dropping the theme could also encourage greater participation. A survey might indicate if the theme has been limiting, and if there are other reasons libraries have not participated. John shared that selecting and publicizing the CARLI digital book of the month does not require much time.

5. Training Programs

A session on streaming video will be held in July 2010 at Parkland Community College. Topics will include copyright and how to use streaming video. Several vendors will be present. A speaker to cover freely available streaming resources is still needed.

For fall 2010, it was suggested that follow-up on content from the spring forum might be useful. Final planning and decisions will wait until new CWG members are seated.

6. Collections Resources Clearinghouse

We have made a good start and will continue to add content. Elizabeth will send out regular reminders to keep working on this.

7. Future Directions for the CWG

At our last meeting, we began discussing obstacles to collaborative collections. These include circulation policies. CARLI is working on normalizing loan periods for universal borrowing, but has no focus on trying to influence local lending policies. Perhaps CWG could recommend that member libraries have no restrictions on loaning new books so they would be available consortially. This could save funds since multiple copies across the state would not be needed to such an extent. Getting statistics on how often titles that were only available locally circulated versus those that were universally available could be useful. Geography and costs to transport items also remain an obstacle. Greater focus on electronic resources could help to alleviate this. Pursuing consortial e-book access would be a logical step – CWG could send

a proposal to E-Resources. Other consortia are currently exploring such options. Serials, including last copy and widely held titles, also continue to be an area of need for consortial collaboration. CWG could follow up on recommendations of the Statewide Serials Collection Task Force. Consortial pricing for some resources such as Chronicle of Higher Education and Nature online resulted from this task force's work. Discussion of the NIH open access policy followed. What do we truly have access to? A focus on reputable open access publishers is needed. There was discussion on whether future meetings should be in-person or virtual. Voice Over IP with microphone/headphones is a reasonable alternative to in-person meetings in order to save money on travel costs. It was agreed that at least the first meeting after new members are seated should be in-person. If conference calls are used, it was suggested that these meetings be shorter, well-defined meetings.

8. Annual Report Draft

The group reviewed Marlene's draft and suggested minor revisions.

9. Other Business

There will be a conference call on June 22 about the Book Digitization proposals. Scoring is due by June 16.

In conclusion, Marlene asked committee members to answer the question "What is the most important thing this group could do for your library?" Answers included focusing on serials, purchase on demand consortial implementation, promoting cooperative collections in Illinois, and planning forums.

Respectfully submitted by Chad Buckley