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# E-Resources Working Group Annual Report Fiscal Year 2010

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**Annual Report**  
**CARLI Electronic Resources Working Group (ERWG)**  
**June 2010**

**Membership:**

Jeannette Pierce (2007-2010), Loyola University, Chair

John Blosser (2009-2010), Northwestern University

Linda Carlisle (2009-2011), Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville

Anita Foster (2009-2012), Illinois State University

Denise Green (2009-2012), Millikin University

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Illinois State Library Liaison: Gwen Harrison

CARLI Staff: Cindy Clennon, David Hamilton, Elizabeth Clarage

**Highlights of Activity**

**Electronic Resource Proposal Evaluations** – outside of the CARLI database brokering program the ERWG received and reviewed approximately 21 new e-resource proposals. Of these, 5 products were offered directly to the libraries. New agreements were put in place for JSTOR, ArtSTOR, Nature and Scientific American.

**Targeting Resources of Greatest Value** – building on the work done last year by the ERWG related to resources of greatest value, work continued this year to pursue agreements for two of the most commonly held titles, Science and Nature, as reported in the Statewide Serials Task Force Report. The publishers of Science were unwilling to meet the minimum discount level of 10% set by CARLI. But we were successful in putting an agreement in place to allow CARLI member libraries to subscribe to Nature and Scientific American.

**Health Sciences Resource** – the ERWG, in conjunction with the CARLI E-Resources and Business Services staff, decided not to renew the current agreement with Mary Ann Liebert Publishing so that agreement was allowed to end on 12/31/09. A search was initiated for a replacement resource to support allied health programs. To facilitate this search, a Health Sciences Advisory Group was convened and looked at a variety of resources for possible licensing. Ultimately this group recommended the purchase of the Springer eBook Medicine collection for the entire consortium. This collection includes all English and International titles published in the years 2005 through 2010. It is anticipated that the collection will include approximately 1,625 titles by the end of 2010.

**Shared Contribution Program** – due to budgetary constraints the funding for the third and final year of the shared contribution program was suspended so no new products other than the Springer eBooks Medicine Collection were purchased for the consortium membership.

Here is an update on the current cost recovery:

| Offering            | Dollar Amount Recovered | Percentage of Target |
|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Sage Deep Backfiles | \$189,175               | 84%                  |
| 2008 Offerings      | \$142,790               | 56%                  |

The 2008 offerings included Black Thought & Culture, Historical Statistics of the US, Sage E-Reference, and Women & Social Movements

**Licensing Workshop** – based on feedback on the evaluations from the most recent CARLI Licensing Workshop, work has begun on a series of follow-up sessions. These sessions will be offered as webinars and will begin in the fall with a session lead by Becky Albitz, of Pennsylvania State University on reading and negotiating license agreements. Becky is the author of “Licensing and Managing Electronic Resources”. Other topics to be included in the series are:

- ◆ Redesigning your Licensing Workflow
- ◆ Licensing and copyright issues
- ◆ ERMS: What’s in it for Me? – Anita would like to work on this break-out
- ◆ Best Practices for Compiling Usage Statistics
- ◆ CARLI E-Resources Program – an overview

**Third-Party Database RFP** – the ERWG assisted in the creation of the title list included in the RFP. The RFP resulted in the addition of Oxford University Press, Ovid and Thomson Reuters to the list of CARLI vendors.

**Migration of Products previously offered by MLNC** - once the decision was made to stop licensing the Oxford English Dictionary from MLNC; CARLI did not have to continue paying for MLNC memberships for all of our libraries. As a result it became necessary for CARLI to consider offering many of the products previously offered by MLNC to our members. The ERWG was also helpful in the review of these products to determine which of them should be included in the RFP document. Ultimately this list included all of the products previously offered by MLNC that had more than a handful of subscribers.

**Streaming Video Guidelines** – The ERWG met face-to-face in September to discuss streaming video offers. It became apparent that some baseline expectations for video products were needed for use as libraries consider the addition of video to their collections. So the attached guidelines were developed.

**Streaming Video Symposium** – along with the Collections Working Group the ERWG is co-sponsoring a Streaming Video symposium on July 22 at Parkland College. Members of the ERWG are also participants in the symposium planning group.

**ERWG Members Working with Vendors** – with the many vendor proposals coming to the ERWG for review it was suggested that working group members could serve as initial points of contact with vendors. But as they would be acting on behalf of the CARLI office staff, guidelines were needed about what could and could not be addressed in those discussions. So the CARLI staff and working group members collaborated on the creation of vendor conversation guidelines.