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CARLI Collections Working Group Minutes

January 28, 2011 Illinois Institute of Technology

Members attending: John Dorr, chair, Illinois Institute of Technology; David Green, Northeastern Illinois University; Karen Janke, Erikson Institute; Harriet Lightman, Northwestern University; Jim Millhorn, Northern Illinois University; Heather Parisi, Dominican University; Marlene Slough, Eastern Illinois University; William Thompson, Western Illinois University

Members absent: Fred Barnhart, Loyola University Chicago; Frances Drone-Silvers, Parkland College; Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Governors State University

Staff attending: Elizabeth Clarage

Staff absent: Connie Walsh

Announcements:

Our colleagues pointed to a number of significant personnel moves. Illinois Institute of Technology is looking for a new Dean. Dominican is seeking a new University Librarian. Northwestern seeks a new Associate University Librarian for Collection Services, whereas Northeastern has posted a notice for an Education Librarian. Erikson has migrated to a new open source ILS system—KOHA.

All of us at public institutions are grappling with the new reporting requirements vis-à-vis vendors. It is universally agreed that the wording of the law makes vendor contacts much more restrictive, but there are still no clear guidelines. CARLI has not taken an official stance on the issue for the reason that each business office throughout the state has its own local implementation. In other words, each of us will have to improvise as we move into this new arena. There is little sentiment in Springfield to roll back the legislation. Legislators do not in any way want to appear that they are ethically challenged or soft on corruption.

Elizabeth indicated that there would be two forthcoming workshops devoted to preservation. The first will be held at Heartland Community College on March 1, 2011. This will be an all day event devoted to basic repairs for circulating book collections. The second will address disaster planning and will feature a simulated book burning and recovery of materials. The workshop venue is Illinois Fire Services Institute, Champaign. There is a \$50 registration fee for the program.

Book Digitization Initiative

CARLI has spent the first funds devoted to digitization with the Internet Archive. We are presently moving into the second phase of the Initiative. There is a new agreement. It appears digitization costs are rising, and we may need to work with the IA on costs after July 1. There have been some changes in the way books are viewed on the Internet Archive. These latter changes have impacted the tutorial that was posted last year. Elizabeth is going to retrieve some usage statistics for the tutorial and see if they warrant a change in the tutorial. CARLI still has the source file for the tutorial and consequently it may not be big a deal to edit the tutorial. Elizabeth also noted

that an institution has submitted a revised proposal as the CWG had encouraged. We can revisit the proposal with our next conference call.

We also garnered volunteers for forthcoming Book of the Month selections: Karen—February; Heather—March; Lydia—April; and Bill—May.

Training Programs

We placed some approximate dates for broadcasting webinars. John and Karen are preparing a spiel on ILL usage data for February. I am going to do a webinar on collecting Counter Reports and how to employ them in March. Elizabeth will approach Anita Foster at Illinois State University and confirm that she will do a follow-up to the latter focusing on U-Stat for April. Heather volunteered to ask a colleague at her institution if she would be willing to do a session on usage data derived from Serials Solutions for May.

Fall Forum

It did not start out as a fall forum, but it ended up that way. We did have a lengthy discussion and it appeared to me that everyone was determined on nailing down a theme. It was agreed that the forum would revolve around the issue of open access and its implications and opportunities for collections. We came up with a tentative title for the program—Open Access: Knowledge Creation and Collection Development. We also came up with three possible dates—September 16 or 23, and October 14. We saw all of these dates as a favorable prelude to Open Access Week toward the end of October. It is too early on to decide who the speakers will be but we did determine that there would be two keynote speakers—one speaker would represent a teaching faculty perspective whereas the second would represent a librarian perspective. I nominated NIU's Dave Gunkel as a potential keynote. I thought he was a good match in that he is editor of an open access journal—International Journal of Zizek Studies—and that he written a good deal about publishing and the internet. Another possible choice would be UIC's former provost—Michael D. Tanner. From a librarian perspective a number of names were put forth including David Carlson, Paula Kaufman, Mary Case, Kara Malenfant from ACRL, etc. The afternoon breakout sessions would focus on practical and utilitarian things that libraries can do to take advantage of open access publishing. Bill offered to broadcast a note to encourage volunteer presenters for the breakout sessions. There was also considerable discussion about locating a venue for the forum. There were a number of institutions placed on the table, and we will have to nail down a location in relatively short order. I think we concluded the discussion with the notion that the forum was on solid ground.

IFLA

We contacted Lydia by phone for our last piece of business. She asked if anyone in our group was interested in collaborating with her on an IFLA proposal that would focus on generating a directory of Special Collections for the state of Illinois. I think everyone agrees that such a directory would be a valuable tool, but no one seemed ready to commit to an IFLA presentation as proposals must be submitted by the end of the January. For further discussion Heather thought it would be a good idea to have a subgroup explore the feasibility of assembling a Special Collections Directory. Heather, Marlene, Lydia, and Elizabeth will work as a small group and then bring its discussion back to the larger group.

The group concluded its business near three o'clock.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Millhorn Head of Acquisitions Northern Illinois University Libraries