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I-Share Users' Group Minutes

Thursday, February 10, 2011, 10:00 am-2:40 pm

Joint Meeting with the I-Share Resource Sharing Team

100 Trade Centre Drive,
CARLI Office Suite 303, Training Room 340,
Champaign, IL 61820

Present from IUG: Mary Burkee (UIU, by phone), Howard Carter (SIC), Belinda Cheek (NCC), Sandy Craig (IEC, by phone), Cindy Fuller (MIL), Tom Goetz (WRH), Nancy Laverdiere (WIU), Carlos Melian (NEI), Jason Rossi (RMC), Karen Whisler (EIU).

Present from Resource Sharing Team: Marilyn Clay (OAK, by phone), Susie Duncan (UIU), Li Fu (CSU, by phone), Pam Greelee (ONU), Dallas Long (ISU), Amanda Musacchio (ADL), Rachel Stivers (HRT), Kathy Willis (ELM).

CARLI Staff present: Lorna Engels, Mel Farrell, Kris Hammerstrand, Cathy Salika, Susan Singleton.

The minutes of the November 19, 2010 IUG conference call meeting were approved.

UB Standardized Policies Discussion facilitated by the CARLI Staff.

- K. Hammerstrand and L. Engels presented statistical information on UB activity.
 - In general, there was a six percent increase in UB activity from 2008 to 2009 and a ten percent increase from 2009 to 2010. There are many variables that might be contributing to the increase, including the introduction of VU-Find.
 - Only eight percent of UB borrowers who renew their materials three times are invoking the three renewals in quick succession option.
 - From 1/1/2009 through 8/1/2010, eighty percent of UG items were returned within four weeks and eighty percent of UBReg items were returned within fifteen weeks.
- Reports of complaints from faculty and graduate students who find the new UB loan/renewal period too short with opinions from Circulation Staff dealing with calling lending libraries to get loan periods increased to accommodate patron needs led to lengthy discussion. Finding it difficult to reach complete consensus, the group suggested two possible courses of action to recommend to the CARLI Board:
 1. Increase the number of renewals for faculty borrowers from three to six.
 2. Make no changes.

Why don't libraries loan AV materials through I-Share?

- R. Stivers prepared a list of barriers to loaning AV materials gleaned from the resource sharing discussion list, and staff presented a chart showing the variety of item types assigned to media materials.
- Libraries are encouraged to standardize item type coding to clarify if a title is available for request or not.
- Staff will ask the CARLI Board whether we should standardize the loan period of 2 weeks, no renewals, for all AV materials that are not flagged as non-circulating or not requestable.

Recommendation to eliminate UB fines.

- Points in favor of eliminating all UB fines include data that shows the cost of collecting fines is more than the amount of money collected, lost book billings and blocks appear more effective at getting items returned, overdue notices seem to be ignored, etc. This change would not affect local practices for local patrons.
- The consensus of the group was to recommend to the CARLI Board that all UB overdue fines be eliminated, that all fees of \$9.99 or less be automatically deleted, and that the minimum balance for fine notices be set to \$10.00.
- The group asked the Resource Sharing Team to investigate the possibility of standardizing UB lost book billing practices.

S. Singleton introduced e-books as a discussion topic for the future of resource sharing. E-books present several challenges to resource sharing due to licensing agreement restrictions, the difficulty in providing access and finding funds to purchase e-book collections.

At this point, the Resource Sharing Team adjourned to another room to meet and the IUG continued with their agenda.

CARI Update (S. Singleton & Kris Hammerstrand):

- CARLI staff will be participating in Voyager 8 field testing.
- URM project has been renamed Alma.
- ELUNA Conference to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 11-13, 2011.
- CARLI is evaluating the viability of Tomcat Web Voyage.
- CARLI investigating patron privacy issues involving Google Analytics and other usage metrics.
- UIU and UIC are interested in deep transaction log analysis linked to patron demographics.
- The Purchase on Demand Project at UIUC has finished and CARLI is very interested in figuring out ways to implement a continuing process.
- Future discussion item - Is there a way to clarify catalog displays for e-resources not available to all patrons?

Liaison reports from IUG functional teams

- Acquisitions and Serials
 - The Team last met on January 26, 2011. Next team meeting scheduled for February 23d as a conference call.
 - Team members are nearing completion on the Acq/Serials wiki.
 - Acq/Serials open houses are being planned for spring 2011.
 - March 17, 2011 Eureka College
 - March 24, 2011 Northeastern Illinois University
 - April 20, 2011 SIUC
 - May 12, 2011 Wheaton College
- Catalog and Authority Control
 - Finalizing Spring Forum, May 17, 2011 UIS. Topics include RDA, Voyager 8, MARC Edit, PromptCat.
- Instruction

- Planning June 10, 2011 forum at Heartland Community College. Topics include embedded librarians, collaboration between faculty and librarians.
- OPAC
 - Continued tweaking VuFind.
- Resource Sharing
 - Just met with IUG.

Midyear report to CARLI Board will be based on the discussion of UB policies.

Discussion of possible IUG actions on CatER recommendations was tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2011 at the CARLI Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Whisler