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Annual Report
CARLI Electronic Resources Working Group (ERWG)
June 2012

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CARLI staff: Cindy Clennon, David Hamilton (resigned 08/2011), Mary Burkee (joined 12/2011)

Highlights of Activity

Electronic Resource Proposal Evaluations

The ERWG received six new resource proposals in FY2012. Four proposals were rejected and a decision about the fifth was postponed, as more information about the resource was needed. A sixth resource was tabled for future consideration when timing was better for evaluating it. A continuing proposal, ACM Digital Library, was voted to move into negotiations. The paperwork for the ACM Digital Library was completed and it was available in Fall 2011 for selection by member libraries.

E-Resources Working Group Charge Revision

The formal charge statement for ERWG needed to be updated, as some of the functions were defunct due to changes in CARLI structure over the last few years. At the annual in-person meeting, held at Illinois Wesleyan University, members discussed possible changes to the charge. Cindy Clennon incorporated the changes into the charge and the scope of work statement was updated on the CARLI website.

Methods for identifying new member library electronic resource offerings

As the number of new electronic resource proposals is dwindling, the ERWG explored alternate ways of identifying new resources that may benefit all member libraries. In the winter, members of ERWG worked on two projects for identifying possible new products for consideration.

Denise Green spearheaded an investigation of SFX usage data. She had Paige Weston run a statistical query against the SFX logs that looked for journals that were frequently requested but for which no library had full text activated for their users. The two titles with the highest result were low cost subscriptions so the group did not pursue consortial options for them. However, JAMA and Science also were frequently requested so Cindy Clennon sent queries to them to see if their consortial models had changed.

The second project involved all members of ERWG. Cindy divided the list of CARLI member libraries amongst the ERWG members. Members then surveyed the websites of those libraries to see what electronic resources are offered to their users. Each subset was compiled into a single master document. The master document was further reduced by eliminating CARLI subsidized or currently brokered offerings and free resources. When the list was finalized, it analyzed to determine the most frequently offered resources. Mary Burkee developed an Electronic Resource Interest Survey, using the top 7-10 resources as the basis for the survey. The survey will be announced in June 2012.

Potential Future Activities

- Fall or Spring program:
  - ERWG is in the early stages of planning for a fall or spring program. Possible topics for the program are collecting and analyzing electronic resource usage statistics, the use of alternate subscription models (aka "pay as you go") and evaluating and leaving "big deal" packages.
- Assisting in the evaluation of the responses to the Electronic Resource Interest Survey
- Providing support to CARLI as it continues exploring options for consortia access to electronic books