SCDC Committee Meeting
20 May 2013

10-11:30 am

Mary Beth Chambers – UCCS; Yem Fong – CUB; Yumin Jiang – HSC; Joan Lamborn – UNC; Janet Lee – Regis; Terry Leopold – Alliance; Allison Level – CSU (by phone); Michael Levine-Clark – DU; Lisa Lister – CC; George Machovec – Alliance; Ellen Metter – Aur; Denise Pan – Auraria; Julia Proctor – UW (by phone); Sylvia Rael – CMU; Doug Stehle – HSC; Heather Whitehead – Mines (by phone)

University Press e-books

Michael reported on the work of the subcommittee on University Press e-books. The consensus was that with so many separate offers and deals, from so many sources, added to the fact that many libraries already have multiple deals and systems to acquire ebooks, it is probably impossible to do any kind of meaningful ebooks purchase through the Alliance. It would be very difficult to avoid duplications. Two options are

- Do something with an individual publisher. Palgrave is a possibility; they have expressed interest.
- Add university press publishers to our DDA project.

GALE package update (formerly InfoTrac)

Libraries are still considering the renewal of the slightly revised Gale package. It may be a smaller group this year.

FirstSearch update

- George reported on the progress of the statewide contract for FirstSearch. CLiC is handling this contract. The old version of FirstSearch will exist through the end of the calendar year. A new FirstSearch will be available, and there will be trials set up.

- CLiC is trying to negotiate a deal with a set statewide price, no matter how many libraries participate. If previously participating libraries drop out, the price for remaining libraries will rise. Once the total price is negotiated, CLiC will put a call out to all libraries asking for a commitment to participate.
- CLiC will add a 3% administrative management fee to the cost.

Ebsco/AIRS package

- Terry reiterated the information previously sent out concerning the Alliance subsidy for the AIRS package. The subsidy will be reduced from previous years, from a 50% subsidy to less than 20%.

This reduction is due to a Board decision to draw money from the Alliance portfolio more slowly than in the past. Member Council had discussed and approved this reduction in subsidy.

- Concern was expressed about the large decrease in the subsidy and the fact that it happened in a single year, rather than gradually over several. More communication between the committee and the Board was suggested.

ArtStor Shared Shelf

ArtStor Shared Shelf has been unbundled from ArtStor. A library does not have to subscribe to ArtStor in order to get the Shared Shelf product. The rep from ArtStor is working with libraries individually.

DDA Assessment

- Michael presented data from the subcommittee. Most important seemed to be the percentage of total use (STLs, uses after purchase, autopurchases) each library represented. Less important was which particular library initiated the actual purchase, as that was somewhat random. I.e., one library might have been the one initiating all the STLs on a certain book, and a different library happened to be the one triggering the purchase.
- CSU is the big user of DDA so far. Allison (on the phone) indicated that CSU is interested in continuing the pilot for another year, and that CSU will contribute a higher percentage of the additional costs, in recognition of their high usage.
- Michael indicated that based on the current data, most purchased titles have been used only by 2.1 libraries. This means that we're paying a multiplier greater than the number of users. However, the data is still slight, and this may change with time.
- George reported that the spend rate each month is going up. This is logical since more titles are included, particularly since Ebrary was slow in starting but now has more titles. With time, we can expect the total costs to rise. We still have funds left from the initial contribution, but more funds will be needed to carry the project for another year.
- Future spending for FY 2013/14:
    o CSU will contribute $20,000
    o Auraria, DU, Regis, UNC, UW will each contribute $4,000.
    o CC, Mesa, and UCCS, all of which had minimal usage, will not need to contribute additional funds.
- Funding will be revisited next year.
- Most want more publishers to be added. We can have YBP start negotiations with publishers to see if they are willing to participate. Some who previously declined to participate may now see this as a successful project and decide to join.

ACTION: Terry will send out a list of additional publishers, previously suggested by committee members, to the committee for additions and revisions. Once we have a final list, Michael will talk to Barbara Kawecki at YBP about approaching publishers.

DDA for print

- An obstacle to DDA for print is deciding where to house a particular title.
- CSU now gives a link to Prospector if a title is listed there, so patrons can request it.
- Possible approach: load titles that come on an approval plan. Patrons can then request that a particular title be ordered.
- DDA for print will probably have to be a single agenda item for a future meeting, with inclusion of cataloguers and/or IT staff.

Non English monographs

There is some interest in collaborating on the purchase of non English monographs. CUB and DU are already cooperating on the purchase of monographs in French. Each library purchases monographs on certain time periods; e.g., 19th century literature. CSU and UW may be interested in participating. Boulder is interested in collaborating on Italian and Slavic titles.

Michael and Yem will have further discussions on this to see if there's a way to expand the project.

Print storage

First step to putting together a print storage cooperative effort might be to construct a survey of member libraries concerning current storage policies/procedures. Some possible questions:

- Do you have a storage facility?
- What goes there? Perhaps multiple questions with specific options.
- Commitment to storage:
    o What you commit to keep
    o How retrievable?
    o Time frame for delivery

NEXT MEETING: 15 July, Alliance conference room.

Minutes by Terry Leopold