Shared Collection Development Committee

April 8, 2019 10am-noon

Attendees: Barbara Borst (CMU), Diana Carney (Alliance), Emma Covelli (CSM), Beth Denker (Alliance), Katy DiVittorio (Aur), Rhonda Glazier (UCCS), Jeff Grossman (CMU), Gregory Heald (UNC), Yumin Jiang (UCHSC), Jennifer Lawson (CSU-Pueblo), Kayla Lenkner (CC), ), Allison Level (CSU), Michael Levine-Clark (DU), Debbie McCarthy (UW), Dave Macauley (UW), Rose Nelson (Alliance), Cairie Riney (Regis), Gabby Wiersma (CUB)

1. There will be a FOLIO Meetup June 4th at the University of Denver. Please save the date. George, CLiC, Marmot, and EBSCO reps will be speaking.
2. OER Update: The OER Conference will be in May. Beth had sent out some information to the SCDC group, but some of it was incorrect. The OTN train-the-trainer portion is May 30, and the conference is May 31. The train-the-trainer training is open to One or two people from institutions of Higher Ed that are nominated by their institution and then the OER council will apportion spots and notify those selected to attend. If you are interested and need more information please contact Spencer at CDHE for up-to-date information. The State of Colorado has paid for consortial membership to OTN for Colorado state institutions. Metter had asked via email if Colorado State Institutions can review OTN resources. No one knew on the call. Metter followed up via email that Colorado State institution campuses are “eligible to complete OTN reviews if a rep from the campus will be at the “train the trainer” session on May 30th.”
3. Discussion about topics for the May 17th in-person SCDC: The meeting will take place between 10 am and 3 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss topics of value to everyone, build community and get to know each other better. Katy has volunteered to help planning with Michael, George, Gabby and Beth. SCDC thought that the Elsevier renewal would be a great topic of discussion. The renewal is 20 months away. Negotiations are usually started a year prior to contract end. The process involves group wide discussions then the appointment of a negotiating team. A larger discussion of the “Big Deal” model of e-resource acquisitions would also be of benefit. Many agreed as Elsevier’s is not the only big deal up for renewal in the next few years. The fallout from the University of California’s non-renewal with Elsevier and developing models, such as Read and Publish, are changing the landscape. The Alliance will need to keep on top of the changes and protect its member collections in case of cancellation. Other topics of interest included priorities for the Alliance in the coming years, how the committee should be thinking about shared collection strategies, and best practices for creating efficiencies in purchasing e-resources. Auraria also mentioned an Auraria/Alliance initiative to pilot streaming video. A session on Alliance history and current functions and practices would be helpful for newer members as there has been a lot of turnover on the committee in the past few years. Another potential topic is an overview of the Google Books project and a demo of the library comparison tool’s new functionality. Topics shouldn’t be things covered easily over the phone. The planning group will meet to sketch out an agenda.
4. Rose Nelson joined the call to discuss forming a small committee for planning a joint workshop between COALA and the Alliance on diversity and inclusivity in collection building. Rose mentioned that Fridays look like good days for the meeting and said they were looking at July 12th or 26th. If those dates did not work, they were also looking at the week of July 22, generally. She will send out a poll to find the best date for potential attendees. She is checking to see if the DU Anderson Academic Commons will be available for the workshop. It was decided that a small committee would be formed from the SCDC committee and COALA members to select topics and look at potential speakers. Katy is hosting a collections and diversity e-forum and might be interested in planning and possibly speaking at the workshop. Shannon Tharp from DU was also named as a possible member of the planning committee. Please forward any topics for consideration to Michael, Gabby, George or Rose and they will take them to the committee. Michael mentioned that there is a special issue of Collection Management devoted to this topic that came out in the past few years.
5. ACRL Roadshows – reminder to register
   1. ACRL Research Data Management Workshop at UNC (May 13) - <https://digscholarship.unco.edu/rdm_workshop/>

* 1. ACRL Scholarly Communication Roadshow at Auraria (May 24) <https://library.auraria.edu/scholary-communication-roadshow>

1. ccAdvisor update: Beth sent out an update in March that EBSCO is taking over renewal management/invoicing/administration of ccAdvisor. This shouldn’t change anything for Alliance members. If there is a problem with access, please contact her.
2. SpringerNature ebooks and ejournals offer: Beth sent out an email on March 25 regarding this offer. It involves combining the existing Springer ebooks agreement into a big deal by adding ejournals. Springer will add more favorable rates of rise for the next license period. The offer is for a four year deal and negotiations start this winter. Beth sees some problems with this offer: Springer wants Alliance members to fill gaps in ebook and journal collections, including Palgrave, at a collective cost of $900k+. It would also involve committing funds to ongoing subscriptions Alliance members were not previously purchasing. This offer is likely not affordable for smaller institutions.

Currently, most Alliance members get Springer journals through GWLA or Lyrasis. Springer would like to consolidate Alliance member content on the Alliance contract. One positive benefit to the offer is that schools without Springer journals could get in for $7500 (Americas package). Beth has received the following general feedback from SCDC members: 1) It is appealing to get better rates of rise and access to all of the Springer content. 2) Older content is not necessarily worth the cost. 3) Some institutions are not interested in Palgrave content. Auraria is not interested in the ebook back file. They are interested in moving journals to the Alliance. Michael mentioned the failed Springer IPO, stating that investors were wary of Springer’s financial condition and that libraries should beware of entering long-term agreements with them. He also said that the current model of “big deal” purchasing of digital content was shifting and that the Alliance could end up with limited options if entrenched in long-term big deals with Springer and other large publishers. Allison mentioned that CSU is not interested in Palgrave. Michael said that DU is interested in the full ebook collection. Jennifer said that CSU-Pueblo is interested in Nature journals and Beth clarified that, although Nature journals were not part of the offer, member libraries could purchase individual Nature titles at a 15% discount with a 4% cap on annual increases.

Beth concluded the discussion, stating that she viewed the offer as a jumping off point for negotiation in the winter. She would like feedback on Springer content that members are interested in. SCDC members with journals via GWLA are welcome to stay with that package or decide to move to an Alliance offering.

Elsevier: Discussion about CDL/Read and Publish

* 1. Member Council discussions: Michael described Member Council’s discussion about making a statement to Elsevier regarding their current purchasing model and high prices. He believes that a carefully worded statement would be appropriate. The Alliance does not want to disadvantage its members when negotiating. Unlike CDL, Alliance libraries have different levels of ability to subscribe to Elsevier. George and Michael will meet to discuss the composition of the statement.
  2. Adjustments to “subscribed to” titles: Beth and Michael began a discussion regarding post-cancellation rights to subscribed titles. Alliance members have mostly not paid attention to subscribed titles relative to one another. If we are thinking about ending/changing the Alliance/Elsevier big deal, we need to make sure we have as much subscribed content as possible within the Alliance. We need to be asking what can we do together to maximize content if the license negotiation falls apart. The University of California walked away from negotiation with Elsevier after asking for a read and publish model. It will be prudent to note how future Cal/large publisher negotiations play out. Gabby mentioned that license post cancellation hosting fees should be carefully negotiated and we should think about post cancellation content and hosting fees for all deals going forward.

Other thoughts on big deal negotiations and shifting purchase models included the hope that George would have some information from ICOLC on these topics. Michael mentioned an upcoming issue of Collection Management devoted to these issues including an article on the Virginia library consortium (VIVA) thoughts and strategies on future big deals and model changes.

Beth mentioned that the current Elsevier license states that if either two or three libraries have the same “subscribed to” titles, then all Alliance libraries have post cancellation access. She will check the license to determine the specifics. We should have no more than two or three (depending on license specifics) libraries subscribing and should try to spread out the supply of “subscribed to” titles if at all possible. There is a new CEO at Elsevier so negotiation may be better or worse than anticipated

Discount: Elsevier is offering a 50% off of all access content: old ebooks, MRWs, book series (backfiles), textbooks and handbooks. The Alliance is not coordinating these purchases; each institution does their own thing on this. The offer stands for the next year and a half; please keep the discount in mind.

Cataloging questions, clarifications:

There does not appear to be a package of MARC records to select for specific Alliance purchases. Cairie is working with Elsevier to gain access to records from Elsevier’s admin tool, but is having trouble getting her login to work. Yumin is also working with Elsevier to get customized sets of records. She will share as more information becomes available.

1. Academic Libraries Video Trust: Beth: sent a follow up offer last Friday. Please look at it and let her know if you are interested. So far, five libraries indicated interested. It takes two or more libraries to get discounts for each of the two options. Please be aware that this is not a streaming service. Libraries can only access titles that they own or have previously owned. Contact Beth if interested.
2. New Offers & Renewals: Beth is working on renewal pricing for Ovid and Nexus Uni. She is sending new offers out when she gets them based on user priority.