

SHARED COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

8 December 2014

10 A.M. – 11:00

PHONE-IN MEETING

Nancy Allen (DU); Sandy Barstow (UW); Diana Carney (Regis); Yem Fong (CUB); Jeff Grossman (CMU); Yumin Jiang (HSC); Joan Lamborn (UNC); Terry Leopold (Alliance); Allison Level (CSU); Michael Levine-Clark (DU); Lisa Lister (CC); George Machovec (Alliance); Stephanie Spratt (UCCS); Tiffanie Wick (WSCU); Gabrielle Wiersma (CUB)

SHARED PRINT ARCHIVE

The subcommittee on Last Copy Policy (associated with the Shared Print MOU) presented a draft of their document. George and Michael led a discussion of the draft. Sections include Procedures, Exceptions, Replacing Unique Copies, and Print replaced with an E-Book Version. Some points brought up:

- Add something about the Disclosure process and reference the Disclosure document (still to be written)
- Strengthen point 7 under Procedures to make more clear the fact that when a library transfers last copies to another library, the titles are not only physically transferred but *ownership* of the titles is as well.
- All procedures are contingent on professional judgment. It is not required that last copies be retained or transferred; some items will be discarded at the original owner library's discretion.
- Disclosure should also be deployed when a last copy is identified by the owning library, even if that title is not to be transferred.
- If a library has an ongoing understanding with a retaining library that the retaining library will take all last copies from the discarding library, that agreement can continue without the need for compiling a list of last copies to distribute to the group.
- Some libraries may require a signature to the MOU from someone outside the library in the administrative chain.

ACTION: George will rewrite to incorporate suggestions.

The Disclosure subcommittee is meeting on December 12 and will prepare a draft of that document. This draft will be circulated to the committee.

There may be a need for a separate document concerning last copy journals. Procedures already in place for the WEST project may be useful as a model. Discussion of this and preparation of this document can wait until after other documents are presented to Member Council.

ACTION: When all documents are completed at least in draft form, they will be presented to Member Council, probably at their meeting on 9 January 2015.

COLLECTION ANALYSIS TOOL

Chet Rebman of the Alliance presented and demonstrated the Collection Analysis Tool he's been working on. Some points:

- Can compare your collection with another library's or group of libraries' to show unique items.
- Can limit by various facets such as call number, subject, date range, type of material.

Nancy suggested this analysis tool be shown at the upcoming Member Council meeting. All agreed this was an impressive project.

ACTION: George will demonstrate the project at the Member Council meeting on 9 January 2015.

ELSEVIER CONTRACT

The current contract for ScienceDirect will be in its final year in 2015, expiring Dec 31 2015. Both Elsevier and the Alliance want to start negotiations for renewal soon. There is a meeting at ALA midwinter, open to all interested Deans/Directors and CD people. The meeting is on Saturday, 31 January, 4:00-5:30. Place TBA.

SWETS AND MONITERING FISCAL HEALTH OF VENDORS

The SWETS bankruptcy has led to a concern at most libraries on how to monitor the fiscal stability of vendors. Different campuses place this responsibility on different departments; there is no consistency among campuses. The question is whether the Alliance can assist in evaluating vendors and making information available to Alliance members. Some points brought up:

- Michael noted that exposure is less crucial in the case of content. If a vendor which supplies content has financial difficulty, it is likely that another vendor will purchase and continue to provide that content, with only a temporary loss of access. Vendors which provide a service such as SWETS are more problematic.
- Michael also noted that information on vendors is often hard to locate (especially for privately held companies) and even if found, is very hard to interpret and understand by someone without a solid financial background.
- George suggested identifying some parameters to control how many vendors should be tracked at all. One example would be limiting such investigation to vendors with whom we have a contract over a certain dollar amount.
- There were several comments that more information about the status of corporate health of key vendors would indeed be very helpful since there is apparently no common process across Alliance libraries for assessing risk.

ACTION: George and Nancy will discuss this further to see if there is a role for the Alliance. George will also send a note to the ICOLC listserv to see if other consortia help in this way.

Database update

Terry presented information on specific databases:

Databases under consideration:

- AIP Digital Archives and journals. Info sent out again 10.30.14. CSU is very interested in the Digital Archive. If other libraries want to join in, the total discount for all will be greater. UW will join the current subscription offer: continue to subscribe to your own titles, pay an access fee to get access to all other titles.
- Elsevier ebooks. Jenn Tesch and Lorane Crawford are supposed to present a new proposal. They are or will be contacting each library to discuss the possibility of purchasing ebook subject collections which correlate with high use areas.
- Ideas Roadshow. Info sent out 10.30.14. video “long conversations” on a variety of topics. Pricing from \$1,500 - \$5,000 a year, depending on size of library. Pricing good until 12.14.14. one library interested, but probably not until next year.
- National Geographic/Smithsonian collections. Info sent out 10.6.14. Mix and match offer – can get 1 or more collections from either site. 1 collection = 40% discount. More than 1 = 48% discount. One library has purchased.
- PlumX. The Alliance hosted a presentation on PlumX on 9 Oct. Ebsco sent pricing 10.14.14; info sent out 10.14.14. Substantial discounts for early adopters, by Nov 30. Lesser discount by June 30 2015. Pricing is good until June 30.
- RMA eStatements. Information sent out 10.23.14. Flat rate of \$2,750 per library. Three libraries did a trial. If anyone wants to get this, let me know.
- Routledge Handbooks. Information sent out 10.9.14. Priced by collection. Pricing good until March 2015.
- Sage *Research Methods and Cases*. Info sent out June 2014. I think a couple of libraries have purchased, in addition to DU which had it when the offer went out.
- Sage Stats. Reps are talking to libraries individually,
- SCOPUS. Elsevier. Info sent out 12.4.14. My understanding of the proposal is that if the CU campuses and DU go forward for 2015 at a total cost of \$130K, access would be given to the entire Alliance for 2015. Costs for 2016 for each institution are in the proposal.
- TAIR. Two libraries interested. Need commitment this month.

Databases that have garnered no interest

- ArtStor Shared shelf. No interest. Info sent out Sept 2014.
- Digital Theatre Plus. One library subscribed; no further interest. Info sent out a couple of times, starting July 2014.
- IGI collections, both journals and books. Info sent out numerous times, starting 3.31.14. also offer of a webinar. No interest.
- ProQuest Premium Content (Art, Design and Architecture; Social Sciences; SciTech). Info sent out 6.16.14. no interest.
- Psychotherapy.net. Info sent out 9.29.14. some interest. Balance of 2014 at no charge if you commit to 2015 before the end of the year.
- Springer *Papers*. Info sent out January 2014. No interest.

There was discussion on how to keep this information current and drop databases from discussion in a timely fashion. Some points:

- All offers and proposals are sent out by email to the entire Collection Development listserv. Sometimes revised offers are sent out, as the vendor requests.
- Offers and proposals are now being entered into Gold Rush, with the label "Under Consideration." Notes include when the offer was sent out and who replied.
- Some discussion of how else to provide this information.

ACTION: Terry can download the list of "Under consideration" titles from Gold Rush at intervals (monthly? Quarterly?) and distribute to the group as a spreadsheet.

NOTE: Rose has created a generic sign in and password to the Alliance Group Contracts portion of Gold Rush which she has distributed to the Collection Development listserv. All members of the listserv can sign into Gold Rush and see not only what we have as current contracts but also what products are "Under Consideration."

Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Minutes by Terry Leopold