Agenda

Shared Collection Development Committee

October 14, 2019 10am-noon

Attendees: Barbara Borst (CMU), Diana Carney (Alliance), Beth Denker (Alliance), Katy DiVittorio (Aur), Rhonda Glazier (UCCS), Jessica Hayden (UNC), Yumin Jiang (UCHSC), Jennifer Lawson (CSU-Pueblo), Allison Level (CSU), Michael Levine-Clark (DU), George Machovec (Alliance), Dave Macauley (UW), Debbie McCarthy (UW), Ellen Metter (Aur), Shannon Tharp (DU), Tiffanie Wick (WSCU), Gabby Wiersma (CUB)

1. Gold Rush Analytics new pivot table feature – demo

George demonstrated the new Gold Rush Analytics pivot table functionality that enables users to chart facets.

1. Update on Member Council discussion about the Elsevier big deal initial offer: George provided an update from Member Council and the negotiating team for the 2021 renewal. Feedback from member libraries on their negotiating priorities indicated that cost was the most important factor in the negotiation. The transformative elements that are disrupting the historical model, while important, are not the overriding concern of Alliance members. An example of a specific pricing concern is the fact that CSU and CUB are paying a large amount of the current subscription/access cost based on historical spend. The Alliance would like to reset the base and implement lower inflation rates once the base price has been reset. The current rate of rise is 3.75%.

As a prelude to negotiation, the Alliance is performing some data analytics, attempting to determine how many papers published per Alliance institution, who sits on editorial boards and managing editor participation. CUB has a good handle on this data for their institution, it would be useful if other members could collect this type of data also. Hiring an outside consultant was mentioned, due to the difficulty of collecting this data. George offered that Scopus and Web of Science do not have exactly what we want. UW and UCCS have access to Scopus and perhaps they can assist with developing an API to access desired data. At the last Member Council meeting Robert M. from CUB suggested mocking up an old Elsevier contract with desired terms and conditions and presenting it to Elsevier at the initial negotiation meeting. This is a proactive approach versus letting Elsevier have the upper hand in setting the agenda. It will also be useful to know what other libraries/consortia are asking for in their Elsevier negotiations. If we know that they are getting favorable terms, we can ask for the same or similar terms. Please let the Alliance team know of any information of this sort that you hear from library colleagues at other institutions. Other feedback included getting a sense of Alliance member commitments to an Elsevier renewal; as well as lower and upper limits of their budgets for a renewal. The Elsevier renewal is on the agenda for the next Member Council meeting and the kickoff meeting with Elsevier will occur at ALA Midwinter. The negotiating team requests that Alliance libraries meet with Elsevier reps. as needed, but take care not to enter into the journals negotiation with them if possible. It is likely that they will attempt to divide and conquer and the Alliance loses its leverage if they succeed.

1. California accessibility lawsuit and our e-resources: Michael reported that the Los Angeles Community College System was sued for ADA violations. The judge ruled against the District stating that e-resources must be accessible to everybody or may not be provided to anybody. Every single e-resource could be out of compliance with the potential impact to every library. There are multiple vendors that do not comply. The Big Ten Academic Alliance has taken the lead in analyzing every resource they offer to determine compliance. The goal is to bring e-resources up to the WCAG2.1 standard of compliance. To comply, member libraries can start by getting VPATs from all vendors and require VPATs in all contracts. Auraria has a pilot project to review a sampling of e-resource products with accessibility experts on campus. Katy will report back on their analysis. Vendors will need to invest in compliance. There is a concern that the expense of complying will be challenging for vendors, especially smaller vendors and vendors with older e-resource databases with non-compliant PDFs. CUB asks for VPATS from all vendors and also has in-house testing. Other compliance concerns include free sites and library in-house digitization projects with older databases. Knowing the difference between WCAG2.0 and WCAG2.1will be helpful. Perhaps CUB in-house testing staff could address this.
2. Ebooks inventory survey results: Beth: Not enough results have been returned to provide a meaningful analysis. She requested that member libraries complete and return their results; this is not a useful exercise unless the majority responds. Respondents were encouraged to see the big picture: how the Alliance can create more value, make current subscriptions more cost effective and wish list items attainable.
3. Forming a Diversity & Inclusivity in Collection Building task force? Michael thought there was interest in creating a 3 to 5 person group to develop ideas as a consortia to diversify collections. Katy (Aur), Dave (UW) and Shannon (DU) are interested in serving on the task force. If a librarian not on the SCDC would like to join, they are welcome. Contact Gabby, Beth, George or Michael if interested.
4. New Offers & Renewals
   1. Update on Springer eBooks: Beth: Springer is offering a .5% decrease in rate of rise if there was a collective spend of $250K. She is not sure if this is going to happen; she will send out another email about this offer for you to think about. The offer is for eBooks only. Beth thinks payments will need to be made by the end of the calendar year, but this may be negotiable.
   2. Update on Springer Journals: Beth: Alliance will have a license for Springer journals in fy20. The majority of interested libraries favor a 4 year deal with 2% annual increases. She is waiting to hear back from one library and is expecting a license for review soon. If you subscribe to individual Nature or Springer titles, you can continue to get them the way you were getting them. If you were getting them through GWLA, you can now get them through the Alliance. If you do not have a Springer journals subscription, you can join for $7500 for the first year. Beth will need to hear from you in the next couple of weeks if you want to join.
   3. Interest in possible Alliance T&F eBooks offering: Beth asked if there was interest in such a package. T&F used to be in the Alliance DDA package but left. Usage was minimal. CUB buys Routledge on a lot of different platforms; they are wondering if it is better to buy it on the T&F platform. They would like to review how T&F eBooks are being purchased by Alliance members and if it makes sense to coordinate through the Alliance, especially EBA packages. UW is currently buying the CRC package but are reconsidering this due to low usage. CUB buys front list access and gets the backlist to 2005. CSU is buying at the title level and might want to look at an EBA model. Usage statistics are lower year over year and it seems there is a problem with T&F statistics across subscribing libraries. They need to make sure their statistics reporting is accurate. There is interest, but it would be helpful to see what the options are for various imprints. Beth will talk with the rep. to see what options are available. Please indicate model preference and front list/backlist preferences if you have an interest. Several Alliance libraries already have invested in backlist collections and this might be useful in negotiating a discount for front list purchases. It is important that EBA titles be shared among participating libraries, but if one library is driving usage this should be taken into consideration for other libraries in the deal.
   4. Adam Matthew offer: Beth will send out this offer this week. The cost is one million dollars, but the Alliance would get credit for what UW has already spent and what DU has committed to (this is from the rep., DU has made no such commitment). Payments would be spread out through 2021 and would include perpetual access to all 80 primary source collections through 2019, including 10 new collections The offer also includes free MARC records at the document level, unlimited downloads, alumni access and data mining. It will not include access to new collections post 2019, but a deeper discount might be negotiable for future collections. Beth would need the license signed by the end of December so please indicate interest and maximum amount you are willing to spend.
   5. Annual Reviews offer: Auraria asked Beth to look into an offer from this vendor; it is currently another GWLA license. This offer has the same cost and terms as the GWLA offer, but is conditional on purchasing at least two new collections. There is not a lot of interest around this. Katy provided an update, stating that Auraria had to renew through GWLA because of a looming deadline so it is too late to put together a license for this year. Both Auraria and UW would be interested in looking at this through the Alliance for next year.
   6. ASME offer: Beth mentioned that there is interest in this offer and she will discuss options with the rep. and send out more information to Alliance members. If you haven’t looked at it yet, please review and let Beth know if you are interested.
   7. UPSO renewal changes: Beth will send pricing soon. Two presses are leaving the deal: MIT (doing ebook offers separately) and the University of California (no information on why they are leaving). Pricing will decrease because of this.

* 1. Wiley journals package renewal: The new rep. is Neal Sorenson. He has offered a one year renewal through the Alliance on the same terms as the current subscription. Beth accepted on behalf of the Alliance, but Members can decide individually if they want to take this offer. The renewal will be negotiated next year.
  2. Questions on other new offers (Cambridge Digital Archives, AIP Archives, EBSCO Faculty Select, BioOne, etc) or renewals.

1. Other: Allison: Would like follow up from the University of California workshop on transformative agreements. Robert M. from CUB attended. Gabby will look into getting some notes from him.

Beth: Jeff Grossman took a position at Xavier University and Barb is filling in for him. Gregory Heald has left UNC; Jessica Hayden is on the call for UNC.