Minutes

Shared Collection Development Committee

November 11, 2019 10am - Noon

Attendees: Barbara Borst (CMU), Lisa Hughes (CMU), Jessica Hayden (UNC), Jen Leffler (UNC), Allison Level (CSU), Sommer Browning (Aur), Ellen Metter (Aur), Diana Carney (Alliance), Emma Covelli (CSM), Anna Seiffert (CSM), Beth Denker (Alliance), Rhonda Glazier (UCCS), Yumin Jiang (UCHSC), Jennifer Lawson (CSU-Pueblo), Kayla Lenkner (CC), Michael Levine-Clark (DU), George Machovec (Alliance), Dave Macaulay (UW), Debbie McCarthy (UW), Gabby Wiersma (CUB), Kimberly Lawler (CUB), Linda Helgoth (CUB), Juleah Swanson (CUB), Shannon Tharp (DU)

1. Elsevier

ScienceDirect Renewal: The kickoff to the Elsevier negotiation will likely be at ALA Midwinter on Saturday and Sunday; a scheduling doodle will be sent out to the negotiating team to find the best date and time. The team’s strategy is to stick together to avoid Elsevier negotiating individual member contracts and losing group leverage. Alliance members have indicated that keeping costs under control is the biggest priority, but there is interest in a transformative agreement, as well. It is hoped that the negotiating team can develop an offer to take to Elsevier instead of having Elsevier dictate terms. George mentioned that he is hoping that Ivy Anderson or another CDL rep. can meet with the Alliance Member Council and Board of Directors at their joint meeting in January to discuss transformative agreements and Elsevier. At the last ICOLC meeting, George spoke to a technical person at CDL and learned that they had had the same problem with collecting data (e.g., published papers, editorial board participation) that the Alliance has. This contact provided George with some pointers about collecting data from Web of Science. George also asked Karen Weber, our Elsevier rep., for data. He will follow-up with her, but will not rely on Elsevier data exclusively; it should be useful for comparison purposes. The team will try to have a draft contract proposal written up before ALA to run by SCDC and Member Council. Regarding this year’s renewal, Beth will be in touch with Alliance members to discuss their renewal. Elsevier had emailed Beth and member libraries separately about renewals and a lot of confusing information was sent out by their undertrained staff. Please ignore these emails and allow Beth to sort out the mess and put together renewal information for your review.

Ebooks: The Alliance is in the second year of a two year deal. Beth will send out what your pricing looks like on this and then bill after you have a chance to review it. She will contact you to discuss your thoughts on Elsevier e-books after fy2020.

1. GOBI Not Bought Update: SCDC leadership has revived this program to review unpurchased monographs. They met with GOBI in Charleston. They are going to run a new list and send it to the Alliance. Once the list is available the group can decide what to do with it. Suggestions include looking at past collecting habits and using it to fill in gaps. The preferred format for the list would be a spreadsheet to filter information; for example, to look at specific publishers.
2. Taylor & Francis e-books: Beth received a communication from T&F indicating that they want the Alliance to tell them what they want in terms of content and pricing for e-books. Beth does not really have all of the information she would need to develop terms for such a deal, i.e., past purchases, member wish lists, etc. Any deal would be covered under the current license and T&F has agreed to allow ILL. CUB, CSU, Auraria, DU, UNC and UW all expressed an interest in a conference call to discuss this further; they are all interested in EBA for this collection.
3. Accessibility process at CU Boulder: Members of CU-Boulder’s Information, Communication, Technology Group participated in the meeting to provide information on their process to review resources for accessibility. Generally, all CU departments must include contract language that addresses accessibility. The Group determines the priority of sources to be reviewed for accessibility. Those sources with the highest impact across campus have a higher priority for testing. The sources named in the DOJ suit will have a higher priority but, overall, the library sources are not a high priority. Specific differences in WCAG 2.0 and WCAG 2.1 were not addressed, but Kimberly stated she would send some information to the Alliance regarding this. CUB currently holds sources to the WCAG 2.0 standard; moving to 2.1 is in the works. 2.0 was developed around 2009 and a lot has changed since then. Summon is the only library resource that has been reviewed; Libguides are next in the queue for the library. This was a hot topic at the Charleston Conference. Some publishers/vendors are aware and proactive and others are not paying much attention to it and do not realize the negative impact non-compliance will have on their business. Overall, a practical approach to assessing this issue is in order. A purely legal approach is impractical and unworkable. Publishers/ vendors may address this issue by removing functional bells and whistles from their products.
4. Alliance scanned contracts to be ingested in Gold Rush: Alliance members’ generic Gold Rush logins will provide access to contracts that are being attached to Gold Rush product records. Contracts have been scanned and given file names that provide information on the product, dates and participating institutions of a given contract. This functionality will be demonstrated at the next SCDC meeting.
5. Charleston Conference updates:  Beth met with reps. from Cambridge University Press (CUP) and discussed expanding the Alliance journal deal. Currently six libraries get journals through the Alliance. CUB is considering joining the license. A representative from the University of California libraries discussed implementing a license with CUP to cover open access. This agreement begins in January and it will be interesting to monitor and see what transpires. CUP is not asking for additional money for OA and this might be a good candidate for a transformative agreement for the Alliance. It might be fy2021 before this becomes a reality.
6. Other:

Both OUP and CUP haven’t sent out transfer titles, but will do so soon. Please call Beth for assistance if you are new to this process.

More from Charleston: Gabby, George and Michael gave a presentation on the GR decision support tool that might lead to more institutions signing up. This would be good for the Alliance to have more uploaded collections for comparison purposes. George met with reps. from SCELC who may be interested in signing up.

Beth did not receive much feedback from members about the Adam Matthew offer. There will be a webinar on Thursday on functionality and content and how the collection is used. She will also send follow up on a potential deal; it is difficult to build a cost model without knowing who owns any of these collections. Mid-December would be the deadline to make the licensing happen. Access to the trial of this product does not allow participants to see any content. Beth will find out what is going on with that and get back to the group.

Housekeeping: Some people were not getting emails from the SCDC listserv because of a technical glitch. The problem should be solved. If you are not getting emails, please let Beth know.

eBooks Inventory: Beth will follow up with members who have not submitted responses.