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Five College Collection Management Committee

Minutes January 16, 2009

Present: M. Brazill, L. Button, M. Kasper, K. Norton, J. Schafer, D. Schnurr

1. Update from FCLC:

FCLC decided to keep prices for FCLD affiliate membership the same.

Several libraries in Maine have expressed interest in FCLD affiliate membership. FCLC plans to work with the Maine Information Network to allow Maine academic libraries of a certain size to join.

Stephanie Schmitt attended the January 2009 FCLC meeting. She is developing a schedule so she is at all five libraries on a regular basis. FCLC assigned her the task of investigating the feasibility of having a single bibliographic record and how we might move forward on that if it is possible. They have also asked her to keep an eye on open source library system software and analyze whether ALEPH is the best system for us given changes in technology and new developments.

2. Campus budgets: we all shared information on projections for our respective FY10 acquisitions budgets. It became clear that we face similar challenges for at least FY10.

3. Cooperative collection development proposal: we had originally proposed a cooperative collection development project for five subject areas in fall 2008. The Five College Presidents continue to encourage an increased level of cooperation among our libraries (and other areas of our institutions) and think of the libraries increasingly as one collection.

Proposal:

For most of our monographic purchasing, we would use a common vendor, YBP, thereby getting advance notice of one another's orders, with the aim of purchasing only one copy of any given title among us all.

We could each purchase additional copies if it was deemed locally appropriate, for the purposes of maintaining adequate core collections or supporting particular curricular or research needs.

We could try to expand "purchase on demand" through ILL so if a user at our institutions requested a book, we would purchase it.

We should also look to rationalize our loan periods.

Discussion ensued and we agreed on the following next steps:

Kathleen will contact YBP to see what they can suggest and how they can help us.

We should include standing order overlap in that conversation.

We agreed to take back the proposal to our respective organizations to gather feedback and share that at our February 13 meeting.

5-College Collection Management Council

Minutes - 5/8/09

1. FCLC update

- The proposed restructuring of Five College Technical Services has been a major topic at recent FCLC meetings. There is a 5-college planning team exploring this project. Amherst College had concerns and there was a response to those concerns. The Five College Presidents have been asking FCLC to do more collaboratively and they are trying to do so.
- ALEPH v.19 upgrade is scheduled for July 6-12.
- There was an article in the Amherst College newspaper indicating it takes 6 months to get a book at UMass. While there may be some material that's difficult to obtain, rush requests from UMass are assigned the highest ordering priority.

2. Check-in on AC and HC move to YBP

- Hampshire's profiling is done and training on using YBP's system will happen next week.
- Amherst has profiled and their accounts are set up. Training should occur shortly.

3. Memo to Circulation Committee

- The most complex piece is the tools we need to determine where we need more copies.
- The Five College Circulation Committee wants a clearer articulation of what is needed from that group. We agreed it makes sense to work with our institutional staff on how to determine where we need more copies locally.
- Kathleen will draft something to send to FCLC since they are the appropriate group to issue a statement. [Subsequent to the meeting, the committee submitted the following to FCLC: In response to requests from the Five College Presidents and the Five College Librarians Council, the Collection Management Committee will facilitate efforts to better coordinate purchases for our book collections, in an effort to reduce unnecessary duplication, so we can increase both the breadth and the strength of our combined collections. We will order additional copies only when they are clearly required to support teaching, learning, and research. This decision will be made at the local library level.]

4. Details related to cooperative project

- It is important to remember one of the goals of the project is to expand the breadth and depth of our collection.
- The UMass Assessment staff gathered data on duplication and circulation rates of unique vs. duplicate materials for each institution which Jay shared with committee members.
- One outcome we might expect to see as a result of this project is a reduction in the amount of overlap in the next several years
- We discussed having selector meetings by subject area after the project has been running for several months.

5. Other

- Dan Schnurr will become the CMC chair starting in fall 2009. The group thanked Kathleen Norton for her leadership the past two years.

*Subsequent to the meeting, the committee submitted the following which FCLC adopted on May 11, 2009:

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