University of Arkansas Libraries
Print & Electronic Collection Management Task Force Charge

Background:

One of the three strategic directions put forth by the GWLA Membership at their March 2011 meeting is to develop strategies and methods to:
- collaboratively manage existing print monograph collections and
- acquire new print and electronic materials in a way that minimizes the duplication of copies and maximizes the ability to share with all GWLA members.

Charge:

Item 1: Develop a program to efficiently analyze and remove duplication from the existing monograph collections.
Item 2: Develop strategies to reduce duplicate materials purchases via existing tools and technologies and by working with materials vendors for favorable consortium-wide acquisitions terms.

The members of the task force are responsible for developing the program plan, conducting inventories and gathering other types of data, defining priorities, tasks, timelines, and monitoring progress on ongoing tasks and efforts.

Objectives:

The specific objectives and desired outcomes of the Print & Electronic Collection Management Task Force include:

Item 1:
- Develop action plan to reduce the duplication and volume of existing print monographs.
- Examine impact of Google/Hathi; explore consortial membership in Hathi.
- JSTOR titles:
  - Inventory current GWLA activity (retain/ store remotely/deaccession),
  - Develop plan to deaccession,
  - Develop resources, best practices, and strategies on how to frame the discussion with the faculty and other user groups and achieve buy-in.

Item 2:
- Explore new acquisitions models, including shared approval/purchasing plans and crafting new acquisitions offers from vendors.
- Work with YBP, Coutts, and other vendors to reduce duplicate copies at the time of purchase (will begin at RSDD/CD joint meeting).
- Examine evolving relationship between ILL and POD of ebooks.
- Develop recommendations to handle duplicated/overlapping serials in packages.

The task force will provide a preliminary progress report with a proposed timeline, priorities, implementation plan, and resources required to proceed to the GWLA board and membership by September 1, 2011.

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