University of Arkansas Libraries

Selectors Meeting Minutes – 4/29/2013

Funding

Judy is still not sure how much will be left in one-time funds since serials renewals are still being paid. She plans to let us know by mid-May. She will also work with Mary to enter the commitments already decided into Innovative.

The funds committed to the library from indirect costs of the grants will probably not start coming in until September or October. We do not know how much that will be. Judy’s idea is to wait for a year and spend the money we get from that year the following year. Much like the endowments, the incoming funds will not be the same every year.

Storage

Judy asked if we needed to bring the monographs that were being used out of storage back to the main library. Tess reported that most of the monographs were being sent to other libraries, so she did not think we needed to bring them back. 71 monographs have been loaned out of storage thus far. There are space issues in storage, therefore it is not a good idea to weed more monographs to be sent to storage. The journal articles on the other hand are mostly local patrons. Tony will check to see if the use of the journals “Animal Behavior” and “Parasitology” is for a short project or will be ongoing use to help with the decision about whether they need to be brought back. There may also be space issues, so Jimmy will need to be involved in the decision. Another option is to purchase electronic backfiles of these journals. Cost may be a prohibitive factor.

The ARL volume count is still included in the formula. Nothing has dropped out of that formula. We do not currently need to weed the collection.

DDA

The YBP/ebrary dda/pda trial began with a $5000 allocation. We have recently begun to use close to $5000 a month. At that rate, Mary has estimated that we will use $60,000 next year. There is also a maintenance fee to consider. Judy asked selectors where that money should come from. She discussed decreasing some of the discretionary funds to support the program. Many of the books being used are in the Social Sciences and Humanities.

Beth stated that she would like to get some Wiley-Blackwell sets, but they are very expensive so she considers this a good way to select those titles / let the patrons choose. Beth also reported that some libraries with a similar size as ours reported at IUG that they have committed their whole monograph budget to pda.

Judy would like to see a cost comparison of print vs. electronic pda. Mary has begun working on that with the help of John Riley. So far, the majority of the titles out of 300 are the same price whether
published in print or electronically. We do get a 17% discount on the print ordered through YBP. There is also tax and shipping so it brings the price almost back to full price. We have our dda plan set up with 2 loans with an average fee of 10% for each loan and then a full price purchase. The average cost per use thus far is about $22.

There are 900 titles in the study so the following is just a snapshot until we are finished. Put simply, if the base price is $145 we would pay $142.10 for the print and $174 for the ebook if triggered for purchase through dda. The ebooks on average would be 18% more than the print. I will have to analyze that more precisely to get a more accurate estimate since not all the loan prices are 10% and some of the print prices have a lower or higher price than the ebook price. 58 out of 300 (19%) of the ebooks were more expensive than the print. 6 of 300 (2%) print books are more expensive than the ebooks. 62 out of 300 (21%) ebooks have a short term loan charge above 10%.

Mary checked with Ashley Bailey of YBP to see if titles with a short term loan fee of more than 10% could be excluded. The only way to do that is to identify the publisher charging the higher fee and exclude that publisher, therefore if we would like to do that it will have to be done one publisher at a time. Everyone please help to think of ways to make the plan the most cost efficient. If we see a title come through on a report that we know will be used we may now want to try to order it right away instead of waiting.

Tony reports that he is seeing a higher rate of textbooks in the sciences triggered than he is comfortable with. Beth reported that some libraries reported at IUG that they are purchasing all textbooks in a multi-user e-format. Tony is seeing better pricing than the pricing in R2 digital library. The subjects seem good. Luti is not seeing much in nanotechnology. The price restrictions may be limiting those. Patricia is noticing a lot of computer science how-to like titles. These are things we wouldn’t normally purchase, but she does think they are useful. Other alternatives such as safari are too expensive.

**Other issues**

We are still trying create a new consortium to purchase OCLC firstsearch. We are still waiting on an answer about funding for the increase in price of the Arkansas Democrat Gazette which is now in Newsbank.

Courses and programs met on Friday. Lora reviewed most of those. There are several new courses that include reading lists. Judy will send those out to the selectors.

Tim Zou reported that there is an ASG resolution that Grad students should be able to request assigned reading (textbooks) on ILL. Our current policy does not allow this. This could mean multiple requests for the same title. It would be less expensive to go ahead and buy the title. Tim will find the text of the resolution.

There have been requests for jove. [http://www.jove.com/](http://www.jove.com/) Tony’s and Patricia’s faculty are not interested. Luti and Kathleen are interested. Luti reports that some of the resources are free and the
faculty have been using those. One thing we will need to check if we do decide to purchase is URL proxy problems. Beth thinks those have been resolved, but we need to remember to test.

Judy will be out next Monday –Wednesday.

Respectfully: mag