University of Arkansas Libraries -- Selectors Minutes – 05/11/2015

Present: Daniels, Fritz, Gibeault, Gilbertson, Johnson, Kirkwood, Kulczak, Laincz, Lennertz, McKee, Parker, Parker-Gibson, Salisbury, Spiegel, Stankus

Absent: Allen, Boyd, Ganson, Gibson, Jones, Juhl, Lehman, Nutt, Rogers, Zou

Salisbury presented research that included the analysis of 17,055 ILL requests that were searched in Google Scholar to determine if Google scholar provided access, if the citation was found, or if it was not found.

Parker informed the group about e-libro, a company that provides Spanish ebooks with a Spanish interface. Ebrary provides the option for the interface and billing to be done through them, and that is the option we are interested in. She stressed that these are beginning language materials. This resources is included on the Humanities proposal for 1x purchases as priority 5.

Priority #5
African American Music Reference (Alexander Street)
Amount to purchase: $10,000 (list is $25,000)
Ongoing expenditure: $175
Justification: Rated A+ by Library Journal, the source provides comprehensive coverage of black American musical expression from colonial times to the present in a variety of forms. It consists of a wide range of material types, including discographies, biographies, anthologies, encyclopedias, critical works, images, lyrics, sheet music, chronologies, and textbooks. This resource will support courses in music, ethnomusicology, African studies, American history, sociology, as well as interdisciplinary research across these subject areas. Additionally, ASP is offered at a significant discount for U of A Libraries because we subscribe to multiple products from Alexander Street.

The group was positive about a trial, but wondered if one year is enough time to study. They also had some questions. Gilbertson will follow up with ebrary. 1. Are the MARC records in English and Spanish? 2. Will the current profile criteria be applied? 3. If we open up the current ebrary profile to include Spanish titles, will that accomplish the same thing? 4. Does the ebrary platform allow you to choose to change the interface language to Spanish?

[The MARC records are primarily in Spanish. The ebrary platform does allow you to choose Spanish for the interface language.]

The group discussed the 1x purchase lists submitted previously by the Science, Social Sciences, and Humanities groups. Gilbertson reported that the fund 2nustuff which Ganson has been using to purchase new titles is up to $211,000 including the new journals. Ganson may need some stronger justification statements from some.

Gilbertson had begun a spreadsheet prior to the meeting that listed the top 15. There was some discussion about the MIT press books and duplication. There was quite a bit of discussion about the idea of purchasing textbooks for reserves. Kulczak questioned whether making this commitment this
year meant we would need to make it every year going forward. Kirkwood pointed out that she does buy multi-user titles out of the subject funds when she knows the title is going to be used for a class. She also wondered how much is being spent on reserves now. Gilbertson will follow up with the total dollar amount purchased for reserve. [Around $16,000 of a $20,000 appropriation has been spent during fy 2015]. Many thought more discussion was needed before making any decisions about this idea.

Since time was running out, Gilbertson enquired if the group would like to stay longer, turn in the list as is, or discuss further next week. McKee suggested that the City and Business Directories and the Physics curriculum and instruction videos were moved to the top of the list because there price is inexpensive comparatively, others agreed. Kirkwood suggested that the rest of the proposals were left in the order they were listed on Gilbertson’s spreadsheet. Hearing no objection, that is the list that will be turned over to Judy. It has been placed in the folder on Alexandria named 2015 1x funds. Gilbertson’s working spreadsheet is brief and meant only to show the total amount of funds needed for the listed resources, if you need further explanation about the products please see the proposals submitted by the groups in the same folder on Alexandria.

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