Walking the Walk December 8, 2003
Sciences breakout session

Two themes ran through this discussion. One concerned the perceived impermanence of electronic media and the need to maintain, for future research generations, print equivalents of all electronic materials. This concern focuses primarily on the journal literature. The second concern was to pull more unique materials into OhioLINK, especially from non-YBP sources. There was interest in extending the “not-bought-in-Ohio concept beyond the YBP universe.

Notes on the discussion follow.

OhioLINK Informational Needs
Challenges faced by libraries:
- Adding new non-EJC journals to local collections
- How do we get or maintain within OhioLINK, at least one copy of non-EJC journals
- Could we create a statewide want list of journals and share that info for P-T-P possibilities

Science, Nature, JAMA, NEJM – These are high priority for EJC access. Do the publishers understand what revenue are they not getting because of lack of EJC access?

Could OhioLINK negotiate an agreement for library science subscriptions?

What’s being bought that’s not being used- OhioLINK wide?
- Need a just in case not just in time solution

Develop a philosophy for statewide collection
- Support of current research and curricular needs
- Flexibility needed to respond to new fields; drop collecting in fields where research has decreased
- Past local decisions regarding OhioLINK circulation were based on history. That history has changed and those decisions need to be reconsidered
- For example: Remote storage items – all should circulate via OhioLINK regardless of format

When is enough enough?
- For major trade or U.P. title
  3 available copies could trigger a 2nd review
- CONSORT has developed a list of heavily used titles
- III enhancement needed to provide availability information
- OhioLINK SCAT table analysis to identify what’s not used – Can this be done statewide?
- Does YBP approval profiling create problems of multiple copies

How many libraries ordering from other vendors? What tools are used to identify these materials?
- Amazon – use the “books others bought” feature to identify similar titles
- Patron- driven requests
- Non-YBP publishers
- WorldCat as selection tool
- ILL requests – Need funds to buy things requested. This could be a source of other not-bought-in-Ohio titles

Consider cooperative approval plans
- Engineering – got bogged down
- Look at local collection development policies to identify gaps
- Music OSU and other libraries divided collection of 20th century composers
• German literature – Use Harrassowitz. Involve multiple libraries, each responsible for various periods
• Look at Approval receipts separate from firm orders
• Need server space for subject group communication
• Should use access on OStaff to others App profiles. Regularly update these
• Could OhioLINK approval profiles be accessible on GOBI2?

Areas for enrichment:
• Develop a statewide deposit account for collection of standards

Develop revolving approval coverage
• For instance, for 2 months send books on a topic to one library, then slips after 2 months when books are sent to another library.

Standing orders
• Lecture notes in...One complete set would be sufficient for OhioLINK
• Review math standing orders

Accreditation
• We need to let accreditation bodies know of OhioLINK. Some accreditation agencies have little understanding of how OhioLINK works and the availability of resources through OhioLINK.
• Are societies adding electronic access as acceptable for accreditation? If not, need print archive.
• We need OhioLINK boiler plate text and data to provide the number of EJC titles by subject for accreditation reports and other subject reporting requirements.

Need an OhioLINK-wide Print archiving policy
• EJC titles – maintain one print subscription of every title
  We need a dark archive. Oil and energy reserves are finite and power may not always be available to access electronic resources
• Unique local print subscriptions
• Libraries cancel EJC print to provide money for new print subscriptions

When EJC print has been cancelled, what’s been outcry for print? At Oberlin, none

Need OhioLINK support for claiming missing EJC issues
• EJC does not include cd-rom or video supplements to papers in EJC journals.
• Often an abstract only appears in the EJC.
• Plans to include these formats need to be developed.

EJC publisher backfiles and pre-prints on the publisher’s site
• Can we get access to pre-prints?
• Proxy server access?
• Or pass thru from EJC
• If we cannot get access, users may be paying for their own access. This marginalizes the library

Getting Started in Cooperative Collection Management

Collect more extensively in sub-disciplines: e.g. food science, natural resources. Need to identify colleagues

Librarians from Cincinnati and OSU offered to purchase for statewide needs in specific subject areas:
• UC- Strong budget support for physics
• OSU Veterinary Medicine – well-funded; will purchase anything needed for care of lab animals
Ordering early with a lack OhioLINK purchase info either in YBP’s GOBI2 or in the Central Catalog may lead to multiple copies

Need borrowing stats
- Web management reports -- Local patron use via P-Circ
  - Data compiled monthly
  - Arranged by OhioLINK SCAT table
  - Librarians need instructions to find this

Selector time crunch is a barrier
- Can OhioLINK point to non-YBP resources to use when time crunch comes alternatives to buying an additional copy of widely held titles
- Generate a list of unaffordable titles; others with funds could buy these
- Could CBTF create a list of materials not owned -- outside of YBP sphere

What could you do that you’re not doing now
- Need more faculty involvement in OhioLINK
- Facilitate input from OhioLINK institution faculty to OhioLINK
- From OhioLINK to institutional faculty
- Look at sites- non-YBP; make a minor commitment to purchase
- Open local circulation policies for P- Circ
- DMC videos need better subject access -- forthcoming
- Informal cooperative collection development

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