

Orbis e-book meeting 5/28/14

Present: Linda Di Biase., Kathi Fountain., James Bunnelle, Sara Seely, Nancy Sprague, Tom Larsen, Serin Anderson (note taker)

Guests: Barbara Kawecki and Joan Thompson

Kathi – presentations for EBSCO and ebrary

- Talked to both and both agree to pitch their products for an alliance subscription.
- EBSCO is offering us a customized package and they are negotiating aggressively on price. They are offering all of their ebook collections (including academic, subject packages and the community college package).
- Neil will go first (ebrary) because he's in the U.K. followed by EBSCO
- Conduct the presentations back to back followed by a survey to members.
- Kathi talked to John Helmer about our role in this decision. He advises that we take our decision to board and council for approval. The board meeting happens on June 12th. We'll be giving the board some advance notice about whether or not we're interested in moving forward with a subscription product but we probably won't have a decision on which one. We would be requesting approval for the decision to spend funds on subscription (which would reduce funding on DDA).
- We need to think about what our goals are for a potential subscription and how a subscription would interact with our current DDA STLs
 - Linda said that the subscription would potentially be a way to help address some of the content concerns voiced by the community colleges.
 - Even before the STL price increases, there was interest in increasing the pool of content, so this might be our best option.
 - Nancy pointed out that the subscriptions are primarily backfile. Sara added that there is value in both the front file and back file. Kathi: one of the things that we want to think about is how the products interact with our DDA (deduplication) – is there a relationship between front file and back file?
 - Linda: focus is on a strategy that helps the program move forward (groundwork laid in the last board report).

Action item:

- Kathi will check on possibility of recording the product presentations
- volunteer for comparison of two products (Serin Anderson and Linda Dibiase)
 - try to have it done a week before the presentations (Tuesday, June 3rd)
 - both products have been evaluated by the Charleston advisor (include citation)
- volunteer for survey (Sara Seely and Nancy Sprague)
 - preferences for products
 - whether the library endorses the idea of a subscription

- does cost savings effect willingness to adopt either platform?
- Confirm current subscriptions to either product
- Interested in content and usability/interface
- Should be only 1 response from each library

Cost Containment for DDA

- Kathi had a meeting with Neil and Kari Paulsen the other day. All of the approaches listed are suggested approaches on how to contain costs.
 - Remove 4000 – 5000 records in total
 - Remove 7 day download option
 - Remove titles that have jumped over our \$250.00 price cap
 - Discussion about removal of titles. It is not uncommon to have titles with price changes after they enter the DDA pool. We will move forward with removing these titles, but make a spreadsheet with usage data available to all member libraries. We should probably move forward with this as an annual process in the summer “quiet period”.
 - Lower list price cap in profile
 - Jim: Maybe we need to run this question by EBL. Joan said that she could help run some numbers to see how this would affect the total number of titles in our pool.
 - Nancy: willing to look at different price caps, but it would be helpful to identify subjects that might be impacted.
 - Joan: it is possible to have different price caps for different subjects.
 - Title removal approaches
 - By publication date?
 - This might be possible if we had an annual process for member libraries to review usage of titles being removed. Also might fit well with thoughts on having a subscription to supply a selection of back file titles.
 - Right now we have titles from 2011 on (?) in our pool. 2009 and 2010 pulled previously.
 - Hope that we could at least retain 2013 onward.
 - From select publishers?/From certain subjects?
 - Less inclined to go with either of these options.
 - Lower purchase trigger (8?)
 - If we were to reduce the trigger, we would save on the short term loan costs. But we would probably have an impact on the total number of titles we were purchasing. We need to have an analysis on what that would have looked like this past year.

- The number 8 puts our overall costs for purchase at the same level it currently is with the increased STL fees.

Action item:

- Group agreed to move forward with removing the 7 day download option immediately. Kathi will check to see if that can be done directly from LibCentral.
- Titles over the cost threshold over \$250.00 will be removed from the list.
- Joan will get numbers to see how price caps would affect number of titles available based on different subject areas. (price cap of \$200)
- Kathi will pull numbers to see how titles could be removed based on publication date.
- Ask Allison to run numbers for us to see what a trigger of 8 would have looked like this past year.
- **We're targeting record removal for some time after June 15th.

Communication Plan

- Council is considering making a statement of the STL price increases.
 - We would like to see some kind of statement. We're acknowledged as one of the leaders of consortial DDA and people look to us.
 - A statement perhaps should come from CDMC rather than raise it to the level of council/board.

Action items:

- Linda, Kathi and Jill will work on a draft statement to address the STL price increases.