Ebook Working Group
February 18th, 2015
Conference Call

Present: Serin Anderson (chair), Kathi Fountain, Sara Seely, Nancy Sprague, Barbara (YBP). (Later arrivals: Jim Bunnelle, Linda DiBiase, Tom Larsen)

January meeting notes: no changes proposed.

Updates

- **Membership changes** [Kathi & Serin]
  - A general call for new members for the Ebook Working Group will be sent out within the next month or two.
  - Kathi emailed one potential new member (Hilary Robbeloth) and has not yet received a reply.

- **Price cap reports on # of titles in the pool over $200/$175/$150** [Kathi]
  - Discuss at March meeting for decision on price cap changes (look at % spent at this point: Kathi ran reports by publisher and by subject for the number of titles over $250, $200-250, $175-200, and $150-175. She'll send out copies of these reports for our review. The subject report was not as useful as hoped, due to EBL's overlapping subject categories. Serin will do a subject analysis for purchased titles for comparison. The number of titles in the $200-250 range would represent a large, significant cut. We decided to hold off on a decision on the price caps until everyone has a chance to review the data.

- **DDA Spending update** [Kathi]
  - Spent: $569,080.75 (61.6%)
  - Remaining: $354,081.25 (38.4%)
  - Kathi reported that spending is right on target! At this rate, we may not have extra carry-over funds, but we should be ok for this year.

- **Update on ebrary records conversation with ProQuest/Ex-Libris** [Kathi]
  - Kathi met with Kathy Masnick? from ProQuest to discuss two key issues: quality of metadata and presence of withdrawn titles. There's a 6-8 week timeline for improving the matching and record discovery, as well as the removal of withdrawn titles, so hopefully by the end of March we'll see improvements. Full MARC records are being loaded, but there are matching problems. This manual process will also hopefully be automated by the end of March.

- **Any updates or help needed for Against the Grain article?** [Linda] Skipped for now.

- **Survey reminder** [Serin]
  - o Kathi volunteered to send out a quick reminder about the survey this week, since the deadline is February 20. She has received over 30 responses so far.

- **Shared Content Team Goals related to eBook Program** [Serin]
  - o Serin discussed the following Shared Content Team's goals for the eBook Program. Kathi reported that the eBook program is already in a good position to support the work of the Shared Content Team, with our current data and documentation.

    Shared eBooks/DDA Program
    - o The CDMC eBook Team should continue its work administering and improving the shared eBooks program as directed by Council under the guidance of the new Shared Content Team; realign eBook Team membership as necessary for communication.

    - o In collaboration with the Systems and the Collaborative Workforce Teams, improve description and management of shared eBook collections

    - o Support and prepare to respond to the Assessment Team"s June 2015 report regarding the cost/benefit and user satisfaction assessment of the shared eBook program

- **Posted minutes** [Serin]
  - o Serin will send past meeting minutes to Kathi so she can post them on the website.

Email list changes (DDA liaisons and MARC records lists) [Serin]
- Serin offered to write an email message explaining the upcoming email list changes and removal of the MARC records and DDA liaison lists (preferably before they're deleted). Kathi reported that all Alliance email lists are currently being reviewed, and she will delete the old lists that are no longer needed.

FAQ [Kathi and Serin]
- Transition from pdf to [webpage](#): all content is done except the authentication section, which needs some updated screenshots

- Public services/instruction review and tech services review of the current questions: Sara and Nancy will review the content and make recommendations for changes or additions by the April meeting. It would be helpful if Tom or others could also review the acquisitions sections. We want to ensure that the content is relevant and answers users' questions.

- "Best bet" links with instructions and clear labels (ProQuest, others): We'll add links to helpful content, rather than re-creating it, where possible.

Project MUSE and JSTOR reports from ALA [Kathi]
- Discussion on next steps if any: Kathi reviewed the Project Muse options: minimum commitment of $50,000 for a single institution – would require conversation about minimum consortial commitment; flexible Evidence-based plan with profiling available; average list price of books $100; usage reports at the consortial and institution level available; DRM-free PDFs. No new developments with Project Muse since the January meeting.
- JSTOR options: $150,000 entry level for consortia; DDA; no short term loans; DRM-free; higher multiplier than 5 to start; some overlap with ebrary. Since there's potential overlap between JSTOR and Project Muse, we'd probably want to select one or the other.
- There is some interest, but no votes for immediate action. We decided to continue exploring these and additional options (such as evidenced based GVRL) that may have content useful to more libraries. General consensus was that we should wait until the Assessment Team finishes their work before suggesting major changes. The preferred timeline for recommending changes is long term rather than short term.

Annual report [Serin]
- Sections: Recommendations, DDA landscape, program changes, budget & funding, alternatives to present DDA model, technical issues. Appendix w/ reports. Changes? Others? Walk-in access policy still pending review by Shared Content Team.
- Recommendations - discussion and final decisions:
  - Stable budget for next year – no change
  - Continue with current allocation model
  - Continue with current ebook program expenditure: 80% DDA and 20% ebrary.
  - Focus on stability while we wait for assessment results
  - Continue to investigate other options, such as JSTOR, Project Muse
- Survey results will be folded into the Values/Feedback section of the report.
- Serin will email the draft recommendations to the EWG for comments.

Deferred for the next meeting:

Roles and rotation schedule for the working group [Serin] -
  - statistics work / network zone mgmt w/ portfolios

Calendar/schedule for title removals including annual weeding and for titles with $ over price cap**.**