DATE: February 28, 2006
TO: Orbis Cascade Alliance Executive Committee
FROM: Collection Development and Management Steering Team
RE: Report for EC meeting, 3-8-06

The Collection Development and Management Committee completed its inaugural year recently and made a report to Council at the January meeting. The seven-member Steering Team had three face-to-face meetings and several teleconferences. The entire committee met for the first time in September and participated in setting the committee agenda for 2006.

During the first year the CDMC
1. Completed the ILL Data Supplier Analysis project assigned by Council;
2. Drafted collection development policies governing a shared journal and reference set archive as envisioned for the RLSC;
3. Began work on a pilot project to establish a distributed print archive for important paper journal runs;
4. Made considerable progress on a census of current and past cooperative collection projects that have been undertaken by Alliance members;
5. Decided not to purchase the OCLC WorldCat Collection Analysis software; and
6. Proposed seven projects to pursue in 2006.

This agenda for 2006 was the topic for small-group discussions at the annual committee meeting in September. Five small groups each listed ideas and assigned priorities for them. Steering Team members served as recorders and the results were compiled in the document posted on the Webpage as "September 30 brainstorming." At its November meeting, the Steering Team discussed these results and selected the following ideas to pursue in 2006.

1. Complete the census of cooperative projects and preserve the data on a Web page.

2. Continue work on the pilot project for a distributed print repository for JSTOR and ACS titles. This helps to lay the groundwork for the RLSC.

3. Explore a cooperative selection environment for monographs via a group contract with a vendor to maximize discount for all Alliance members. Conduct a survey of member libraries to learn about current collecting patterns and budgets. Consider sponsoring a "vendor day" for member libraries. Explore using consortial tools available from vendors at Alliance libraries to select monographs from a consortial perspective. (These ideas were raised by Julie Gammon of OhioLINK at the annual committee meeting in September.)

4. Explore ways to use *Summit* better as a selection tool. Examine ILL requests for books not available within the Alliance with cooperative purchasing in mind. Study *Summit* catalog policies that may support cooperative collection development.

5. Formulate a "last copy" policy for books. This also helps to lay the groundwork for the RLSC.

6. Explore possibilities for central funding for collection development. Possibilities include grants or contributions to a communal "war chest" for joint purchases.

7. Encourage further development of the Alliance subject interest groups with the aim of supporting cooperative collection development.

Council supported the projects listed above and the ST is beginning to work on them. The CDMC is always eager to receive feedback from Council members and other interested parties.

The CDMC ST will be meeting briefly on March 8 with the Electronic Resources Committee ST. They are beginning to plan for a joint meeting of both committees to occur in Fall, 2006.

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