

Alliance-Collection Development and Management Committee status report
June 10, 2010

A steering team meeting was held on April 29, 2010 to discuss progress on the Alliance-cdmc initiatives. Our last report to Council included a request for help on obtaining raw data from Navigator. To get a better understanding of our options, the steering team had a webinar with Anya Arnold. She reported that **OCLC use stat** will provide raw data on titles that were borrowed or lent by an individual library, but this data is still considered **inaccurate**. The committee asked if we can get consolidated into one spreadsheet all materials borrowed or lent for all libraries. We are hopeful this data will be forthcoming in a usable format in the future. Someone would need to request the data each month and compile it for 36 libraries.

A second source of data we explored was **OCLC WorldCat Collection Analysis**. The steering team had a webinar with OCLC about this product at the April meeting. This product is expensive and the group OCLC Collection Analysis product does not include circulation and interlibrary data. If this product included the information from the materials lent and borrowed discussed previously, it would be considered more valuable.

The steering team has concluded that the **best source of data is from YBP** reports. John Elliot from YBP sent a report that includes all titles purchased by any Alliance library via GOBI in 2009. There are still issues with the data in that it is incomplete. Problems with the YBP data include:

- Not all Alliance libraries are purchasing via YBP. As Blackwell customers who have decided to move to YBP are added, the data will be more complete.
- Multiple copies sometimes include books that were returned

Threshold initiative: The steering team is recommending a voluntary threshold of a maximum of 4 copies purchased by consortium libraries. We understand there are legitimate cases where duplication in excess of 4 copies across the Alliance is warranted. This recommendation is based on current practice. Approximately 91% of titles purchased from YBP in 2008-June 2010 were four or fewer copies; only 9% of the books purchased had five or more copies. (See Table 1)

Table 1. 80,672 titles purchased from YBP by Alliance consortium from 2008-6/2010			
Number of Libraries Purchasing a book	Number of Titles Acquired	Cumulative Number of Titles Acquired	% of Number of Copies Purchased
1 Library	40078	40078	50%
2 Libraries	17694	57772	72%
3 Libraries	9574	67346	83%
4 Libraries	5819	73165	91%
5 Libraries	3431	76596	95%
6 Libraries	1910	78506	97%
7 Libraries	1022	79528	99%
8 Libraries	574	80102	99%
9 Libraries	279	80381	100%

10 Libraries	160	80541	100%
11 Libraries	74	80615	100%
12 Libraries	38	80653	100%
13 Libraries	12	80665	100%
14 Libraries	4	80669	100%
15 Libraries	2	80671	100%
17 Libraries	1	80672	100%

The steering team is looking for feedback from the Council about this approach. In July 2011, we can evaluate using the same method to see if the percentage of books with four or few copies is higher. However, we will want to evaluate the adequacy of four copies as a threshold as soon as circulation data is available. We would like more information on the availability of this information from Alliance staff and progress on the compilation of this data by the Alliance or OCLC. We need help.

Shared Purchasing: James Bunnelle (L&C) has announced the Shared Approval Plan (SAP) wiki at <http://sharedapprovalplan.pbworks.com/>. The purpose of the wiki is to provide a place where members can track what shared projects are in progress and add updates. The first meeting of the Pharmacy/Pharmacology Shared Approval plan group will be on June 14th. It will be facilitated by Diane Carroll (WSU) and includes representatives from members who have Pharmacy programs including OHSU, OSU, Pacific, UW, WSU, and WSU Spokane.

DPR (Distributed print repository): A survey has been sent to the membership to learn of current microform and online holdings for Early English Books, the American Periodicals Series, and New York Times. The surveys are due by June 15th. Linda DiBiase (UW) and Mary Sepulveda (Seattle U) are leading this initiative. This project is very timely as at least two libraries had plans to deselect parts of these collections prior to the receipt of this survey.

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