

SDLAC meeting Nov. 6, 2009 10:00 to 1:00
Oregon State Library Room B9

Members present: Linda Weight, Chair; Linda Malone, Dolores Judkins, Stephen Cox, Jim Scheppke, Jennifer Arns, Victoria Ertelt, Mary McClintock

Members attending by phone: Karen Clay, Tony Greiner

Guest: Camila Gabaldon

Staff: Jennifer Maurer, MaryKay Dahlgreen, Mary Mayberry

August 13, 2009 minutes were approved as submitted.

Camila reported from LSTA Council about discussion of Gale databases and costs at both the Council September 11, 2009 meeting and the OSL Board October 19, 2009 meeting.

Feedback from members about constituent's reactions to Gale product:

Karen Clay representing Resource Sharing Networks – no negative feedback, publics seem happy with the new product; as far as academics, they went back to EBSCO in addition to Gale. Odd indexing terms used by Gale not intuitive to patrons, 3X more full-text files in Ebsco than in Gale. Audio files were appreciated but felt that content was lacking.

Linda Malone representing Public Libraries serving 25,000 to 100,000 – concern about depth of content although teachers like it.

Dolores Judkins representing OUS Libraries – content lacking compare to Ebsco. Technological problems, as well. Bad timing for academics. One librarian says they are avoiding it as much as possible. Not enough scholarly journals. Does not link articles from one database to another. OUS has not had good response from Gale Tech. Support. OHSU nursing students not happy with nursing database v. EBSCO nursing database.

Stephen Cox representing School Libraries – pretty good for K12, visually more appealing. Built-in MP3 players is a big plus. Elementary use has been successful. Appreciates the pretty good contact with reps, more contact than with EBSCO. Content not there in science, secondary science teachers don't use it. More abstracts than in Ebsco, more positive than negative for k12. Victoria Ertelt representing Private Academic Institutions – pretty much what other academics said, buying EBSCO on their own. IT people are aggravated with the proxy servers. Mary McClintock representing School Libraries- good response from K-12. Finds Gale supportive. Linda Weight representing Public Libraries serving less than 25,000 – small amount of feedback concerns about tech support, her experience good, small libraries appreciated the audio, not happy about the lack of *Consumer Reports*, transition site wasn't clear. Tony Greiner representing Community Colleges – Only one librarian at his library using Gale, not as good as EBSCO. Believes a number of libraries are using this year as a transition to Gale.

Selection of 15 additional e-books for Gale Virtual Reference Library:

25 GVRL titles included in contract, first 10 selected via e-mail vote, these 15 were selected:

Ancient Greece and Rome: An Encyclopedia for Students
Complete Dictionary of Scientific Biography
Encyclopedia of Clothing and Fashion
Encyclopedia of Education
Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World
Encyclopedia of World Cultures Supplement
Europe 1789-1914: Encyclopedia of the Age of Industry and Empire
Europe Since 1914: Encyclopedia of the Age of War and Reconstruction
Gale Encyclopedia of Mental Health, 2nd ed.
Middle Ages Reference Library
Real Life Math
Social Issues Primary Sources Collection
Witchcraft in America

World War I Reference Library
World War II Reference Library
Gale Encyclopedia of Mental Health, 2nd ed. (2008)

The following was an alternate title if we could not get Gale Encyclopedia of Mental Health, 2nd ed. (2008) which we did get.

Jen will work with Gale to get these titles up and running. Gary will work on MARC record availability.

Report from MaryKay on status of LSTA funding for additional databases:

OSL Board has requested that SDLAC evaluate additional databases up to \$200,000 and present recommendation to OSL Board.

Review By-laws:

Review of Article 2. Charge: OAR 543-060-0020 authorizes OSL to purchase newspapers electronically but does not required it. Victoria moved, Dolores 2nded, to accept bylaws as they stand. Approved unanimously.

Consideration of additional databases

Jim reported on his ongoing meetings with Employment Department about sharing a test taking database. Currently OCIS uses Petersen's test prep. which would not be adequate. The next meeting with OED is Nov. 23. SDLAC supportive of continued conversations and possible shared test taking database.

Brainstormed ideas for possible additional databases:

World book Online
Value line
J STOR
Mango Language
Consumer Reports
Encyclopedia of Associations
Reference USA

Learning Express
Oregonian
Muse
OED
Critical Mention
ProQuest
Ethnic Newswatch
MLS
Gale environmental/green
Opposing viewpoints
Gale testing

OSL staff will conduct e-survey after SDLAC members suggest additional titles. Survey will ask type of library and population served. Survey will list suggestions, ask for respondent's top 5 picks from list and write in one additional. We will distribute to PL, AL and TL directors lists to assure single response per library. SDLAC members report additional titles from constituents by November 30th. OSL staff will mount survey by December 4th. Libraries will have until December 11th to respond.

OSL staff will get quotes and trials for top 5 or 6 and SDLAC will look at trials in January. We will meet in early February (watch for doodle poll)

Meeting Adjourned 1:22 pm