

SENYLRC TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE

DATE: February 19, 2008

MINUTES AND ACTIONS

Attendees: Anne McCarthy Kennedy, John Barrie, Elaine Goldman, Colleen Lougen, Stuart Moss, Ellen Rubin, Amy Schuler, Laurie Shedrick, Matt Smith, John Shaloiko, Tessa Killian, Zack Spalding, Judy Fischetti

Excused: Kari Mack, Elizabeth Horvath

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- ◆ **Technology Conference Report**-John Shaloiko reviewed the plans and registration list for the Next Generation Library Technologies event to be held on May 7, 2008. There are 67 people registered. Half the people are from outside the Southeastern region.
- ◆ **New York 3Rs LSTA Grant Report**-J. Shaloiko reviewed the progress for the next LSTA application. The 3Rs councils have decided to apply for a statewide cooperative grant rather than individual grants. After first considering a project for digitizing historic newspapers, the focus is now for “New York’s Digital Heritage,” a portal to connect statewide digital collections using open archives standards. No single 3Rs council has the expertise to do this and the group is looking to partner with an academic library.
- ◆ **RBDB Preliminary Budget**-J. Shaloiko reviewed the preliminary RBDB budget for next year. Different components of the budget include telecommunications costs, VDX software license for the SEAL service, electronic resources, digitization of newspapers and HRVH Digitization including grants and the CONTENT dm license. SENYLRC will keep options open for digitization of newspapers.
- ◆ **Virtual Reference Update**-The committee reviewed the quote from WNYLRC for participation in their Ask Us 24/7 virtual reference service. If SENYLRC, Mid-Hudson and Ramapo Catskill Library Systems partnered to participate the cost would be \$18,000. J. Shaloiko reviewed the cost for participation and proposed hours requirements for staffing the virtual reference desk for libraries and public library systems. If one system began this year, the entire region could come on board in the future. SENYLRC could sponsor a pilot project for one or academic libraries to participate.
- ◆ **Electronic Resources Usage Reports**-Tessa Killian reviewed usage statistics for First Search. SENYLRC libraries used 28% of the route 13 shared access by the three councils. Libraries that include First Search in their federated searching greatly increase the statistics for the region. The committee examined statistics for browse, search and view of ACLS Humanities E-books and GVRL e-book retrievals.
- ◆ **Electronic Resources to subsidize in 2008/09**-The committee considered electronic resources to subsidize using RBDB funds for 2008/09. T. Killian reviewed quotes received for eight titles by Gale Cengage including Encyclopedia of World Biography Supplements 25

– 28, Gale Encyclopedia of Science, 4th edition; Grzimek’s Animal Life Encyclopedia; Grzimek’s Student Animal Life Resource and Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations, 12th edition. A quote of \$58,000 for the region was received from CQ Press for CQ Researcher. The committee indicated that CQ Researcher, Wall Street Journal and Science magazine were too costly. Training by Nylink in the use of First Search administrative module is desirable. The Gale e-books are popular, especially the Gale Encyclopedia of World Biography.

ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ◆ Matt Smith moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2008 meeting. John Barrie seconded. The motion passed as moved.
- ◆ A recommendation was made to increase the telecommunications line in the RBDB budget.

OTHER MEETING NOTES:

- ◆ At the next meeting, Gale costs for all libraries will be provided.

NEXT MEETING: March 18, 2008

LOCATION: SENYLRC

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