

SENYLRC TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE

DATE: December 15, 2010

MINUTES AND ACTIONS

Attendees: Maris Kristapsons, Amy Hillick, Jeannie Stiller, Stephan Macaluso, Katie Silberger, Amy Schuler, Colleen Lougen, Tessa Killian, John Shaloiko, Zack Spalding, Judy Fischetti

Excused: Julie Kelsall-Dempsey, Matt Smith

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- ◆ **Budget Overview:** John Shaloiko reviewed the RBDB budget for the current year. Categories include staff benefits, resource sharing, continuing education subsidies, databases, HRVH including the Content DM license and HRVH digital grants, non-allocated, and infrastructure. Southeastern is six months into the fiscal year and has not received the funds from New York State yet. The full funding amount is \$227,000. The anticipated funding amount is \$185,000, down \$40,000, because councils and library systems expect that libraries will be cut further. RBDB reserve funds have been used. Library systems will request that the DLD ask the state budget office to release the funds. Funding amounts for next year is uncertain, but it is anticipated that there will be less funds. J. Shaloiko explained the impact of the bill, Article VII that was passed by the legislature and vetoed by the governor. So far, Southeastern has received 40% of its basic aid, but not RBDB or HLSP funds.
- ◆ **Databases:** Tessa Killian reviewed statistics for the use of FirstSearch and WilsonSelect. SENYLRC shares the Route 13 FirstSearch subscription with Central and South Central 3Rs councils. The cost for FirstSearch for the three councils is \$85,000 and \$105,000 for WilsonSelect. SENYLRC's cost share is \$67,700. The package allows for 15 simultaneous users and has been an arrangement for about ten years. This is the last year for the current package due to OCLC's discontinuing third party database subscriptions. The number of participating libraries in the SENYLRC region has declined to about 36. SENYLRC subsidizes the cost of the package by \$37,000. John Shaloiko described his reservations for continuing to commit RBDB money for access to the Gale GVRL titles, which are mostly out of date, and for the FirstSearch subsidy when it is unknown if RBDB money will be available. If the subsidy is discontinued, the participating libraries and the two other 3Rs councils should be notified soon. The committee discussed other uses for RBDB money including trials for new technologies such as video streaming, audio books, or e-books.
- ◆ **HRVH Service Activities:** The Hudson Valley Visual Art Collections Consortium is the newest collection in HRVH. Five organizations have contributed 200 images. SENYLRC is hosting the collections. Zack Spalding made improvements to the HRVH front page making it easier to find collections. SENYLRC was selected by OCLC to be a beta site for the new version of CONTENTdm. The new version will have an improved image viewer and user

interface. SENYLRC selected Greenstone Base News open source software for the historic newspapers platform two years ago. D L Consulting, The newspaper consultant used, has upgraded the software to Viridian for an enhanced interface. We can upgrade to Viridian for \$3600 annual maintenance fee with a 300,000 image limit. The installation fee will be waived.

- ◆ **Resource Sharing:** Judy Fischetti described Southeastern's use of Docline and OCLC to place requests on behalf of member and libraries in the region. The Finkelstein Memorial Library withdrew from the Ramapo Catskill Library System shared circulation system and the SEAL ILL System is now used by FML and the other RCLS libraries for borrowing and loaning books. J. Fischetti taught several classes for FML staff and RCLS libraries. SEAL usage statistics have increased due to the change. A pilot project was proposed for Ulster School Library System libraries to use ZPortal patron portal to place SEAL requests for Ulster SLS to manage. Another change will be to incorporate circulation status for rota building when the status is available in a catalog included in SEAL.
- ◆ **Continuing Education:** At the top of the CE committee's list of workshops to plan, is E-Books and a Technology Petting Zoo. Michael Stephens is being considered as a speaker. An all-day South Central sponsored webinar was hosted by Southeastern on December 14, 2010. The speakers were located all over the country and were not in one location for the event. John Shaloiko described the program model and would like Southeastern to try the format. The CCDA group is also interested in an e-book conference.

ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ◆ Katie Silberger moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2010 meeting Jeannie Stiller seconded. The motion passed as moved.
- ◆ Maris Kristapsons moved to discontinue database subsidies for FirstSearch and Wilson databases for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Darren Lanspery seconded. The motion passed as moved with one abstention.
- ◆ Tessa Killian will contact Wilson for IP access to Wilson OmniFile for a free trial for current subscribers to the route 13 package. SENYLRC will then actively promote the free trial and create a volume discount package for libraries to consider at their full payment.
- ◆ T. Killian will find out from Gale if libraries that currently pay for access to Gale GVRL titles can have access to the titles that SENYLRC purchased.
- ◆ Darren Lanspery volunteered to help plan the E-Books Conference.

NEXT MEETING: Feb. 9, 2011

LOCATION: Southeastern

RECORDER: Judy Fischetti