



**SCRLC Advisory Committee on Information Technologies and Services  
Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 1 PM, Zoom Room  
Notes**

**Present:** Doyin Adenuga (Houghton C), Erika Jenns (STLS), Peter McCracken (Cornell); Susanna Van Sant (TC3); Mary-Carol Lindbloom (SCRLC); Julia Corrice (SCRLC) **Excused:** , Mary Kay Welgoss (TST School Library System), Matthew Kopel (Cornell), Suellen Christopoulos-Nutting (NYCC)

**Review of [Notes from the Last Meeting](#).** No changes or additions.

**Review of [2019-2020 Activities](#)**

- From activities, OA/OER needs assessment was not addressed in 2019. Should this be addressed in 2020? Would assessment just be for schools and colleges? Some schools and colleges might be doing a lot that we don't know. Mary-Carol indicated that we could use help framing the questions, even if it were just 4-5 questions. If we are looking at needs rather than evaluation than maybe it could have a different outcome. The question would be what can SCRLC do to support initiatives?
- Has SCRLC supported technology conferences and learning experiences? Beyond SCRLC-sponsored CE events, SCRLC is supporting the NY Data Carpentries Library Consortium project, and Julia has joined NYDCLC as a fellow.

**RBDB 2019 Program**

Primarily due to the electronic resources staying the same price, not having an intern, and staff on leave, there are remaining monies in RBDB 2019.

- BARC proposals for 2020-2023 service are being voted on by the Board (two libraries submitted proposals). The price of BARC is going up, and this increase will happen regardless of the provider selected.
- SCRLC will pay the 2020 BARC fee using leftover 2019 monies, which frees up additional funds for grants to member libraries.
- In 2019, grants for members were \$30,000.
- Databases--Re: FirstSearch, SCRLC covers most libraries and negotiates better prices for those who cannot be included in SCRLC's subscription. A trial of Ethnic News Watch was discussed after the last ACITS meeting, Mary-Carol is still negotiating a trial--without any discount, she received a quote of \$100,000, which is untenable. EBSCO, indicating they might have databases that could fill the same needs, has set up a trial. Mary-Carol was hoping to release all of the database try-it links at the same time, but that may not be possible. We also need to develop a quick feedback form. A library professional literature database is also being considered.
- AskUs 24/7 is currently supporting 7 libraries (Mary-Carol sent out three years-worth of statistics for it, as well as for BARC).
- SkillShare has not been used very much in 2019 and may be reduced (currently there are three seats).

- Mary-Carol spoke to library advocacy and how the budget was a struggle because of poor buy-in from the State legislature and governor--it's been difficult to get an increase because libraries fight to restore the same funding each year. The State Library is barred from lobbying. However, RBDB regulations are being updated with the new State Librarian.
- In the past couple of years, SCRLC has been using more RBDB funds for salaries. Some of the other Library Councils use nearly 100% of RBDB towards salaries. Staff is an important resource for members and yet we want to balance staffing with direct services to the SCRLC community.

### **RBDB 2020**

- **Budget.** The Board will be approving RBDB budget in December
- **Outside Review Panel Recommendations/Grant Applications.** Julia reviewed panel recommendations with committee. Questions asked about allowable expenses, some money will need to be taken out of funding for non-allowable travel/delivery expenses.
- **Electronic Resources Try-it.** Trials coming up for various EBSCO products and hopefully Ethnic News Watch.
- Dolphin Cove Grant Round.
  - The Board may approve a budget amendment in December for this project.
  - ACITS would like to see this project come into fruition.

**SCRLC's 2021-2026 Plan of Service.** SCRLC could use more people serving on the design team. The plan of service will need to be submitted by March 31, 2021, though Mary-Carol wants to send it by February. The team will meet in person the first time; the remainder will most likely be virtual.

### **Digital Services Program Update**

- New York Heritage
  - New photo view, new exhibits up on website
- History Forge
  - <https://thehistorycenter.net/historyforge/about-historyforge>
- Data Carpentries
  - <https://nydclc.github.io/workshops/>
- DPLA Update
  - SCRLC is working on a new partner-based service hub model in 2020.

### **Around the Table**

- Mary-Carol mentioned workshop on December 6 for committee members.
- Erika: Looking forward to the workshop on Friday.
- Doyin: Had been traveling for meetings and conferences a lot in November. Migration to WorldCat Discovery has been successful and working better than the old system.
- Peter: Preparation for switching to Folio, implementing e-resources in January but other ILS functions have been delayed to July 2021.
- Susanna: TC3 is in the first semester with ALMA and PRIMO. Mostly going smoothly but still working out kinks. Making frequent adjustments with new releases since software is being updated consistently.
- Julia-Will be sending out EBSCO stats for the group for informational purposes.

Notes taken by Julia.