

Resource Sharing Advisory Committee Meeting

2:30pm – 3:30pm, Tuesday, August 22, 2017
Meeting Notes

Present: Lorie Brown, Southern Tier Library System; Ben Hogben, Sarah Shank, Virgilio Pinto, Ithaca College; Gregg Kiehl, Tompkins Cortland Community College, Noah Roth, SUNY Broome. **Excused:** Caitlin Finlay, Cornell University. **Ex Officio:** Ginger Trow.

Recap IDS Conference: Ben Hogben provided some highlights of the conference related to OCLC and the new TIPASA rollout. TIPASA will be integrated with Ex Libris ALMA. This means that for libraries currently using or migrating to ALMA, patrons will be able to login into their accounts and see library-borrowed items and TIPASA-borrowed items. OCLC also stated that TIPASA is still in the early development stages and those libraries currently using ILLiad should expect to continue using it for the next year or two. There isn't yet a firm timeline for TIPASA rollout as OCLC is still collecting requirements from libraries. Libraries want to ensure that they have the same functionality with TIPASA that they currently have with ILLiad. The current TIPASA product is functional but does not have the customization that many ILLiad users currently have. So there's a lot of work to do. Some IDS member libraries expressed interest in getting together as a group to discuss ALMA implementation. One of them was TC3 and another was SUNY Binghamton. Ben is going to arrange a meeting. Ginger related some notes she took at the Alma presentation where the solutions architect talked about ALMA's resource sharing workflows. Ben mentioned that ALMA documentation and knowledge base is freely available online, and provides workflows and videos. <https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Alma>. Ben also mentioned that Ex Libris is creating APIs and working with IDS. They will have a system for borrowing and lending within ILLiad but also outside of ILLiad through member "rotas" (lists). Ben and Ginger agreed that the IDS conference was very good and beneficial for networking.

RS Annual Conference with CLRC: Ginger mentioned that she had chatted with CLRC at the IDS meeting about the annual SCRLC Resource Sharing conference, usually held in November. Ginger and Anna from CLRC are looking at pushing the conference into the spring instead of holding it in November so close to the NYLA annual meeting. Ginger and Anna are going to look at the fall and spring conference calendars to evaluate a possible spring date.

Annual Resource Subsidy Program: Ginger announced that SCRLC would again be offering \$10,000 in resource sharing subsidy grants to libraries that need help with ILL costs. She emphasized the importance of providing ILL annual statistics in order to be considered for a grant (ILL annual statistics forms are provided by SCRLC). Ginger mentioned that it can be difficult getting everyone's statistics in a timely fashion and asked whether the process should be revised. Some discussion followed about reporting deadlines. Last year SCRLC sent out the report forms in July, which may not be an optimal time for libraries. Ginger is looking at tweaking the process and making the forms more readily available and communicating more regularly with members about upcoming deadlines and ILL tracking required. The grant process will begin shortly and grants awards will be made in November. Mary-Carol also wanted advisory

committee members to consider her idea to use some of the subsidy grant money to “encourage” or “incentivize” members to use ESLN’s statewide ELD (Empire Library Delivery) <https://www.esln.org/services/> Group members voiced some concerns about the high cost of ELD participation. Annual membership is around \$5,000, and most libraries don’t do enough interlibrary loan transactions to justify that expense.

RS Webinar Program--Ideas and Suggestions: Ginger asked the group for recommendations for resource sharing webinars. SCRLC didn’t offer any webinars around resource sharing last year and Ginger would like to offer two this year. One possibility is for Ben to do a webinar on ALMA implementation.

Around the Table: Ithaca is turning on ALMA and has been working all summer on the migration. Ben said the new system provides a lot more functionality than was possible with the earlier Voyager system. For example, library staff can now add notes to patron records. The new ILS will also provide more functionality with regard to creating and managing reserves using the Ex Libris Leganto product <http://www.exlibrisgroup.com/category/Leganto>. Leganto will allow faculty to create their own course reading lists that can then be transmitted and incorporated easily into staff task lists. Noah said that SUNY Broome is looking forward to the meeting about ALMA implementation and trying to get involved with the new SUNY OER program, led by Mark McBride that has recently received multimillion dollar funding. Gregg said that TC3 is busy putting together course packs for students and working on copyright clearing. BARC ILL numbers are also steadily increasing. Lorie at STLS is enjoying using BARC and is busy with youth services and ILL training.