February 24, 2014

Summary of the Regional Depositories Governing Council Conference Call

Attendance:

Belinda Barr, Miami University                                   Phyllis O'Connor, University of Akron
Jim Bracken, Kent State University                              Scott Seaman, Ohio University
Sara Bushong, Bowling Green State Univ.                         Karla Strieb, Ohio State University
Jerome Conley, Miami University                                 Jeff Trimble, Youngstown State Univ
Anita Cook, OhioLINK                                             Clyde Vaughan, Central State University
Dan Gottlieb, University of Cincinnati                           

Marcia King-Blanford, the new chair of this group, had a family emergency and had to miss this meeting. Anita will lead the discussions.

Anita gave an update on the Elsevier de-duping project. We are concentrating our efforts on titles that have a large number of volumes and are in all four depositories. This is so we get the biggest bang per title in gained shelf space. We have completed 67 titles so far averaging about 2 per week when moving ahead without problems stopping us. We have gained over 3,500 linear feet of space across the four depositories as we have withdrawn duplicate volumes. Here is how that breaks down by depository:

Northeast: 1,417 linear feet
Northwest: 626 linear feet
Southeast: 416 linear feet
Southwest: 1,135 linear feet

Not all of the volumes for the 67 titles have been withdrawn yet, so the average linear feet gained per title would be higher. Right now it is around 54 linear feet per title on average.

Anita asked the group if they thought it was a good idea to share the list of titles de-duped by the depositories so far with the wider OhioLINK community. Since OhioLINK has committed to retain one copy of the print of each of these titles until at least June 30, 2036 (according to the agreement we made regarding the OCLC Print Management project), other institutions may wish to redraw duplicate copies from their library collections. The group requested that Anita draft a message and send it to the group for review before sharing it more widely.
Anita reminded the group that Capital requests for 2015/2016 made by four of the five depositories (Southeast opted not to submit a request) totaled $2,022,200. The Board of Regents only approved $2,000,000 of that to send forward to the State Legislature for appropriation. It is now in the Legislature awaiting approval. It is not known how long this process will take but it is assumed that it will be appropriated no later than June.

There is $314,629 left out of the currently appropriated Capital budget for the depositories for 2013/2014. This was money never assigned to any the depositories and kept back for any emergencies that might rise. Anita was contacted by the Board of Regents in the fall as to why these funds had not been assigned yet. It seems that unspent Capital money has to be re-appropriated each year or we risk losing it. Ohio State University has requested that $40,000 of these funds be used to replace an out-of-order order picker lift. This is considered an emergency for them as they now only have two pickers where three are needed. The group approved this, but requested that Anita look at other depositories needs for this equipment and look at expending these monies.

Jeff Trimble gave an update on where we are with adding serial holdings records to the OHDEP system. Holdings have been loaded for UT, BGSU, Akron, and NEOMED. WSU, CSU, YSU, and KSU are in the process of completing their spreadsheets. Given that the Northwest depository (UT and BGSU) are completed, Anita can reload their bib records to OCLC, adding the holding records there.