June 9, 2014

Summary of the Regional Depositories Governing Council Conference Call

Attendance:
Belinda Barr, Miami University
Jim Bracken, Kent State University
Sara Bushong, Bowling Green State Univ.
Jerome Conley, Miami University
Anita Cook, OhioLINK
Carol Diedrichs, The Ohio State University
Marcia King-Blanford, Univ. of Toledo
Phyllis O’Connor, University of Akron
Sue Polanka, Wright State University
Penny Smith, NEOMED
Jeff Trimble, Youngstown State Univ.

Marcia King-Blanford opened the meeting with a discussion of the de-duplication project in the depositories. Anita indicated that the project was going smoothly with one to two titles per week being processed. Marcia asked if the process could be sped up in some way and Anita indicated that this could only happen if funds were invested in additional staff. That existing staff in depositories were already taxed and could not go any faster. So far, 93 Elsevier titles have been processed with a total of 5,454 linear feet being freed up. This breaks down by depository as follows.

Northeast: 1,904 linear feet
Northwest: 1,123 linear feet
Southeast: 416 linear feet
Southwest: 2,011 linear feet

Not all of the volumes for the 93 titles have been withdrawn yet, so the average linear feet gained per title would be higher. Right now it is around 58 linear feet per title on average.

Anita reminded the group that Capital requests for 2015/2016 have been appropriated for all five depositories at $2 million. Anita will revise the current requests spreadsheet to remove the items that were covered in the leftover funds from 2013/2014 and distribute it to the group. These requests can be sent to the Controlling Board for release of funds after July 1.

OhioLINK has been asked to start considering the request for operating funds for F2016/2017. Gwen intends to ask for an increase in operating funds for the depositories to cover both the $200,000 that OhioLINK subsidizes each year and also monies contributed
by the different campuses. Anita did a survey on the latter and collected information on how the depositories are being subsidized over the normal operating funds from the state. If you add that figure to the $200,000 it equals $377,224 in additional funds over the state allocated operating budget. Gwen plans to ask that the depositories operating budget be increased by at least this amount in the next cycle. Operating budgets for next year, though, should be the same as this year.

Anita will be retiring September 30, 2014. A new position has already been advertised for her replacement. This new position, Resource Sharing and Print Management, will become the liaison for this group as well as the depository managers. It is hoped that we could have someone start around September 1st so there would be a few weeks of overlap before Anita leaves.

Anita will send out a Doodle Poll to schedule the next meeting of this group in September.