

## **State University Libraries - Electronic Resources Subcommittee Quarterly Report**

Report from the ERS for review by the SUL Collection Planning Committee, August 18, 2006

This report reflects discussions and activities from committee meetings conducted via conference call on June 5, 2006; July 10, 2006; and August 7, 2006.

### **Action Items:**

There are no action items at this time.

### **Information items:**

#### **Electronic Journal Packages**

##### **1. Blackwell Synergy**

John Ingram requested and received feedback from ERS members on the Blackwell draft license. Negotiations continue.

#### **Proposals**

1. **Science Online** – A proposal was received that would have granted a 6% discount for all subscribers, with new subscribers also realizing an additional 10% discount in the first year. This offer was dependent on at least 5 new subscribers. As only 2 SULs were interested in becoming new subscribers, a revised proposal was requested. The new proposal provided for a 10% discount in year one for new subscribers, but there was no further discount offered. Since the proposal was also based on having one invoice from FCLA, it was deemed that there was not enough of a discount being offered to change our current method of subscription.

2. **Cambridge University Press** - Proposals were received for one-time consortial purchase of two products:

*Historical Statistics of the United States*

*Journal of Fluid Mechanics Digital Archive*

There is an annual access fee of \$100.00 per year for each.

FAU, USF, UWF, UCF, and FSU have taken advantage of the proposal and purchased the *Historical Statistics of the United States*. There was not sufficient interest in the *Journal of Fluid Mechanics Digital Archive*.

3. **Nature Online** – A proposal was received which provides for discounted pricing for current and new subscribers if there are at least 3 new subscribers. UNF and UWF were definitely interested, although UNF is rethinking this. FAMU is tentative. Trials have been activated for FAMU & UNF.

4. **Newsbank Access World News** – A previous proposal submitted when the ERS was considering alternatives to the LexisNexis Academic content was extended to July 31. The proposal required 100% participation by the SULs and this was not reached.

5. **Million Dollar Directory** – A 50% discount has been offered for the SULs. At this time there is not enough interest, but the offer is valid until September 30, 2007.

6. **Mergent Manuals** - A proposal for the online manuals was discussed. This was not a high priority within the SUL, at this time.

## **E-resource Issues & Initiatives**

**1. SFX/Metalib Summit** – The following proposal was sent to Derrie Perez for distribution to the Directors for their approval, as the dates proposed for the summit occur prior to the next CSUL meeting. This proposal is the result of the work conducted by the ad hoc committee charged with the planning of the summit; Monica Metz-Wiseman (Chair), Athena Hoepfner, Elaine Henjum and Lynn Shay.

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Following two online surveys and a needs assessment conducted by ExLibris of the Florida universities who intend to implement Metalib, there is now a plan for the Metalib Summit.

The tentative dates for the Summit, given approval by the CSUL, are September 7-8, 2006.  
Location: FCLA, Gainesville.

Universities should send those most involved in Metalib implementation. This includes those involved in record creation, metasearch configuration, Knowledge Base updates, and overall Metalib management. As the number of individuals involved in this implementation will vary from university to university, the number of attendees will be determined by the university.

Day one will be a meeting to address:

- the relationship of the SUL's with FCLA; what is needed at the institutional level vis-à-vis FCLA; what is the most effective use of FCLA's support vs. institutional needs
- a review of current implementations and staffing, including workflows
- development of Q & A session with ExLibris the following day
- exploration of how to sustain Metalib implementations among the Florida universities

Day two will be split among:

- hands-on-training with ExLibris
- an overview of version 4.0
- a brief look at the potential for the user interface
- an open Q & A with ExLibris.

Training will include a review of the administrative side of Metalib with specific focus on the various Metalib fields and potential applications, the configuration of a resource for a federated search, and the importance of the updates.

Proposed outcomes for the Summit:

1. Clarity on Metalib support provided by FCLA, based on needs of the universities.
2. Understanding of institutional progress, status with Metalib.
3. Development of plan for sustaining Metalib development among participating Florida universities.
4. Provision for hands-on training in Metalib within targeted areas as identified by ExLibris.

The full day session with ExLibris will be funded by FCLA.

NOTE:

1. In consultation with the chair of the PSPC, the Summit will not include a focus on the user interface since the PSPC plan to address the Metalib user interface at a later date. Public services librarians with sole responsibilities for the user interface need not attend this Summit.
2. SFX will not be addressed at the Summit as the needs assessment conducted by ExLibris found enough Metalib related issues to warrant a session that focuses primarily on Metalib.

## 2. Pilot Project with SOLINET

Conversations continued with Tim Cherubini via telephone and e-mail with regard to having SOLINET work to coordinate e-journal package subscription agreements for the ERS with Taylor & Francis and University of Chicago Press. Eleanor Lomax and Valerie Boulos also met with Tim at ALA in New Orleans to discuss any questions and exchange ideas. An initial proposal was promised for Monday, July 31; then Monday, August 7. A draft proposal was received on August 15th and was distributed to the ERS for review. The deadline for comments, questions, and suggestions is August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The draft proposal is as follows:

**Objective:** The objective of this project is for SOLINET to complete negotiations with the University of Chicago Press and/or Taylor & Francis for access to their respective electronic journal packages for the students, faculty and staff at the eleven Florida state higher education institutions on an "opt in" basis.

### Scope of Work:

In conjunction with this project SOLINET will:

- Work with the selected publishers to establish trial use of the packages;
- Verify content of each package;
- Determine individual institution commitment to participation and establish ongoing communication channel(s) with participant group(s);
- Assess each participating institution's current holdings relative to e-journal packages under consideration, including communication with subscription agent(s) as necessary;
- Negotiate price;
- Negotiate license terms;
- Complete order to publisher(s);
- Invoice participating institutions;
- Ensure appropriate payment to publisher(s);
- Communicate information necessary to enable access at the local level;
- Provide post-activation support relating to access;
- Provide post-activation support relating to allowable cancellation;
- Consult on renewal options and potentially re-contract to manage renewals, if desired

Proposed exclusions from the project are the following tasks. SOLINET will not:

- Provide general awareness or product evaluation or training
- Except for assessing current holdings relative to the initial electronic subscription (4<sup>th</sup> bullet above), handle any aspect of participating institution's print subscriptions;
- Collect, interpret, troubleshoot or otherwise manage usage stats

In order to ensure success of the project, participating institutions must:

- Refrain from discussion with publishers under consideration;
- Cooperate in assessment of current holdings relative to e-journal packages under consideration, including support of communication with subscription agent(s) as necessary;
- Provide SOLINET with accurate IP address information upon request

In order to attain activation of subscriptions by January 1, 2007, SOLINET proposes that the project begin no later than September 15, 2006 and conclude no later than November 15, 2006.

**3. LexisNexis Academic** – As previously reported, the ERS undertook an analysis of alternatives to the Academic product to determine if there were any options available at less cost than the projected 7.5% price increase. The study produced no viable alternatives. In the meantime, SOLINET and LexisNexis agreed to keep the combined 2007 renewal cost for Academic and Statistical at 5%.

### **ERS Organizational Items**

**1. In-person Meeting** – The ERS In-person meeting is planned for September 20 & 21 at UCF. The primary agenda item will be how best to balance the FCLA budget for electronic resources.

Vendors that have been invited to present are:

- LexisNexis (demonstration of the new Academic interface)
- Elsevier (presentation of new subscription models as opposed to the “Big Deal”)
- Blackwell (presentation & discussion of the new license)
- ProQuest (update on their financial situation)
- Gale (discussion of numerous issues the SULs have with regard to Gale products and platforms)

ERS & CPC will meet jointly during the afternoon of day 2.

### **2. Membership**

**New** - Ellie Bushhousen – UF – Health Sciences (replacing Peggy Hsu – retired)

**Status change** - Natalee Hattig has been designated as the “voting” member for FSU

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Lomax, Chair, Electronic Resources Subcommittee