MCCLPHEI Membership Minutes

Friday, November 21, 2014
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Attending:

Jennifer Adams, Holyoke Community College
Susan Berteaux, Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Terrance Burton, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
Paul Dobbs, Massachusetts College of Art and Design (online)
Richard Felver, Berkshire Community College
Sean Goodlett, Fitchburg State University
Maureen Horak, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Zach Newell, Salem State University
Daniel Ortiz, UMass Boston
Karen Pangallo, North Shore Community College
Michael A. Somers, Bridgewater State University
Walter Stine, Massachusetts Library System (online)
Thomas Raffensperger, Westfield State University
Kelly Jo Woodside, Massachusetts Library System
Barbara Wurtzel, Springfield Technical Community College

**Guest discussion: MLS E-book Project**

Massachusetts Library System: Greg Pronevitz and Kelly Jo Woodside discussed the Commonwealth e-book collections. Greg reviewed the history of e-books in the commonwealth, specifically in the former regions. Nine silos of Overdrive are not conducive to resource sharing. Steve Spohn is leading the statewide Commonwealth E-Book Project. The project is to be funded $1M in year one. In the first year half the funding is from MBLC and MLS. The other half is from libraries. Also MBLC and MLS provide in-kind support. There are three components for public, school, and academic libraries. EBL is the academic libraries offering. Baker and Taylor is for public libraries. BiblioBoard is available statewide by geolocation. Links to these resources are available. MLS sees this as a participant-driven project. There is a statewide steering committee that works on the pricing. In the long run this will be funded by the libraries. MLS and the steering committee are the managers and deal with vendors.

Walter Stine said that FLO was not a participant in the pilot program, but upon leaning about the EBL offering, have now joined the statewide program. They are also looking at B&T content as well. The immediate task of selectors is to purchase
B&T content. They have not looked at/changed this profile. There are 112,000 titles and they will look at the profile to see if fine tuning needed, but this is not currently an urgent need. There was a question on availability of statistics; with EBL, all statistics are available online at the library level. This includes usage and cost information.

Greg is on the Discovery Service Committee; they are looking at an RFP for a statewide discovery service. EBL can provide MARC records for ingestion into a discovery system. Specific requests regarding EBL connections can be sent to MLS; contact Steve Spohn. Question: is BiblioBoard content currently available to all? Yes. If there is trouble getting access, please contact Nora Blake or Steve Spohn and they will add IP address to the whitelist for authentication. Once a library participates, then customization for authentication is available. Question: are titles part of a package or were they selected by the committee? Also question about overlap of titles. Answer: FLO participates in several EBL-related collections so there is overlap and there is some de-duping that goes on. EBL is profile-driven (date range, price point, languages). Profile is run against the .5 million titles to generate availability.

Pricing is library-by-library. There will be a discount discount available for aggregated billing. FLO, CLAMS, OCLN all joined and get 25% discount. If MCCLPHEI would like to aggregate as a group, we would get discount. Participating libraries could load MARC records, and arrange proxy-level authentication. Non-participating libraries only have geolocation. In EBL each check-out is considered a rental.

The “charge” for rental will be used eventually to track costs. Costs are charged back to the system, not the library. MLS will analyze use for the first year, and then develop a model for pricing.

Walter Stine: The MLS program does not include any purchases. Within FLO, there is purchase after number of loans. Walter says FLO is not encouraging purchase, and is most concerned with access rather than ownership. There is a value in browsing. In EBL, a “loan” does not occur with less than 5 minutes of active use. There is a prompt for checkout when they have the option to say “no”.

Greg says they are using this as a beta year. How dynamic is the collection? How quickly do titles go in and out? Stein: Statewide EBL is very static. They are trying to create a sense of stability. They recognize the use of material in the curriculum and the need for some stability in the collection. The focus on short-term loan rather than purchasing. Greg is open to considering licensing for different kinds of usage. How will libraries be informed of publisher withdrawal from system? No turnaways in EBL. Pay-per-use. Will there be a mobile app? Greg: Eventually. Greg will get more info on mobile apps for the three vendors. BlueFire is the app for EBL. As a final note: contact Steve Spohn. He will work with groups or individuals. Over 250 libraries have signed on, and 1,600 is the goal. The group noted that timing is problematic because of budget cuts. Will costs go down with increased participation? Greg: costs will rise, but access will improve. Will there ever be a
percent cap in increased costs? Greg: Yes - the steering committee made of up libraries will negotiate terms. This is up to the steering committee.

Kelly Jo Woodside: Academic Library Planning Services Taskforce:
Kelly has several roles. She is now Academic Libraries advisor. She started at Roxbury CC. The taskforce is trying to understand academic needs without duplicating other services and to share what’s happened at those meetings. First meeting was brainstorming and prioritizing issues:
- Cooperative purchases for databases
- “Year 13” issues of learning about common core, connection to K-12
- Outreach to distance students
- Improve communications. Statewide listserv
- Faculty outreach Assessment
- Accessibility and usability
- Statewide collection assessment
- Interest in shared expertise: continuing education, training around licensing, copyright, open source

Another meeting in January will look at training and continuing education
Kelly Jo will visit individual libraries. Coming up: Regarding Year 13 (“my college freshman is your high school senior”) will be back next spring. Kelly Jo has engaged Laura Saunders from Simmons. They will ask people to apply in teams, combining faculty, librarians, high school teachers. There is an overall interest in doing more Continuing Education. Questions: The chair of MCCLPHEI PD committee discussed some priorities that we won’t be able to get to that included copyright, design of facilities, movement toward IT/Library collaboration. Believes MLS is missing an opportunity if they do not bring together directors of small academic libraries. ACRL assessment in action participants are willing to share their experiences. MCCLPHEI should keep Kelly informed to avoid conflicts with our annual conference. MCCLPHEI might be able to collaborate with MLS on programming and costs.

Greg: On Feb 24th MLS Boston Library Consortium is sponsoring a conference on regional resource sharing. Interstate delivery is of particular interest. Participants will include Valerie Horton Executive Director Minitex in Minnesota. IDS and ConnectNY are interested in interstate source sharing. Rapid ILL. It will be held somewhere in the Worcester area. The object is to drive down costs.

Walter Stine: Massachusetts Commonwealth Catalog. Unable to launch it this summer. Ramping up again to roll out implementation. CLAMS and Minuteman networks, a few libraries mainly for testing purposes. Then if that’s successful will roll it out to all of CLAMS and Minuteman, then by next summer should have most participants up and running. No specific dates, depends on how it goes. Maybe March or April.
Minutes were approved with amendments

Treasurers Report was circulated to the group. Three libraries have not paid dues.

Committee reports

Electronic resources; Worcester and Mt. Wachusetts have not responded to query about PsycArticles

Communications; website domain issue. Will work with Network Solutions

Program committee: Concern about skills of transfer students. Discussed recommended speakers. Only community college members are on committee so another 4-year member would help. Concern over wasted food at the conference. Interest in vegetarian food that’s not pasta. People generally expressed that they don’t want vendors there. Talked about expanding and improving sections meeting. Barbara will send out questions about this.

Assessment: IPEDS email was sent with lots of details. It includes an explanation of the differences and similarities between the old and new surveys. There is a form for Keyholder to fill out. Definitions have changed, and some are significant! Have not yet changed libanalytics, but plan to. Maureen will send out more information. Ebooks in databases are not considered separate e-books. Maureen will forward IPEDS message to group.

Staff development: Tim, Vivica, and Mary Ann are members. 23 of 30 institutions responded to their query. The new Information Literacy Framework was at the top of the list. Second was evidence-based practice. Will wait until June to cover information literacy framework. Dates for the January session are being planned: UMass Amherst hosting Western; Eastern will go to BHCC. Speaker will be at BHCC and Skype to Amherst. January 12 or 13. Mary Ann will send out details as they are solidified. Getting our staff to talk to each other is important. Lunch will be included. Karen Delorey will be speaking. Evidence-Based practice in Allied Health. First hour Delorey; second hour could move to other disciplines. See if we can get people from other disciplines for the other hour. Encourage faculty and student participation. Evidence-Based research and how to apply across disciplines. Last hour, networking sessions.

Annual Action plan to MBLC

Mike Somers updated annual action plan.

Removed "Investigate and make recommendations for the collection and preservation of historically significant records of the organization.” as completed.
Add: Investigate the development and use of alternative open educational resources including textbooks.

Add: Investigate the development and use of subject- or discipline-specific repositories.

Change: Develop and maintain an annual programming calendar, including at least one professional development opportunity for librarians and one for library directors. To: Develop and maintain an annual programming calendar, including at least one professional development opportunity for library staff, librarians, and one for library directors.

Goal 2, number 3 changed to reflect president will assign a current director to new director as a mentor.

Some members will participate in a beta collection analysis as part of the EAST program. Keep other members informed.

Change: Review job descriptions for library staff positions among member libraries and develop a database with samples.

Add: Promote the use of institutional repositories to gather, collect, and provide access to the scholarly and creative output of faculty, students, and administrators.

Add: Promote the use of institutional repositories to gather, collect, and provide access to archival materials and the scholarly and creative output of faculty, students, and administrators.

**Other items**

Future topic for a meeting: digital archives, Dan Cohen BPL

MBLC grants: There is a December 2nd workshop

EAST update. East is still taking in new libraries for collection analysis stage

Guest for February meeting at Framingham: Judy Silvia [PACE]

Next meeting: February 20, 2015, 10:00 am at Framingham State University

**Adjournment: 12:29**