

Library Management Team

Notes from the February 27, 2001 Meeting

Attending: Ross Atkinson, Lee Cartmill, David Corson, Claire Germain, Janet McCue, Jean Poland, Sarah Thomas, Edward Weissman.

1. **Announcements:**

- a. Ross announced that the CRL-OPAC Task Force (Ali Houissa (chair), Julie Copenhagen, Fred Muratori, Carrol Tavelli) has completed its work, and has produced a report recommending how CUL can make CRL holdings more visible to our users through the OPAC. The report is available on the Staff Web page. Ross will now solicit feedback on the recommendations from the functional groups.
- b. Ross announced that the Pinyin Working Group (Yumin Jiang, Marty Kurth, Jim LeBlanc, Teresa Mei) has completed its report on "CJK Records and Pinyin Conversion" which examines options and make a recommendation for loading the complete set of our CJK records into Voyager, taking into account the Wade-Giles to Pinyin conversion of Chinese vernacular that is currently underway. Ross will convene a meeting of the major stakeholders shortly to solicit feedback.
- c. Ross reported that NERL's BYTES Project (Books You Teach Every Semester) has concluded and that the final report will be available shortly. Some of the conclusions of the study include: 1) only 79 of 7000 selected monographic titles on reserve at participating institutions overlap exactly but that over 1/3 of the titles overlap if edition and format differences are not considered; 2) only a few titles are out of copyright; 3) 1/2 of the titles on reserve are from of 29 publishers, approximately half of which are university presses. NERL is now considering how to use this information for a possible monographic digitization project.
- d. Ross announced that the Multimedia Task Force has started deliberations. It is charged with recommending specific actions the Library should take in order to increase the accessibility and utility of multi-media information.

2. **Endowed Budget:**

Lee provided some preliminary information about the 2001-2002 endowed library budget.

3. **MyUpdates:**

Ed reported on the release of MyUpdates, the second personalized library service offered under the aegis of MyLibrary. MyUpdates is the result of the hard work and perseverance of the Personalized Electronic Services Working Group (Bob Kibbee (Chair), Adam Smith, Tom Turner, Angela Horne, Suzanne Cohen, and John Ferreira.) Angela Horne is taking over as chair of the group which will work now on publicizing the service and encouraging its use. The Group will also develop plans for a focus group study of MyLibrary users to gather user reactions and suggestions for enhancements to the service. MyLinks, which was implemented in January 2000, now has 2,264 users with

a total of 4,723 folders. MyUpdates, which has just been made available already has 78 users with a total of 209 searches/profiles. It was suggested that the publicity for MyUpdates and MyLibrary speak to concerns about privacy. It was also suggested that a journal literature current awareness service be implemented within MyLibrary if possible.

4. **NYConnect:**

Sarah reported that she had been invited to a meeting hosted by Peter Salins, the SUNY Provost, and Mary-Alice Lynch, Executive Director of NYLINK, to discuss the possibility of a statewide electronic library initiative for New York higher education libraries. This would expand on the SUNYConnect initiative by drawing in private academic institutions in the hopes of providing greater savings than are being realized now by the various separate higher education consortial groups (SUNY, CUNY, Pi2 (Partners in Innovation), NERL). LMT agreed that this is a desirable undertaking and that Cornell should express its interest in cooperating as the viability of such a venture is investigated. The success of initiatives in other states, such as OhioLink, has been based, in large part, on financial support coming from the state. Garnering financial support from New York State would be an important component in NYConnect's success.